

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held March 11, 2024

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) Public Hearings (5 Minutes per Speaker)

a) Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 (Parks) – 7:01pm

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to close the Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

Ayes All

b) Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024 (Sidewalk Reimbursements) – 7:12pm

Liz Kormos of 89 Hyde Blvd. said she feels it is a mistake to just make small changes.

Nathan Ward, 1 Hyde Blvd. also feels that changes should be more than just moving the changes to the fee schedule.

Mr. Ward wants the Village to be responsible for sidewalk installation and repair.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to close the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #2 at 7:16 pm.

Ayes All

4) Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 02.19.24 special meeting be approved.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 02.26.24 meeting be approved.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 02.26.24 meeting be revised.

Ayes All

5) Presentations -None

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

Ms. Kormos would like presentations from departments.

7) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

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

i) Motion approving the use of Eagle-Matt Lee and Union Firehouses for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on 4/02/24 from 6:00am to 9:00pm

ii) Motion to appoint Anna J. Frazier as a member of Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co. #1 and the Ballston Spa Fire Department.

iii) Motion to appoint Jimmy J. Oravsky as a member of Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co. #1 and the Ballston Spa Fire Department.

iv) Motion to appoint Ashley Bush and Emily Bartell as Co-Chairs for the Committee on the Arts. Terms not to expire before 12/31/24.

v) Motion to approve the attached budget transfers.

Ayes All

8) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

a) Resolutions related to Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 (adding new Chapter 150 "Parks" to the Code of the Village of Ballston Spa).

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to approve the resolution approving Local Law #1 of 2024 as included in the attachments.

Trustee Baskin-yes

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

b) Resolutions related to Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024 (Sections 174-2 and 174-20 in Chapter 174 Streets and Sidewalks in the Code of the Village of Ballston Spa).

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to adopt a negative declaration related to Local Law #2 of 2024. Under SEQRA.

Trustee Baskin-yes

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to approve the resolution approving Local Law #2 of 2024 as included in the attachments.

Trustee Baskin stated he feels the Village should be responsible for sidewalks.

Trustee Baskin-yes

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

9) Mayor's Announcements

a) The Mayor, Planning Board Chair Rory O'Connor and Greg Connors from the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation had a meeting to discuss general economic development.

10) Treasurer's Report (meeting agenda attachment)

11) Liaison Reports

Trustee Raymond noted that streets have been measured for paving, meter readings, inspections and upgrades are ongoing and the heater in the DPW garage was repaired.

Trustee Price-Bush reported that the Library is planning on construction groundbreaking, tentatively at the end of September/beginning of October.

Additionally, a poetry writing workshop will be held on April 13, at 12pm.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez stated that the BSBPA is looking at ways to capitalize on the Belmont being here.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez also noted that there will be a poetry open mic night at the Real McCoy on 4/17 at 7:00pm.

Trustee Baskin reported that the Committee on the Arts is enlisting businesses and other public spaces to post poetry.

The Park and Tree Board is working on having a Wiswall Park presentation.

12) Old Business

a) Wiswall Park Update

Mayor Rossi noted a larger version of the draft is being worked on and will include before and after side by side overviews.

Liz Biddle, representing the BSBPA, stated that the main concern is the size of the trees.

Trustee Raymond expressed frustration that the drawing is not on the website.

Trustee Baskin would like public feedback.

Raising his voice, Trustee Raymond stated the drawing should have been on the website 2 weeks ago.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez reiterated that the drawing is being made easier for people to read the measurements.

Mayor Rossi asked Trustee Raymond to stop yelling.

b) 78 Thompson Street Update/Next Steps (Police Dept.)

Mayor Rossi announced that the closing is set for tomorrow. Minor renovations will be done by the DPW.

13) New Business-None

14) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)

Ms. Kormos asked when work will be done on the DPW building.

Mayor Rossi said plans are actively being worked on.

Marilyn Stephenson, 45 West High Street announced the House and Garden Club geranium, and plant sale preorder date is 5/9, pick up will be 5/16.

Additionally, Ms. Stephenson said the Historic District Commission will hold a workshop at the Library on 5/9.

Christine Kernochan of the BSBPA said renderings of Wiswall Park are helpful.

Kris DuBuque of 6 Kaleen Drive reminded Trustees Baskin and Raymond that the public has been given an opportunity to view the Wiswall Park drawings and read the email they received stating so.

Regarding Trustee Raymond raising his voice, Mr. DuBuque noted that the Clerk moved her chair away due to his aggression.

Mr. Ward noted that the bushes along Walnut Street are of concern to Farmer’s Market vendors as they can interfere with unloading.

Regarding the path in Wiswall Park, Mr. Ward stated if it were not there, there would be more vendor space.

Paul Ferguson, 89 Grove Street asked when the Wiswall Park plan would be on the website.

Mayor Rossi responded that there will be a presentation at the 4/8 meeting. Any materials will be posted.

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

Trustee Raymond said he’s not aggressive, he’s passionate.

Trustee Baskin asked if the sewer pipe work in the park would happen this year.

Mayor Rossi said that is the goal.

16) Executive Session (If Needed)

17) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

General Fund	\$ 550,041.23
Sewer Relevy	9,201.90
Library Fund	25,139.66
Trust & Agency	<u>2,086.52</u>
Total	\$ 586,469.31

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O’Connor
Village Clerk