

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

MINUTES OF THE SPEICAL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 4, 2024

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, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: D. Schulze

President DeSimone addressed the Public with the following statement:

On tonight's agenda there are two matters. The first item on the agenda is a Resolution authorizing a referendum on the April 1, 2025 ballot. The referendum question asks Residents to decide that the Village should retain or not retain its current managerial form of Government. Right now, under the managerial form of Government, the Village Manager runs the day-to-day operation of the Village and has the sole power to make significant decision without the input of its Elected Officials. If the Residents decide to not retain the managerial form of Government, the Village President will assume greater administrative authority including the overseeing of day-to-day operations of the Village. We welcome honest, respectful debate on this topic and look forward to presenting this plan to the Community in the coming months. Unfortunately, there are some members of the Community trying to spread misinformation. They are claiming that the Village Board and my decision to ask Residents to decide if the managerial form of Government should retain is a great secret. For over eight years, this idea has been discussed. Any claim to the contrary is just plain untrue and being made to serve political self-interest. Also, any claim that the termination of the prior Village Manager had to be done first before asking the Residents to decide if the managerial form of Government should retain is also untrue. The Village is still operating as a managerial form of Government, has an interim Village Manager and will remain a managerial form of

Government unless the Residents decide otherwise. The second item on the agenda will increase the salary of the Village President to \$135,000.00 per year along with medical and dental insurance. To be clear, this is only if the referendum is voted on by the Residents next spring. It does not take effect unless voters decide to not retain the managerial form of Government. I look forward again to a robust, meaningful and indebt conversation on the referendum and this Board will respect the final decision of the Residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Michael Jaffe – 410 Judson Street, Bensenville, IL 60106.**
Mr. Jaffe addressed the Village Board regarding the proposed resolution and ordinance on the agenda.

Christopher McCullough – 829 Brentwood Dr., Bensenville, IL 60106.
Mr. McCullough addressed the Village Board regarding the proposed resolution and ordinance on the agenda.

Robert Benson - 435 Barron Street, Bensenville, IL 60106.
Mr. Benson addressed the Village Board regarding the proposed resolution and ordinance on the agenda.

James Nylander - 211 Jacquelyn Street, Bensenville, IL 60106.
Mr. Nylander addressed the Village Board regarding the proposed resolution and ordinance on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4. There were no minutes for approval.

WARRANT NO. 24/18: 5. There was no warrant for approval.

Resolution No. R-179-2024: 6. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-179-2024** entitled an **Resolution of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counites, Illinois Providing for the Submission of a Binding Referendum Question of Whether the Village of Bensenville Shall Retain the Managerial Form of Government.**

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 66-2024: 7. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 66-2024** entitled an **Ordinance of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois Amending Section 1-5-3 of Chapter Five of Title One of the Village of Bensenville Village Code.**

Motion: Trustee Perez made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Trustee Frey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS: There was no President’s Remarks.

INTERIM MANAGERS REPORT: There was no Interim Managers Report.

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, P. Joseph Montana, stated there was not a need for Executive Session.

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

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

 NAYS: None

 All were in favor. Motion carried.

 President DeSimone adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.