

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY, held October 14, 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 Baskin that the minutes of the 09/22/25 meeting be approved.**

Ayes All

4) Presentations (None)

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

There was no public comment.

6) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration (None)

7) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

- a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that Daryl St. Louis be appointed to the position of Mechanic.**

Ayes All

- b) Motion made by Trustee Price-Bush, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that Peggy Crawford be granted permission to utilize Wiswall Park on 10/15/25 from 7:00pm until 9:00pm for the 1st Annual Charlie Kirk Day. A permit will be issued upon proof of insurance.**

Mayor Rossi noted that proof of insurance was received this afternoon.

The Board clarified for the public that this is not a Village event.

Ayes All

- c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that the Village pay the amount of \$12,100.00 to the Ballston Area Recreation Commission per the attached contract and as stated in the 2025-2026 Budget, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.**

Ayes All

- d) Motion made by Trustee Price-Bush, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, that that the Village of Ballston Spa pay the amount of \$12,500.00 to the Ballston Area Seniors per the attached contract and as stated in the 2025-2026 Budget, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.**

Ayes All

- e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that the Village of Ballston Spa accept the bids offered from Auctions International for two separate auctions that both ended this week and authorizes the Mayor to finalize/execute any related paperwork.**

Ayes All

- f) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond, approving the attached Tower Structure License Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (d/b/a AT&T Wireless) and the Village of Ballston Spa, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement.**

Ayes All

- g) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez , approving Change Order #3 for USG Water Solutions related to the delay costs related to the John St. Tower exterior painting.**

These costs are to be absorbed by the carriers through pending agreements. This motion authorizes the Mayor to execute the Change Order.

Ayes All

h) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, to have Village administration send a Request for Quotes for telephonic language interpretation services to the following vendors: Language Line Solutions; Geneva Worldwide, Inc.; Transperfect Translations International, Inc.

Ayes All

i) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, accepting the resignation of John Battenfield from the Planning Board.

Ayes All

j) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin, approving the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Capital Region Transportation Council and the Village of Ballston Spa for the Village-Wide Traffic Calming Master Plan, including \$7,500 of Village matching funds, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Ayes All

k) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez seconded by Trustee Raymond, approving the attached Spectrum Business agreement with the Village of Ballston Spa for a Lowell Street Pump Station phone line for \$30/month for 36 months, contingent on the inability of RingSquared to provide the necessary service for that location. This motion authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement if it is determined that the inability exists.

Ayes All

l) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond approving the attached Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment at a Cost up to \$1,236,000 and the Issuance of \$1,100,000 Serial Bonds of the Village of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, for the Purchase of One (1) Vacuum Truck, One (1) Street Sweeper, Two (2) Dump Trucks, One (1) Loader and One (1) Pickup Truck with Plow. (Note: This resolution formalizes authorization, which is needed for the closing of the loan per USDA requirements.)

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Baskin-es

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

m) Motions made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving the attached Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$942,000 Serial Bonds of the Village of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, New York for the Purchase of a Sutphen Pumper Fire Truck. (Note: This resolution formalizes authorization, which is needed for the closing of the loan per USDA requirements.)

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Baskin-es

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

8) Mayor's Announcements

a) We are working on a cost assessment for a new DPW building.

b) Paving is almost done.

c) The Library Board is doing a great job.

d) Once paving is complete, other duties including putting up the rest of the speed signs and prep work for trees on Milton Avenue.

9) Treasurer's Report

10) Liaison Reports

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez congratulated the BSBPA on another great car show and noted that Small Business Saturday will be 11/29.

On 11/20 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm there will be a Revitalize Ballston Spa (BOA) public workshop held at the solar building.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez said there will be a graphic design wrap put around the Ricketts site, paid for with grant money.

Trustee Price-Bush announced that the Library received a \$50,000.00 grant from Stewarts that will go towards the new teen room.

Check the Library calendar for upcoming events such as an afternoon book discussion on 10/22 at 3:30pm, Paws to Read with Georgie the therapy dog on 10/25 starting at 11:30am and a book signing by on 10/28 at 6:30pm by Ballston Spa resident Jerry Crouth, who authored "Thank you Mom".

Sixth through ninth graders can enjoy teen nights at BACC on Monday and Friday nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Trustee Price-Bush announced that the Community Thanksgiving meal will be held at Union Fire House. Volunteers are needed the night before Thanksgiving and on Thanksgiving Day. Volunteers should contact Ray Otten.

Trustee Baskin noted that the Committee on the Arts is having a "Watercolor Fanatics" art class at the Real McCoy Details can be found on their Facebook page. Open mic night will be held at the establishment on 11/7 beginning at 5:30pm.

Additionally, the committee is looking for another volunteer.

Trustee Baskin also shared that Saratoga Arts is currently accepting grant applications through 11/21.

The Park and Tree Board has been performing maintenance on trees in Wiswall and Kelley Parks and on Milton Avenue and Low Street.

The Park and Tree Board thanks Frank Blair and his son Scott for repairs done to the playground at Kelley Park. A workday is being planned for later this fall or early next spring.

Trustee Raymond reported that the DPW is going to be doing a hydrant flush and also noted that loose leaf and debris pick-up will begin 10/15.

11) Old Business

a) Ethics Board

Trustee Baskin would like the vacant position on the Ethics Board put on the website.

Mayor Rossi noted he feels it is better to wait until the current ethics investigations are completed.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez doesn't see the harm in putting names together to start the process.

Mayor Rossi hopes the cases will be expedited.

Trustee Raymond feels there is no need to wait for the current investigations to be over in order to appoint a new member.

b) Parades/Protests/Special Permits

The Board discussed what events require a permit and what events do not.

c) Zoning

A workshop was tentatively scheduled for 10/20 at 6:30pm.

12) New Business (None)

13) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)

Anna Stanko of 32 Kent Street expressed concerns about people living in and drinking alcohol in Kelley Park.

The Board agrees this a tough issue that needs to be addressed. Installing blue lights to contact law enforcement was discussed.

Police Officer Michael DeMartino stated it is difficult to get help from other entities for the homeless

On behalf of the BSBPA, Liz Biddle, 113 Fairground Avenue thanked all involved with car show, which had approximately 400 cars this year.

Liz Kormos of 89 Hyde Blvd. believes the Mayor should recuse himself from choosing a new Ethics Board member.

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

Trustee Raymond said the homelessness issue is going to get worse as programs get defunded.

Trustee Baskin noted that his neighborhood had a meeting and discussed nonresidential use in the area.

Trustee Price-Bush suggested that if people are discouraged from drinking in the park, they might move on.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez noted that some people do not want help.

15) Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin that the Board and Officer DeMartino enter into Executive Session to discuss an active police investigation matter at 8:42pm.

Ayes All

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:14pm.

Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that our regular Board meeting on 10/27 begin at 6:30pm, and a Special Meeting will begin immediately thereafter with a goal time of 7:00pm related to zoning on 10/27.

Ayes All

16) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee Price-Bush, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

General Fund	\$ 259,195.87
Capital Projects	7,414.98
Library Fund	2,888.89
Trust & Agency	<u>1,137.25</u>
Total	\$ 270,636.99

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

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