

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY, held June 9, 2025

Present: Mayor Rossi, Trustee Price-Bush, Trustee Baskin, Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, Trustee Raymond, Village Clerk O'Connor, Village Administrator Moskowitz, Attorney Finocchio

Absent: Attorney Buettner

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3) Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 5/27/25 meeting be approved as amended the morning of 6/9.

Trustee Baskin feels the minutes are incomplete and again requested amendments to the minutes.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez rejected, saying that this is getting out of hand.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Baskin-no

Trustee Raymond-abstain

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

4) Presentations (None)

5) Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Mayor Rossi explained 2 walk on motions.

Liz Biddle of 113 Fairground Avenue asked why there would be no public comment on Wednesday.

Marilyn Stephenson, 45 West High Street said the ZAC continues to meet.

Liz Kormos of 89 Hyde Blvd. wants the proposed Tannery Commons meeting livestreamed.

Mayor Rossi said there will be public comment when a public hearing is held.

6) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to approve the items on the following Consent Agenda:

i) Motion that the Malta Avenue Elementary School be granted permission to close Grove Street on 6/25 from 9:30am to 11:00am for their annual "Egg Drop".

ii) Motion that Ribbon Café be authorized to hold their "Annual Sunshine Lemonade Stand Benefit" for childhood cancer on 8/2 from 10:30am to 2:00pm and to close the alleyway and Prospect Street from Route 50 to Thompson Street from 8:00am to 3:00pm. A permit will be issued upon receipt of proof of insurance.

iii) Motion that Ribbon Café be authorized to hold their "Hope, Healing and Awareness for Breast Cancer Fundraiser" on 9/27 from Noon to 4:00pm and to close the alleyway and Prospect Street from Route 50 to Thompson Street from 10:00am to 5:00pm. A permit will be issued upon proof of insurance.

iv) Motion that Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co. 31 be granted permission to conduct their annual "Tag Day" on 7/26 from 8:00am until 3:00pm.

v) Motion approving the Ballston Spa High School's attached parade request for Monday, 6/16/25 from 6:00pm until 7:00pm.

Ayes All

7) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

a) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, that the attached list of pool staff be approved.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond, Nick Delaney be appointed as a full-time laborer for the DPW, effective June 15, 2025.

Ayes All

c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, that the DPW be authorized to expend the amount of \$157,322.93 for a Tarco Live Body Dump Truck.

Ayes All

d) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the DPW be authorized to expend the amount of \$56,357.93 for a Maxon 1300 lb. folding gate truck.

Ayes All

e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, that the following individuals be appointed as Fire Police:

Al Sommer	Robert Kilinski	Alan Cunningham	Fred Whittredge
John Morrissey	Thomas Nolan	Lloyd Helman	Stanley DeLong
Patrick Mangini	Richard Duffy		

Ayes All

f) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the attached insurance renewal, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the related documents.

Ayes All

g) Motion made by Trustee _____n/a_____, seconded by Trustee _____n/a_____, approving the Request for Proposal related to Library asbestos abatement. (Note: This RFP is still being produced as of this agenda submission – it will be provided if it is received before the meeting or, otherwise, this item will be removed from the agenda.)

Removed

h) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond, to adopt the attached World Refugee Day Resolution, recognizing June 20 as World Refugee Day with the omission of “annually” in the title.

Amended motion:

Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond, to adopt the attached amended World Refugee Day Resolution, recognizing June 20 as World Refugee Day , amended for consistency.

Ayes All

i) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, rejecting the bids related to the Well Generator RFP, per Labella Engineering advice.

Ayes All

j) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, approving the hiring of Janelle Coffey as a part-time DPW employee (Level 1) for the purpose of watering of new Wiswall Park trees and flowers in 2025.

Ayes All

k) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond, approving the attached Fire Department (EML) requisition for Alarm Fuel, Control Programmer, and Access Fobs, totaling \$2,741.00.

Ayes All

l) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving the purchase of fire department radios for a total of \$24,295.20.

Ayes All

m) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez seconded by Trustee Raymond approving the LaBella retainer agreement and authorizing the Mayor to execute after review by the Village Attorney.

Ayes All

8) Mayor's Announcements

a) The John Street water tower is being refilled.

b) The BSBPA did a fantastic job with the movie in Iron Spring Park, which was well attended.

c) Due to the amount of rain, Kelley Park may have to be closed in case of flooding.

d) A great job was done on the Kelley Park parking lot and Kent Street.

e) The attic variance for the Library was approved.

f) A print of the new DPW building should be done soon.

g) We are looking at a space in the Kent Street/Saratoga Avenue area to use as a meeting room and Court space.

h) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to approve appraisals for 30 Bath Street and 66 Front Street not to exceed \$2,500.00 in the aggregate.

Ms. Kormos noted she is glad we may sell 30 Bath Street but is concerned about building the new DPW garage at its current location due to space concerns.

Ayes All

i) We are well on our way to providing water for the Mill Town property.

j) Milton Fire contract discussions are on hold due to changes in assessed value.

k) Fire and DPW loan updates.

l) The BAN for the John Street Tower will be finalized tomorrow.

m) We will likely need to take out a loan for the new DPW building, and it will likely be in the 4 to 4 ½ million-dollar range.

n) Regarding the Zoning update, Mayor Rossi said it is in this Board's hands for comments right now.

9) Treasurer's Report

10) Liaison Reports

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez reminded everyone that the 1st day of the Farmers' Market is 6/14.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez thanked the fire department for their work on the recent fire at the gas station, noting we have the best firefighters.

Trustee Price-Bush reported that BACC will hold a fundraiser at the Speckled Pig on 6/26 and will also have a silent online auction from 6/26 through 7/4.

The adult book club will be held at the Brookside Museum on 6/25 at 3:30pm.

Trustee Baskin said the Committee on the Arts will host a series of Sketch and Print classes at Brookside Museum on 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7. Sign up can be done at Brookside or on the COA website,

The Park and Tree Board extend their thanks for everyone's patience while the work was being done in Wiswall Park.

Trustee Raymond reported that the DPW has begun paving in addition to preparing the pool for opening.

Brush must be bagged and bundled until October, when loose brush will be picked up.

11) Old Business

a) Emergency Management Proposal

Trustee Price-Bush said that grant opportunities will be sought.

Board comments on the subject should be emailed by 6/30 for a discussion at our first meeting in July.

b) Zoning Timeline¹

Mayor Rossi noted that it will be reviewed for editing before going to our Planning Board and Saratoga County Planning before a public hearing is set.

12) New Business

a) Contracting for Interpretation Services

Trustee Baskin stated that we can apply to become an approved user of the State contract for this service. Any Village department would be able to use it.

b) Live Streaming of June 11 Joint Planning Board and Zoning Board Meeting²

Mayor Rossi clarified that the decision on live streaming is not up to him, it is up to the two autonomous boards and then the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Baskin stressed his feeling that live streaming should be done.

Mayor Rossi noted they will be audio recorded.

ZBA Chair Stanko stated she thinks this should be researched more and then possibly put on the organizational agenda.

13) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)

Ms. Kormos thinks the Mayor treats her differently than he does others on Facebook.

Ms. Stephenson reminded all that the House & Garden Club is having a sale on 6/14 and also agrees that ZBA and PB meetings should be livestreamed.

Nathan Ward, 1 Hyde Blvd. questioned why the upcoming joint meeting of the ZBA and PB Boards would not have public comment and is disappointed that the meeting won't be on Zoom.

¹ This topic will not be discussed related to any attorney advice that is pending, per Counsel's request and advice.

² No request has been made by the autonomous boards' Chairs for Board of Trustees intervention into their meetings in this manner. It is the Board of Trustees' understanding that no public comment will be conducted at this meeting, as the Public Hearings for the two autonomous boards will not begin on June 11th.

Jason Gurtler of 99 Rowland Street thanked the Mayor for his support of the baseball teams

14) Other Business (Including, but Not Limited to Board Response to Public Comment)

The Board discussed the various factors that can cause a water main break.

15) Executive Session (If Needed)

16) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

General Fund	\$ 233,082.49
Sewer	7,417.86
Library Fund	4,641.80
Trust & Agency	<u>611.93</u>
Total	\$ 245,754.08

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O’Connor
Village Clerk