

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
October 10, 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, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

Absent: Carmona

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: E. Summers, B. Bellissimo, J. Caracci, S. Flynn, D. Schulze, C. Williamsen

**Employee
Recognition:**

Director of Public Works, Joe Caracci stated on September 27, 2023 an electrical fire occurred at the Village of Bensenville Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Caracci stated the fire was located within Administrative Building 90 at the MCC Panel Board. Mr. Caracci stated an arc flash caused a large pop in the panel and the electrical fire.

Mr. Caracci stated Joe Lynaugh was standing just around the corner of the MCC Panel Board when this occurred. Mr. Caracci stated Joe quickly responded to the situation by rapidly grabbing a nearby fire extinguisher and put the fire out. Mr. Caracci stated the fire was contained to a small area of the MCC Panel Board that controlled the blowers for the aeration basins.

Mr. Caracci stated the fact that Joe was so close to the incident is purely by luck, but the reaction and response that Joe made was heroic. Mr. Caracci stated an ongoing fire in the MCC Panel Board would have certainly spread to other panels that could have quickly spread to the rest of the building. Mr. Caracci stated the containment of the fire to the one blower panel also kept the plant in a position to continue to operate and provide wastewater treatment to our residents. Mr. Caracci stated Joe's response also likely saved the Village millions of dollars in damage to the plant and equipment.

Mr. Caracci stated Public Works takes great pride in our Safety Program and is certain that our annual fire extinguisher training and emergency response training played an important part in the quick and clam response by Joe.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Yash Desai – Manav Seva Mandir Bensenville, Illinois

Ms. Desai thanked the Village Board for reading a proclamation into the records for Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

Don Prajapati – Manav Seva Mandir Bensenville, Illinois

Mr. Prajapati thanked the Village Board for reading a proclamation into the records for Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:**

4. The September 26, 2023 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: Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**WARRANT NO.
23/16:**

5. President DeSimone presented **Warrant No. 23/16** in the amount of \$1,120,341.78.

Motion:

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Panicola Recused himself from the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

**Resolution No.
R-115-2023:**

6. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-115-2023** entitled a **Resolution Granting the Advice and Consent to the President's Appointment of Nicholas Panicola Sr. to Serve as a Trustee on the Bensenville Fire Protection District #2 Board of Trustees.**

Village Manager, Evan Summers, stated in early 2007, the Bensenville Fire Protection District #2 was constituted pursuant to the Fire Protection District Act. Mr. Summers stated the Board of Trustees consists of three members that shall govern and control the affairs and business of the District. Mr. Summers stated the Village of Bensenville shall appoint Trustees of the District. Mr. Summers stated the President and the Village Board find that Nicholas Panicola Sr. is qualified to hold the position of Trustee.

Mr. Summers stated Nicholas Panicola Sr. will be appointed as Trustee for the District to fill a term expiring on April 30, 2026.

Motion:

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Franz, Frey, Lomax, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Panicola returned to the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

**Resolution No.
R-116-2023:**

7. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-116-2023** entitled a **Resolution Approving a Plat of Abrogation for Lot 9 in Percy Wilson's Irving Park Manor Subdivision (1113 Hillside Drive).**

Mr. Summers stated the property owner is petitioning the Village of Bensenville to abrogate the rights to an existing 20' Public Utility Easement on the property at 1113 Hillside Drive.

Mr. Summers stated the public utility easement was established along with the vacation of a previously existing 20' public alley in 1958 at the property.

Mr. Summers stated the Village does not have current or future plans to utilize the easement for public utilities under Village control. Mr.

Summers stated ComEd and AT&T are vacating the east 12' of the Public Easement and retaining 8' of the easement area for the location of their existing utilities on the site.

Mr. Summers stated the Village is abrogating rights to a currently underutilized public utility easement. Staff is supportive of the abrogation, as it allows the property owner to develop the existing property with a new Single-Unit Dwelling.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**RESIDENT'S
REMARKS:**

Proclamation: Deputy Village Clerk, Corey Williamsen, read a proclamation into the record for Breast Cancer Awareness in Bensenville, Illinois.

Motion: Trustee Franz made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Trustee Frey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Proclamation: Deputy Village Clerk, Corey Williamsen, read a proclamation into the record for Hindu American Awareness in Bensenville, Illinois.

Motion: Trustee Panicola made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Trustee Franz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Proclamation: Deputy Village Clerk, Corey Williamsen, read a proclamation into the record for Arts DuPage.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone announced the Wilkes Family Halloween Display will start to be assemble in downtown Bensenville with the opening night scheduled for September 29th; full details can be found on the Village's website.

President DeSimone announced the Halloween Home Decorating Contest winner will be announced at the October 24th Village Board Meeting; full details can be found on the Village's website.

President DeSimone announced the Pumpkin Smash event will be held on November 4th; full details can be found on the Village's website.

**MANAGERS
REPORT:**

Village Manager, Evan Summers, provided an update regarding O'Hare Airport Fly Quiet Program. Mr. Summers informed the Village Board that the Elk Grove Village has filed a law suite against the FAA regarding the proposed plan. Mr. Summers stated this will not allow the FAA to proceed with the Fly Quiet Plan and will provide the Village Board with additional information once it becomes available.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
REPORT:**

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

**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 Lomax seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Nancy Quinn
Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 24th day, October 2023