

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held
December 11, 2023

Present: Mayor Rossi, Trustee Kormos, Trustee Baskin, Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, Trustee Raymond,
Village Clerk O'Connor, Village Administrator Moskowitz, Attorney Buettner

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3) Public Hearing – Local Law No. 3 of 2023 (Committees Code) (7:01pm; 5 Minutes per Speaker)

Motion made by Trustee Kormos, seconded by Trustee Raymond to open the Public Hearing at
7:02pm.

Ayes All

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond to open the Public Hearing at 7:03pm.

Ayes All

4) Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez seconded by Trustee Raymond that the minutes of the
11.13.23 meeting be approved.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee Kormos, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the minutes of the 11.27.23
meeting be approved with an amendment by Trustee Kormos

Amended as follows: Trustee Kormos stated she admits it but it's for the children, walkers, and
bicyclists to "Trustee Kormos stated she admits it's for that side of town but said it's children, walkers
and bicyclists that go down Hyde Blvd. from the Zim Smith Trail.

5) Mayor Announcements

a) The annual organizational meeting will be held at 7:00pm on January 2 , 2024 and the next regularly
scheduled meeting will be held on January 8, 2024.

6) Liaison Reports

Trustee Baskin reported that the Park and Tree Board continues to work on Wiswall Park plans.

The Park and Tree Board has offered to help with any new trees that need help to survive the winter,
Trustee Baskin noted.

The Arts Committee is looking for new members, according to Trustee Baskin.

Trustee Raymond noted that hydrant winterizing has been completed and so has leaf pick up.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez stated that the BSBPA had a very successful holiday event.

Trustee Kormos announced that Stewarts has pledged \$50,000.00 to the Library.

Trustee Kormos noted that the Holocaust presentation was very well attended.

7) Treasurer's Report (attached)

8) Presentations

a) Village Health Plans (Paul von Schenk – Amsure Insurance)

Mr. von Schenk provided an overview of our current health plans and recommended renewal with those plans.

9) Old Business

a) TAP-CMAQ Grant Application Update (Trustee Kormos)

The grant resolution will be done at the January 2 , 2024 meeting.

10) New Business-None

11) Public Comment (5-Minute Limit per Speaker)

Ellie Dillon of 166 Malta Avenue read a statement on behalf of the Milton Democratic Committee thanking Trustee Kormos for her service.

Christine Fitzpatrick, 31 Chapman Street read a statement (attached).

Melissa Taylor of 4 Creek View Court thanked Trustee Kormos for her contributions.

Keith Lewis, 38 East High Street read a statement. (attached).

Caitlin Parwana of 86 South Street said without Trustee Kormos, the Park and Tree Board would not exist.

Andy Manion, 65 Chapman Street stated that Trustee Kormos has been instrumental for the Library's Capital Campaign.

Marilyn Stephenson of 45 West High Street read a statement (attached).

Gary Stephenson, also of 45 West High Street said Trustee Kormos is a tireless worker.

Alex Funicello, 60 Hyde Blvd. said Trustee Kormos has done a great job.

Mr. Funicello said he wishes there was more support for the TAP-CMAQ Grant, noting he has started a petition.

Mike Iacolucci of 9 Russell Street thanked Trustee Kormos for her dedication to the community.

Mr. Iacolucci praised the DPW for quickly replacing a stop sign.

Ray Otten, 16 Middlebrook Avenue thanked the Board for approving the work on Pulp Mill Street and encouraged residents to talk about things that are in need of doing.

Mr. Otten stated that "Breakfast with Santa" was a huge success, the Menorah is beautiful, and the parade was spectacular to watch.

Mayor Rossi thanked the Police Dept. and the DPW for their assistance.

Gina Marozzi of 10 Old Glory Lane reported that many underprivileged families were able to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa" due to a voucher system.

Ms. Marozzi echoed Mr. Ottens thoughts on the Menorah lighting and thanked Rabbi Rubin for officiating the ceremony.

On behalf of MacBoston Truck, Ms. Marozzi thanked all who donated wreaths for "Wreaths Across America."

Ms. Marozzi read a letter on behalf of Charlene DuBuque, 6 Kaleen Drive, regarding the Menorah lighting and the welcoming feeling felt by many.

Mila Woodfield , also a resident of 60 Hyde Blvd., said the petition her husband spoke about can be found on Change.org.

12) Board Response

Trustee Baskin thanked Trustee Kormos for her work, noting projects she has worked on.

Trustee Raymond feels Trustee Kormos has worked harder than any other Board member, past or present.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez wished Trustee Kormos the best.

Trustee VanDeinse-Pérez said the Menorah lighting and community inclusiveness was amazing.

Mayor Rossi thanked Trustee Kormos for her work and assistance.

Trustee Kormos stated she was moved by all of the kind words and expressed her thanks to the residents and all those who have supported her.

13) Agenda Items for Consideration

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that Justin Brown be appointed as a member of Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co. #1 and the Ballston Spa Fire Dept. (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

b) Motions/Resolutions related to Local Law No. 3 of 2023 (Committees Code).

A negative SEQR was determined.

Motion made by Trustee Kormos, seconded by Trustee Baskin to adopt the resolution related to Local Law No. 3 of 2023.

Trustee Baskin-yes	Trustee Raymond-yes	Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-no
	Trustee Kormos-yes	Mayor Rossi-abstain

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez feels this should not be a code.

Mayor Rossi abstained due to the mention of powers of the Mayor.

Motion Passed

c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin approving the renewal of the current health care plans the Village’s employees and retirees are enrolled in (Anthem and MVP) for coverage starting January 1, 2024, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any documents related to such renewal. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

d) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond approving the small contract between Saratoga County and the Village of Ballston Spa for Kelley Park enhancements, and authorizing the Mayor to execute same. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Thank you to Pompa Bros., Evolution Paving, the County and our DPW.

Ayes All

e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the Bid Opening Date for the DPW Garage Repairs is set for 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and that the Clerk is directed to publish the Invitation to Bid. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

f) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the Bid Opening Date for Union Fire Station No. 2 General Construction is set for 10:30 am on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and that the Clerk is directed to publish the Invitation to Bid. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

g) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the Board engage WM. J. Keller & Sons Construction Corp. to perform repairs to the Pulp Mill Street Drainage Outfall Repair as described on plans entitled "Pulp Mill Street Drainage Outfall Repair" and dated December 7, 2023, as well as the requirements outlined in the NYSDEC emergency authorization, DEC ID# 5-4142-00152/0001, dated November 10, 2023, on a time and material basis as set forth in the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract (Stipulated Price), and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

h) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Baskin approving the minor modifications to the John St. Water Tower bid documents (for the purposes of changes related to requests by the Village's insurance carrier and establishment of the Bid Opening Date), and setting the Bid Opening Date for same at 10:00 am on Monday, February 5, 2024, and that the Clerk is directed to publish the Invitation to Bid. This approval permits minor modifications to be made, such as correcting the date to February 5, 2024, if necessary. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

i) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Kormos to approve the attached Annual Financial Disclosure Form. (Requested by Trustee Baskin)

Motion amended as follows:

Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Kormos to approve and email the Annual Financial Disclosure Form entitled "Annual Financial Disclosure Form 12.11.23 FINAL' by 12/18/23 to all Village Officers and Department Heads, with instructions to return form by January 16, 2024.

Ayes All

14) Other Business

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to engage Fisher & Associates as consultant to assist in developing a new zoning code, zoning map, subdivision code storm water regulations to reflect the vision, objectives, and implementation plan of the Village's Comprehensive Land /use Plan.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin to pay the November invoices to Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart, & Rhodes.

There was no public comment.

Ayes All

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos to continue the existing legal services agreement with Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart, & Rhodes through January 2, 2024.

There was no public comment.

Ayes All

Trustee Kormos asked if we have a process to examine our storm water system.

Mayor Rossi answered yes.

15) Executive Session (If Needed) -none needed

16) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee Kormos, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

General Fund	\$ 52,461.54
Sewer Relevy	9,052.16
Library Fund	2,461.13
Trust & Agency	<u>141.90</u>
Total	\$ 64,116.73

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O'Connor
Village Clerk