

SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY, held April 21, 2025

Present: Mayor Rossi, Trustee Price-Bush, Trustee Baskin, Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, Trustee Raymond, Village Administrator Moskowitz, Attorney Buettner, Treasurer McCann

Absent: Village Clerk O'Connor

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving the purchase of paving bricks and associated materials from Dagostino Building Blocks, Inc., for a total of \$9,309.13, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any necessary paperwork related to such purchase.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin approving the issuance of bid documents from Labella Associates, DPC related to a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for the installation of an emergency power generator for water system Wells 4A and 4B.

Ayes All

c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the selection of Dreamyard Structures, LLC's Bid for the Village's Request for Proposal related to the Wiswall Park pavilion, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any related agreement after review by the Village Attorney.

Ayes All

4) Mayor's Announcements

a) Mayor Rossi explained that there was a flood in the library due to a water fountain filter breaking.

5) Budget Workshop

a) Fire Chief Kevin Krogh

Chief Krogh noted that Mike Bashore put this budget together, noting that they always keep the taxpayers in mind.

Chief Krogh is looking to be proactive regarding cancer screenings for firefighters.

Trustee Raymond questioned what the building improvement funds are for.

Chief Krogh answered that it is for radio room upgrades for EML, battery charging stations and countertops.

The Board discussed reserve funds.

Mayor Rossi noted the street closing for the Summer Kickoff has been decided.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond accepting former option #1 to allow the Summer Kickoff Event to have a closure on the date or rain date of the event approved at the last meeting for the closure of Front Street between Low and Spring.

Ayes All

b) Police Chief David Bush

Chief Bush gave a brief update on his budget, noting the Police Dept. is nearing the end of their tech grant funds.

The Chief stated that body camera training is taking place.

c) DPW Working Supervisor Scott Kerns & DPW Administrator Jennifer Moskowitz

DPW Supervisor Kerns noted he feels they have gotten a lot done, and they are awaiting 2 new trucks.

Sidewalk reimbursement and a possible loan program were discussed.

Regarding the Events Task Force, Trustee Baskin suggested reducing their budget by \$,5,000.00 or \$10,000.00.

Trustee Baskin also stated he feels the Planning and Zoning Board Chairs are overpaid and feels that it is an insult to not give this Board a raise.

6) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

**Teri L. O'Connor
Village Clerk**