

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
September 17, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jarecki called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

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

Chairman Jarecki, President Soto, Bartlett, Janowiak, O'Connell, Ridder, Wesseler

Absent: Village Clerk, Ilsa Rivera-Trujillo

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Caracci, Cassady, DiSanto, F. Kosman, Rysavy, Sloth, Viger, Williamsen

Approval of Minutes: The August 27, 2013 Community & Economic Development Committee minutes were presented.

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

All were in favor. Motion carried.

AS SUBMITTED: Trustee Wesseler asked if there was an ordinance in place that prohibited businesses from putting up exterior bars to prevent break-ins. Director of Community & Economic Development, Scott Viger stated there was no ordinance in place.

Trustee Wesseler asked if all Resident are required to have a paved driveway. Village Manager, Michael Cassady, stated some driveways are legal non-conforming. President Soto suggested that Village Staff conduct an inventory of unpaved driveways in town.

**INFORMATIONAL
ITEMS:**

Sister City
Zihuatanejo,
Mexico:

Village Manager, Michael Cassady, introduced the idea of a Sister City Program with Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Mr. Cassady stated representatives from Zihuatanejo, Mexico are coming to visit Bensenville by December 2013. Mr. Cassady stated if any members of the Board were interested to serve on the Sister City Committee to notify him via email.

Chairman Jarecki asked if this will be the Village's second Sister City. Mr. Cassady stated the Sister City with Cefalu, Italy had fallen apart and that the City of Wood Dale had taken over the program.

President Soto stated the Village should become Sister Cities with a City relevant to Bensenville. President Soto also stated he would like to see the program expand beyond Zihuatanejo, Mexico.

Trustee Bartlett stated the Village should have all controls of all decisions made.

Tall Grass:

Village Manager, Michael Cassady, reviewed the current policy regarding tall grass in Bensenville. Mr. Cassady stated the Village was limited on timeliness of notifications due to State Statute.

Trustee Ridder suggested lowering the grass length from eight inches to six inches in Residential to begin the process earlier.

Trustee Wesseler stated Residents need to be made aware of the current policy in place.

Trustee Ridder suggested mailing a letter in the March water bill.

Mr. Cassady stated Staff will review the current policy and bring a revised plan back to the Committee for review and direction.

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ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Janowiak seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Jarecki adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Corey Williamsen
Deputy Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 15th day October, 2013