

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

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 1. President DeSimone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 2. Upon roll call by Village Clerk, Nancy Quinn, the following Board Members were present:

President DeSimone, Carmona, Franz, Frey, Panicola, Perez

Absent: Lomax

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: E. Summers, J. Caracci, S. Flynn, R. Herff, J. McManus, D. Schulze, C. Williamson

PRESENTATION: Dave Jelonek of GW & Associates, PC provided an overview of the Village of Bensenville Single Audit Year Ended December 31, 2021.

President DeSimone read the following statement into the records:

Over the past 5 years I have made it a point to make myself available to answer any and all questions. Unlike certain elected boards I do not need to hide behind closed door meetings of keyboards. I do not need others to do the talking for me. I chose to be open and transparent as I expect the Village to be the same as long as I am Village President. If you need to find out any information on the Village you do not need to look too far. Not only do we record our Board Meetings we live stream them for people to see.

The rumblings I am hearing now is that the Village President "gave himself a raise". Let's address that. Back in 2020 after a review of the Village Boards stipends it was determined that they needed adjustments to more accurately reflect the time commitment required to perform their duties. The last adjustment for stipends was back in 1985. 37 years ago. Per Illinois State Statute any adjustments to compensation to Elected Officials must occur no less than 180 days prior to election at a Public Meeting. The stipend does not go into effect until after the election. So in short whoever won the election would be eligible for the adjustment.

I think the Board is worth the increase. We work hard, we are accountable and we stand up for our Residents. It should be noted that during the course of making this adjustment that Board

eliminated the Deputy Village Manager position with a savings of \$150,000. We also reduced the Village debt by over 20 million dollars. So in short I did not just give myself a raise.

I believe a lot of these rumors started from the decision by the Park District to remove the sale of White Pines Golf Course from referendum. And instead entertained a \$20 million dollar tax increase on our residents. The Park District Board President accused me of interfering with his Board when I asked that the Park District let the Residents decide that sale of the golf course via referendum. The Village was constantly attacked over the actions of the Park District. It was the Park District that hired a lobbyist to amend the law to sell the golf course and it was the Park District that spent 100's of thousands of dollars to prepare for the sale of the White Pines Golf Course. The lack of a true plan in writing to present to the Residents leaves me speechless. Was there really a sale of the course pending or was it a way to raise taxes on our Residents? The only role the Village had in the potential sale was to look over any zoning changes once an official plan was submitted. A plan was never submitted by the Park District.

We were informed that the Park District was going to place the sale on a referendum then seemingly overnight the Park District President did a 180 and removed it from the Resident's hands.

Any questions please feel free to speak to me in person.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Valarie Special 120 Forestview Drive, Bensenville, Illinois

Mr. Special questions an item on the agenda. Mr. Summers invited Ms. Special to meet with him at the conclusion the meeting to discuss her questions.

Raywice Pawlowski 630 George St., Apt. 5A, Bensenville, Illinois

Mr. Pawlowski thanked the Village President and Board for their hard work in Bensenville.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:**

4. The August 9, 2022 Village Board Meeting minutes were presented.

Motion:

Trustee Perez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Frey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

WARRANT NO.

22/14:

5. President DeSimone presented **Warrant No. 22/14** in the amount of \$1,876,155.76.

Motion:

Trustee Perez made a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Trustee Frey the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion:

6. Trustee Franz made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Perez seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No.

25-2022:

Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to the Annual Budget for the Village of Bensenville for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2022 and Ending December 31, 2022. (Consent Agenda)

Ordinance No.

26-2022:

Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Indoor Recreation and Granting a Variation from Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements at 869 Fairway Drive. (Consent Agenda)

Ordinance No.

27-2022:

Ordinance Denying a Variation for Maximum Driveway Width and Granting a Variation for Driveway Parking Pad Width at 217 N. Church Road. (Consent Agenda)

Ordinance No.

28-2022:

Ordinance Granting a Variation for a Fence in the Corner Side Yard at 1002 S Center St. (Consent Agenda)

Ordinance No.

29-2022:

Ordinance Granting Site Plan Review Approval and Variations to Construct an Industrial Building Expansion at 220 N. York Road.

(Consent Agenda)

Ordinance No.
30-2022:

Ordinance of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, Amending Title 10 (Zoning Ordinance), Section 7 (Uses), Section 8 (Off-Street Parking and Loading), and Chapter 10 (Signs), Village Code. (Consent Agenda)

Ordinance No.
31-2022:

Ordinance Designating Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition of the Same. (Consent Agenda)

Resolution No.
R-86-2022:

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the Village of Bensenville and DuPage County Regarding the Addison Creek Storm Sewer Improvements – Phase II. (Consent Agenda)

Resolution No.
R-87-2022:

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Easement Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company Located at 345 E. Green Street. (Consent Agenda)

Resolution No.
R-88-2022:

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City of Wood Dale and the Village of Bensenville for the Resurfacing and Maintenance of Certain Sections of Pine Avenue and Poplar Avenue. (Consent Agenda)

Resolution No.
R-89-2022:

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Design Engineering Services Agreement for the Crestbrook Subdivision Reconstruction Project to James J. Benes & Associates, Inc. in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$66,968.00. (Consent Agenda)

Resolution No.
R-90-2022:

Resolution Authorizing Amendment Number 1 to the Design Engineering Services Agreement for the Church Road Pressure Adjusting Station Replacement Project to Greeley and Hansen in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$74,967 for a Revised Contract Amount of \$474,947. (Consent Agenda)

Resolution No.
R-91-2022:

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract with Superior Road Striping, Inc. of Melrose Park, IL for the 2022 Pavement

**Striping Program in the Not-to-exceed Amount of \$16,041.10.
(Consent Agenda)**

Resolution No.
R-92-2022:

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Design Engineering Services Agreement for the 2023 MFT Village Street Improvement Program to James J. Benes & Associates, Inc. in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$81,383.00. (Consent Agenda)

Resolution No.
R-93-2022:

Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Robe, Inc. for Tuckpointing of the Village Hall Building at 12 S. Center, in Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$76,000. (Consent Agenda)

Resolution No.
R-94-2022:

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Ice Arena and Facility Usage Agreement with the Fenwick High School Hockey Club. (Consent Agenda)

Motion:

Trustee Franz made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Perez seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Panicola , Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No.
R-95-2022:

7. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-95-2022** entitled a **Resolution Receiving and Placing on File the Village of Bensenville Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

Motion:

Trustee Panicola made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Frey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No.

R-96-2022:

8. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-96-2022** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Three-Year Microsoft 365 Agreement with Dell Technologies in the Amount of \$107,960.73.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

Motion:

Trustee Perez made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Frey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS:**

President DeSimone announced Music in the Park has been extended one week and will now end on September 7th; the full schedule can be found on the Village's website.

President DeSimone announced the Fall Yard Sale is set for September 8th through the 11th; all details can be found on the Village's website.

President DeSimone announced the last Coffee with the Village President & Trustees is scheduled for September 17th from 9-11am at Breiter Palm Park.

**MANAGERS
REPORT:**

Village Manager, Evan Summers, announced Village Hall will be closed September 3rd and 5th in recognition of Labor Day.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
REPORT:**

Village Attorney, P. Joseph Montana, stated he had no Village Attorney Report.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:
NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.
There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE

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SESSION: Village Attorney, P. Joseph Montana, stated there was not a need for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Nancy Quinn
Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 20th day, September 2022