

**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 8, 2023**

**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, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

Absent: Frey

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: E. Summers, C. Dusza, S. Flynn, K. Pozsgay, D. Schulze, C. Williamsen

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF**

**MINUTES:** 4. The July 18, 2023 Village Board Meeting minutes were presented.

Motion: Trustee Franz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: Carmona, Franz, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**WARRANT NO.**

**23/12:** 5. President DeSimone presented **Warrant No. 23/12** in the amount of \$1,870,589.84.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to approve the warrant as presented. Trustee Panicola the motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: Carmona, Franz, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.**

**R-94-2023:**

6. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-94-2023** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order with Charles Equipment Energy Systems for the Purchase and Installation of Two (2) 500kW Generators and Associated Day Tank for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$313,500.**

Village Manager, Evan Summers, stated On August 18, 2022, one of our two 600kW backup generators failed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Summers stated these twin generators were installed in 1975 to provide emergency power in case of power failures. Mr. Summers stated these pieces of equipment are vital in our ability to move, process, and discharge our waste.

Mr. Summers stated Staff immediately contracted with Charles Equipment to provide an emergency backup generator while staff attempted to figure out our next steps to replace the unit(s).

Mr. Summers stated Staff also engaged with our wastewater engineers, Strand & Associates, to inquire into the sizing needs of new generators as our 2015 plant upgrades substantially improved the efficiency and energy needs of our plant. Mr. Summers stated Strand's analysis yielded that two 500kW generators would suffice to run our new equipment and the plant at full capacity in a storm event.

Mr. Summers stated on October 11, 2022, the Village Board approved a Resolution (R-111-2022) to purchase two new generators from Cummins, Inc. Mr. Summers stated these generators were selected due to their cost, reputation, and shortest lead time. Mr. Summers stated the lead time was anticipated to have the generators delivered in August 2023.

Mr. Summers stated we were notified last month that the generators have not started production and are not expected any earlier than January 2023, with no guarantee of a January delivery.

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Mr. Summers stated a separate contract was being sought for the installation of the generators with lowest cost around \$125,000. Mr. Summers stated the Village is also currently paying \$5,900 per month for a rental unit from Charles Equipment.

Mr. Summers stated Staff began to research other options for generator as costs continue on the rental unit with no guarantee on delivery date of the new generators. Mr. Summers stated lead times are still outrageous due to supply chain issues.

Mr. Summers stated Charles Equipment is the regional distributor for Gillette Generators. Mr. Summers stated Charles Equipment was able to put together a turn-key proposal that would get two new Gillette 500kw generators to us with a January estimated delivery date.

Mr. Summers stated Staff also reached out to Kohler and asked what their anticipated delivery time would be and they stated 48 weeks. Mr. Summers stated we also reached out to Caterpillar who stated 60 weeks for lead time. Mr. Summers stated for what it is worth we also looked into renting a 500-kw generator from others that we have used in the past and received back proposals for a rental of a 500kw gen set for 7 months, they are all over 8k a month.

Mr. Summers stated Staff has read the reviews on the Gillette generators and the manufacturing plant, which is located in Elkhart Indiana, is pretty impressive

Mr. Summers stated the original Cummins purchase did not include installation of the generators. Mr. Summers stated we have been working with a number of contractors to secure costs to install the Cummins gen sets. Mr. Summers stated so far, our least expensive cost to install is approximately \$125k. Mr. Summers stated this price does not include a plant water removal concern that has developed or the additional backup generator at the time of removal.

Mr. Summers stated although the purchase of the Gillette generators from Charles Equipment is \$6,100 more than the estimated Cummins generators, we feel there is more confidence of the charges for the Gillette generators. Mr. Summers stated the turn-key approach to the project will put more pressure on Charles Equipment to install the generators at the proposal cost than using an outside contractor for the Cummins installation. Mr. Summers stated also, if there are any further delays in delivery, Charles Equipment has included in their proposal that additional rental of the backup generator will not be charged.

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Mr. Summers stated if we stick with Cummins, and they delay the delivery further, we will be required to continue to pay \$5,900 per month on the rental unit. Mr. Summers stated one additional month delay would in essence make the costs a wash.

Mr. Summers stated based on our research, we feel that the Gillette generators will be a great fit for the Village. Mr. Summers stated the non-proprietary controls and Volvo diesel engines will be easier to maintain, and parts will be more readily available. Mr. Summers stated Staff recommends cancelling the Cummins order and moving forward with the Gillette generators.

**Motion:** Trustee Lomax made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Perez seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: Carmona, Franz, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S  
REMARKS:**

President DeSimone announced the next Senior Lunch will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> and will be the annual BBQ event; full details can be found on the Village's website.

President DeSimone announced the Village is hosting a back to school movie in the park on August 11<sup>th</sup>; full details can be found on the Village's website.

President DeSimone announced Coffee with the Village President will be held from 9:00am – 11:00am on the following days and locations:

- August 19<sup>th</sup>: Mohawk Park
- September 16<sup>th</sup>: Sunset Park
- October 7<sup>th</sup>: Kremples Park

**MANAGERS  
REPORT:**

Village Manager, Evan Summers, stated he had no report.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY  
REPORT:**

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

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**UNFINISHED**

**BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**EXECUTIVE**

**SESSION:** Village Attorney, 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, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Nancy Quinn  
Village Clerk

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 22nd day, August 2023