

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

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 22, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Ridder called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

President Soto, Bartlett, Janowiak, Jarecki, Ridder, Wessler

Absent: Chairman O'Connell

A quorum was present.

Village Clerk, Ilsa Rivera-Trujillo was also present.

Staff Present: Village Attorney, Pat Bond, Caracci, Cassady, DiSanto, Kosman, Rysavy, Sloth, Viger, Williamsen

**Approval of
Minutes:**

The November 19, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting 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.

The February 18, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting 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.

Informational

Items:

Village Manager, Michael Cassady stated as a result of the newly opened Runway 10C/28C at O'Hare International Airport, Hillside Drive, along with other areas in Bensenville have seen a significant increase in sound and disturbance to Residents. Mr. Cassady stated the runway is an east/west runway that is roughly aligned with Hillside Drive. Mr. Cassady stated the runway was opened as part of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) to assist O'Hare Airport with their traffic pattern to predominantly east/west flow. Mr. Cassady stated Runway 10C/28C has spurred a number of complaints from Bensenville residents, as well as residents surrounding the airport impacted by the new pattern. Mr. Cassady indicated these complaints are taken by the City of Chicago and logged in monthly reports by the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC). Mr. Cassady stated noise levels are also included in the ONCC reports; a permanent noise monitor is located at 96 N. Mason Street that measures Bensenville's noise levels. Mr. Cassady stated the Chicago Sun Times published an article about Chicago residents that had won appeals to reduce their property taxes (upwards of 12%) due to their loss in property value from the additional airplane noise. With the success of these appellants, Bensenville residents may turn to this strategy. If successful, these appeals could further erode the Village's already suffering Equalized Assessed Values (EAV), which have already been reduced more than 34% since 2009. Residential EAVs alone have been reduced more than 45% since 2008.

President Soto announced he had recently attended a legislative summit sponsored by the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment (NOISE) and the National League of Cities. President Soto stated the summit helped define opportunities for noise mitigation efforts such as:

- Performance Based Navigation System (PBN) - This system creates a more narrow flight line by requiring planes to fly through "air gates" during landings and takeoffs. PBN causes the noise to be more concentrated to the areas directly under the flight line while reducing overall noise levels for those outside the direct flight path.

- Waypoints - Installation of Waypoints for each runway require planes to reach a set point before turning left or right during takeoffs. These Waypoints could reduce the size of the areas being impacted during takeoffs.
- Self Monitoring - The Village of Bensenville could utilize existing technology that tracks real flight data to calculate noise levels. This data could help verify the noise levels in Bensenville compared with the 65 DNL contour.
- Joining Other Efforts - The Village could join other organizations such as NOISE or decide to retain a federal lobbyist that specializes in appearing before the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Joining other communities across the country could be beneficial in learning best practices in noise mitigation.

President Soto also suggested reaching out to lobbyists who specialize in noise complaints and resolutions with the FAA.

Trustee Ridder indicated she supported the idea of reaching out to lobbyists but asked that this matter take place at a future Committee Meeting where more information could be provided.

Trustee Bartlett stated the southern part of Bensenville does not have sound monitoring points and suggested the Village peruse monitoring points throughout the Village.

Trustee Wessler stated he would like to see the runways to the north be utilized more to help reduce the sounds generated by the newly opened Runway 10C/28C. Trustee Wessler indicated that if the runway must be used, the Village could possibly petition for less take-offs and more landing on the runway.

Trustee Bartlett suggested reaching out to San Diego, California to inquire how they deal with airport noise.

Trustee Jarecki asked what the purpose of the Performance Based Navigation System is. President Soto stated the system will assist with a case by case basis and can be used for potential lobbyist data. Mr. Cassidy stated the system would assist with Resident's responses rather than having them call the ONCC.

Trustee Ridder indicated there are currently no guidelines for take-offs; only landings.

Motion: Trustee Jarecki made a motion to join the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment (NOISE) in the not to exceed amount of \$770 annually. Trustee Janowiak seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Motion: Trustee Jarecki made a motion to purchase the Performance Based Navigation System (PBN) in the not to exceed amount of \$500. Trustee Janowiak seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion Carried.

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

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Ridder adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Corey Williamsen
Deputy Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 20th day, May 2014