

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held on March 14th, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Christine M. Fitzpatrick.

Present: Mayor Fitzpatrick, Trustee Elizabeth Kormos, Trustee Shawn Raymond, Trustee Ben Baskin, Village Clerk Teri O'Connor, Village Treasurer Julia Smith, Attorney Karla Williams Buettner, Esq.

Zoom Log in ID: 88902961300 Password: 380778

1) Call to order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3)) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the minutes of the 2.28.2022 meeting be approved.

AYES ALL

4) Mayor Announcements: As of the previous Friday 3.11.2022, the Village of Ballston Spa and the Town of Ballston have completed the Fire District Fire Contract. That approval will be added to the agenda. The Mayor thanks Attorney Buettner for all her help on the Fire Contract. The Mayor also shares that there is a Presentation of the Women of the Civil Rights Movement by Dr. Winston Grady-Willss and it will be held 3.31.2022 at the Library at 6:30pm.

5) Treasurer's Report: See attached

6) Old Business: None

7) New Business:

Presentations:

i) Nora Osuchowski, Executive Director, Ballston Area Recreation Commission (BARC). See Attached

Question from the public: Does BARC have any programs for adults? The answer: Several of the programs are family friendly ,but BARC is always open to new program ideas.

Question from the public: Is there any issues between the school and the physical building? Answer: There is a wish to build a new building but is only an idea at the moment.

Both Trustee Kormos and Trustee Baskin thank BARC for all their work and its programs.

ii) Terra Maddalone-Ristau, Senior Services Manager, Care Links & Wellness Express - unable to attend due to illness.

iii) Motion made by Trustee Kormos, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the attached budget transfers be approved.

AYES ALL

iv) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that the Ballston Spa Central School District be granted permission to hold its Annual Scotties Stampede 5K on Saturday 5/14/22. A permit will be issued upon receipt of proof of liability insurance.

AYES ALL

v) Motion made by Trustee Kormos, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the BSBPA be granted approval to conduct the Farmers Market in Wiswall Park on Thursday's from

3pm to 6:30pm and Saturdays from 9am to 1pm from June 11 until September 29, 2022. Additionally, parking on Walnut Street will be reserved for vendors starting one hour before, placing cones to save spaces. Parking permits will be issued by the BSBPA to their vendors. The BSBPA requests that vehicles parking without the permit in the reserved spots be towed at the owners' expense

AYES ALL

vi) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Kormos, that the BSBPA be granted permission to conduct concerts in the Park in Iron Spring Park on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm from June 30 - August 25, 2022. Proof of Insurance has been provided.

AYES ALL

vii) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that the BSBPA be granted approval to conduct free family films in Wiswall Park, with the option to use Iron Spring Park as an alternative site on June 1 (rain date June 2), July 1 (rain date July 2) August 5 (rain date August 6) and September 4 (rain date September 5) starting at dusk each evening. Proof of Insurance has been provided.

AYES ALL

viii) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that the Saratoga County Agricultural Society be granted permission to conduct the Saratoga County Fair from 7/19-7/24/2022 at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds. Proof of insurance has been provided.

Question from Trustee Kormos: Why do they need our permission to hold the Fair on their own property? Mayor Fitzpatrick answers that they need permission to hold an event in the Village, and since we supply the police for the event they are asking for permission.

AYES ALL

ix) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Kormos, that Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co. #1 be granted permission to hold a private event on April 16 from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

AYES ALL

x) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Kormos, for the Village of Ballston Spa to establish the position of Superintendent of Public Works in accordance with Civil Service Law Section 22 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary paperwork with the Saratoga County Human Resources Department establishing this position.

AYES ALL

xi) Motion Made by Trustee Baskin, Seconded by Trustee Kormos to approve the Village of Ballston Spa and the Town of Ballston Fire Protection Contract for the period of 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2023 and to authorize the Mayor to sign this contract.

AYES ALL

8) Consent Agenda 2022 Expenditures:

Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that:

Union Fire Co. #2 be authorized to expend the amount of \$9,102.00 for turnout gear. (A3412)

Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co.# be authorized to expend the amount of \$2,380.00 for masks and hosing. (A3411.2)

AYES ALL

9) Trustee Liaison Reports: Trustee Kormos states that the Park and Tree Board meeting will be the following evenings. (3.15.2022) at 7pm, via Zoom. Attorney Buettner reminds the Board that meetings may be held via zoom until March 15th unless Governor Hochul extends the state of emergency.

10) Other Business: Trustee Baskin circles back to the motion made to add the position of Superintendent of Public Works. Mayor Fitzpatrick states that the position is a promotional position for the current Working Supervisor of Public Works, and then the Working Supervisor position will be backfilled.

11) Public Comment:

Lisa Speidel – 106 Prospect Street – Lisa voices her opinion on how the Board of Trustee's treat those members of the public that choose to participate in public Board of Trustee meetings. Ms. Speidel feels that the Board of Trustees is not taking care the residents of the Village.

Carolyn Johnson – 91 Church Avenue – Ms. Johnson voices her concern regarding the lack of respect for the seniors expressed at the Budget Workshop regarding the implementation of a crosswalk for the seniors that need to cross Route 50.

Jared Iacollucci's - 24 Chapman Street - Mr. Iacollucci thanked the BARC presenters for all their hard work. Mr. Iacollucci thanked the Board of Trustees for all their hard work and their frequent responses to the residents needs. He also applauds the transparency of the Board of Trustees and feels the transparency is only improving. Mr. Iacollucci also states he is impressed with the CODE enforcement this winter. He was pleased to see that he received a notice that he hadn't cleared his sidewalk yet, as that meant the Village was paying attention to its responsibility to enforce the Village Code.

Frank Rossi Jr. – 63 Saratoga Avenue – Mr. Rossi feels he had been shamed for living in an apartment during the Mayoral campaign. Mr. Rossi stated that he attended the Budget Workshops and was frustrated that there was no public comment allowed during the public budget workshops. Mr. Rossi states he is disappointed with no transparency in the Village. Mr. Rossi brought up the new DPW position, and wants to be able to ask questions more before the Trustees vote on something.

Chris Dubuque - 6 Kaleen Drive – Representing the organization *New York Informed Saratoga County*. Mr. Dubuque asks where the Board of Trustees fall regarding local municipalities making the decisions over masks and vaccines.

Jeremy Baird – 3 Maple Avenue – Mr. Baird thanked the Board of Trustees and staff for making the Zoom part of the Trustee Meetings better in terms of audio and video and thanked the Board of Trustee's for the monthly reports and presentations of the various departments in the Village. He feels that the presentations are informative and transparent.

Dick Duffy – 21 Division Street – Mr. Duffy asks if the Village has spent the Tedisco Grant? He also asks for a better explanation of the Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Duffy also asks about the Fire Department needing to send out the trucks for work as opposed to using the DPW garage?

Ray Otten – 16 Middlebrook Avenue – Mr. Otten asks if there is any consideration given to having meetings in other locations around the Village now that the weather is improving? Mr. Otten also references the Police and Fire Budget

workshops in regards to Trustee Ben Baskin having only recently met the Fire Chief and asks the question why it took so long to meet the Fire Chief.

Gina Marozzi - 10 Old Glory Lane - Ms. Marozzi references the water reports read and referenced at the last Board meeting, and asks why the FOIL request is taking so long?

12) Board Response:

Mayor Fitzpatrick responds to Lisa Speidel by letting her know that we know that the Town of Milton Animal Control Officer has been in touch with her about her specific situation and that a ticket has been issued to the neighbor. Mayor Fitzpatrick references the public crosswalk with the amount of people being counted as a DOT requirement, not another study, before a crosswalk could be warranted. Trustee Baskin defended his position on the seniors in the Village of Ballston Spa. Mayor Fitzpatrick addresses the issues of timing on the crosswalk. Mayor Fitzpatrick circles back to the issue of public comment at workshops. The purpose of the workshops is to have a conversation between departments and Trustees. Mayor Fitzpatrick addresses Chris Dubuque about the masks and states she would have to see the legislation before having an opinion on it. Trustee Baskin states he would follow the lead of the County Health Department. Mayor Fitzpatrick addresses the Tedisco grant and where we stand with the Grant. Mayor Fitzpatrick addresses the new Superintendent of Public Works position and states it was created to allow the Village to better be effective in running operations of DPW. Circling back to the FOIL Requests, Mayor Fitzpatrick states , TWO identical FOIL requests were requested by two separate individuals. The Village is still looking through it's records in an attempt to fulfill the FOIL requests. Trustee Baskin addresses the fact that he hadn't met the Fire Chief yet and apologizes for that misstep. Trustee Kormos addresses that there is a Board Response added to the meetings in an attempt to answer questions in immediate response to the public comment.

13) Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Baskin that the Vouchers No. 22-001181 to 22-01705 be audited and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

General Fund	\$ 53,702.82
Sewer Relevy	85.50
Capital Projects Fund	10,378.81
Library Fund	1,484.41
Trust & Agency	<u>808.54</u>
Total	\$66,460.08

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Moskowitz

Village Administrator