

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY, held August 11, 2025

Present: Mayor Rossi, Trustee Price-Bush, 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) Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the minutes of the 7/21/25 Special Meeting/Workshop be approved.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Baskin-abstain

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

b) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that the minutes of the 7/28/25 meeting be approved.

Ayes All

4) Presentations (None)

Mayor Rossi explained the 2 walk on motions to be added.

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

Charlene DuBuque of 6 Kaleen Drive does not support and recommended that the Board not adopt motion "d".

Liz Kormos, 89 Hyde Blvd. supports motions "a" and "d".

Ms. Kormos asked why Family Fun Day is being moved to the Fairgrounds, and noted she is not in favor of the fireworks being propose at a cost of \$6,000.00.

Tricia Frankewich of 24 Buell Avenue noted she does not support motion "d".

Regarding motion "d," Ray Otten, 16 Middlebrook Avenue stated he opposes the Village taking sides.

Mr. Otten pointed out that the fireworks are being funded by donations.

Kris DuBuque of 6 Kaleen Drive also does not support motion "d".

Mike Iacolucci, 3 Encore Drive supports motions "a" and "d".

Gina Marozzi, 10 Old Glory Lane does not support motion "d" and feels we should be supporting our own residents in need.

Christin Iacolucci of 24 Chapman Street spoke in support of motion "d".

6) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration (None)

7) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that Kim Anderson be granted permission to conduct a "Peaceful Public Assembly" in support of democracy on 8/30/2025 from 11:00am to 3:00pm on the sidewalks at the Milton Avenue/Front Street intersection, and to gather in Wiswall Park for announcements and live music. (Note: Event form for park portion of this motion and proof of insurance pending.)

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co. #1 be authorized to purchase 650 feet of hose at a cost of \$4,862.00.

Ayes All

c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the contracts between Santore Firework and the Village of Ballston Spa for a fireworks display at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds on 8/17/2025 for Family Fun Day for an aggregate value of \$6,000.00, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contracts. Proof of insurance has been provided, and donations have been received to cover the cost.

Ayes All

d) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond, to adopt the attached resolution on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, post the resolution on the village web site, and mail to New York Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Congressperson Tonko, and President Trump on village letterhead. (Note: Board members will be working with Trustee Baskin over the weekend to potentially revise his resolution and this motion.)

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-abstain

Trustee Price-Bush-abstain

Trustee Baskin-yes

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-abstain

Motion Failed

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Mayor Rossi approving the resolution read by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez.

Ms. Frankewich shared her thoughts on the resolution.

Ms. Iacolucci feels the resolution is fine but doesn't address the urgent humanitarian crisis.

Mr. DuBuque stated there are a lot of people out there that are passionate about humanitarian aid.

Ellie Dillon of 116 Malta Avenue feels if we don't speak out, we are compliant.

Ephraim DuBuque, 6 Kaleen Drive supports Trustee VanDeinse-Perez's resolution.

Trustee Raymond feels we should send this resolution and request that our representatives fund programs to benefit disenfranchised people.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez agreed.

Trustee Baskin stated he will abstain because the resolution does not condemn the Israeli government.

Trustee Raymond would like the resolution to be more specific.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Mayor Rossi amending the (attached) resolution read by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Baskin-abstain

Trustee Raymond-abstain

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

e) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that the Village of Ballston Spa DPW be granted permission to purchase a TARCO Leaf Collection Box with Flexible Connector for \$11,184.00. This was previously anticipated in the FY2026 Budget.

Ayes All

f) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the in-Village water connection for 105 Fairground Avenue. The connection has been approved by Labella Engineering and the Village Water Department.

Ayes All

g) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond approving the agreement between Delaware Engineering and the Village of Ballston Spa approving the not to exceed \$12,5000.00 related to work to devise a concept plan/needs assessment for the DPW garage replacement.

Ayes All

h) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the Village of Ballston Spa be authorized to get tree work done on all the trees between Prospect Street and East High Street by Earth Care Plus for a total not to exceed \$5,000.00. This work includes removal, trimming and stump grinding.

Ayes All

8) Mayor's Announcements

a) 8 of 10 "Your Speed Is" signs have been placed around the Village. The data is being monitored, and we will start doing enforcement zones.

9) Treasurer's Report

10) Liaison Reports

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez reported that the Peach Fest was a big success, and the concert series continues.

Mayor Rossi noted that Swimming Under the Stars was fantastic. Thank you to Village Pool staff and all of the volunteers.

Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez to approve no more than \$400.00 in checks to be issued for reimbursements related to the Swimming Under the Stars event for food and other items that were purchased.

Ms. Iacolucci asked if this amount is given for other events.

Mayor Rossi explained this was allocated, we are just reimbursing volunteers who fronted the money.

Ayes All

Trustee Price-Bush announced that the Library will have a ribbon cutting on 8/23 at 2:00pm.

The adult book club will begin on 8/14 at 6:30pm, noted Trustee Price-Bush.

Trustee Price-Bush also noted that the Annual Senior Picnic will be held on 9/5 at the Saratoga County Fair Grounds and Family Fun Day is 8/17.

Mayor Rossi announced that the Balmuth's have donated a chalice from the Spanish-American War dating back to 1898. Per their wishes, the chalice will be housed in the Library.

Trustee Baskin noted the Sketch and Print Classes begin 8/31, register through Brookside or the Committee on the Arts Facebook page.

Anyone interested in helping clean up Kelley Park should contact the Park and Tree Board through their Facebook page.

Trustee Raymond said the DPW is busy preparing for event set-ups and paving. Other duties keeping them busy are road striping, replacing fire hydrants and painting the conference room in the Library.

11) Old Business

a) Zoning Code (Setting Second Special Meeting/Workshop)

A tentative date of 8/27 at 6:30pm was decided.

12) New Business

13) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)

Erin McCredy, 35 Hyde Blvd. likes the speed signs.

Ms. Kormos asked about the status of creating water districts.

Ms. Dillon asked about moving the double yellow line on Malta Avenue to deter speeding.

Mayor Rossi responded that the Town of Milton is handling it.

Trustee Raymond said lines usually help with deterring speed.

Ms. Marozzi feels The Events Task Force is the only group that is questioned and attacked told what and how to do things and reminded everyone that these events are for disadvantaged children.

Ray Otten of 16 Middlebrook Avenue noted the previously rained out “Hope for Children” will take place during Family Fun Day.

Mr. Otten shared his appreciation for being able to utilize the fairgrounds for the event.

Regarding the speed signs, Jan McCabe, 345 Lexington Street thanked the Village.

John Cromie of 132 Bath Street shared his thoughts on ethics and zoning.

Jared Iacolucci, 24 Chapman Street said he was in support of motion “d”.

Ms. Iacolucci is in favor of tax dollars supporting people, not bombing people.

Kris DuBuque stated he welcomes anyone with ideas to assist him with putting together a program to feed the hungry.

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

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez asked that people not park in spots reserved for Farmers’ Market Vendors.

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 9:27pm.

General Fund	\$ 178,961.91
Sewer Relevy	383.90
Capital Projects	3,000.00
Library Fund	1,154.01
Trust & Agency	<u>611.93</u>
Total	\$ 184,111.75

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O'Connor
Village Clerk