

**Village of Bensenville
Village Board Room
12 South Center Street
Bensenville, Illinois 60106
Counties of DuPage and Cook**

**MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**
July 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Janowiak called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.

PRESENT: Upon roll call by Deputy Village Clerk, Corey Williamsen, the following Board Members were present:

Chairwoman Janowiak, President Soto, DeSimone, Jaworska, Carmona, Wesseler, O'Connell

Absent: None

Village Clerk, Ilsa Rivera-Trujillo, was also present.

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: M. Cassady, Village Attorney, Pat Bond, V. Benham, J. Caracci, D. DiSanto, G. Ferguson, T. Finner, F. Kosman, D. Schultz, T. Sloth, A. Thakkar, S. Viger, C. Williamsen

**Approval of
Minutes:** The June 16, 2015 Administration, Finance and Legislation Committee Minutes were presented.

Motion: Chairwoman Janowiak made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee DeSimone seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL
ITEMS:**

Rory Group: Mr. Cassady stated this item was brought to Committee for discussion at the request of the Trustee DeSimone.

President Soto indicated this was a budgeted item that would be discussed again during the budget processes in September/October.

Trustee DeSimone asked what the terms of the current Rory Group contract were and when the contract expired. Mr. Cassady stated the current agreement is expired and the Village is operating on a month to month basis with the Rory Group. Mr. Cassady stated a copy of the most recent Rory Group agreement was provided to the Village Board in their packet.

Trustee DeSimone questioned why the Village of Bensenville is paying more than other Municipalities that use lobbyists. Trustee DeSimone stated he believes it is time for the Village of Bensenville to explore other options and feels Staff is capable of completing tasks that are currently being performed by the Rory Group.

President Soto stated the Rory Group's current contract is more than just lobbying and consists of consulting too. President Soto stated the spreadsheet Trustee DeSimone was referring to was for lobbying services only.

President Soto stated the Rory Group have been key contacts between the Village of Bensenville and the Illinois Department of Transportation throughout the Elgin/O'Hare Western Bypass Project.

Trustee DeSimone stated he had conducted research and found a lobbyist group that works with the Village of Hoffman Estates and Triton College that has helped bring more than \$64,000,000 of infrastructure to their town and facilities at a cost of \$5,000 per month.

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Trustee Wesseler asked if Trustee DeSimone had a lobbyist group he would like to recommend to the Village Board. Trustee DeSimone stated he had never met with any lobbyist groups, he has simply found all this information online.

Chairwoman Janowiak stated she believes the Village of Bensenville was a unique town compared to others and did not feel that comparing information found on the internet was a fair assumption.

Trustee DeSimone stated he would like to see Staff be productive in reaching out to lobbyist groups to see what they could offer the Village of Bensenville. Trustee DeSimone asked that this be conducted now so the Village Board could make an educated decision at budget time.

Village Attorney, Pat Bond, suggested the Village establish scope of services for lobbyists and consultants prior to reaching out to other lobbyists for their services. Mr. Bond stated once the Village Board establishes a scope of service, they could send out a request for proposal of services.

Motion: Chairwoman Janowiak made a motion directing Village Staff to prepare a scope of services for lobbyists/consultants services for Village Board review and approval. Trustee Wesseler seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Cassady asked if September 2, 2015 would be an acceptable date to hold a Strategic Plan Work Shop with the Village Board. Trustee Wesseler stated he has a conflict that day and was unable to attend. Trustee Wesseler asked Staff to move the Strategic Plan Work Shop to another day.

President Soto asked the Village Board to reach out to Village Staff for their availability through the rest of the year so Staff can plan the Strategic Plan Work Shop and budget meetings.

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ADJOURNMENT: Chairwoman Janowiak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee O'Connell seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Janowiak adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Corey Williamsen

Deputy Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 18th day, August 2015