

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
November 18, 2025

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: None

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: D. Schulze, B. Swanson, L. Benowitz, J. Caracci, S. Flynn, W. Magdziarz, M. Ribando, C. Williamsen

PUBLIC HEARING: President DeSimone called the Public Hearing for the 2026 Annual Budget and Community Investment Plan to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

President DeSimone, Carmona, Franz, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

President DeSimone provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Annual Budget and Community Investment Plan.

President DeSimone asked if there was any member of the Public that would like to make comment. There was none.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Robert Benson – 435 Barron Street, Bensenville, Illinois**
Mr. Benson addressed the Village Board regarding several ordinance on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:**

4. The October 28, 2025 Village Board Meeting minutes were presented.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**WARRANT NO.
25/11:**

5. President DeSimone presented **Warrant No. 25/11** in the amount of \$2,654,754,.97.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-121-2025:**

6. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-121-2025** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing an Amendment of the Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission.**

Deputy Village Clerk, Corey Williamsen stated the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Intergovernmental Agreement was established in 1996. Mr. Williamsen stated the Village is a member of the ONCC along with several surrounding Towns and School Districts.

Mr. Williamsen stated on October 16, 2025, the City of Chicago affirmed its interest in extending the ONCC Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for another five years, thru December 31, 2030.

Mr. Williamsen stated the proposed amendment to the IGA reads as follows:

This Agreement shall be effective January 1, 2026, and shall terminate on December 31, 2030, unless otherwise terminated with the written consent of the City and two-thirds of the Members. The term of this Agreement may be extended upon the approval of the City and any Member which wishes to extend the term of the Agreement. If any Member defaults in any material respect in the performance of any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement, and such default continues for 30 days after the O'Hare Commission notifies the Member, the O'Hare Commission may terminate the defaulting Member's participation as a party to this Agreement. A material default by a Member shall include, but is not limited to, failure to comply with Section 6. (please see attendance policy under Section 6).

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-122-2025:**

7. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-122-2025** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) for Property, Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance Effective December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2026, in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$840,023.**

Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, Mary Ribando stated Alliant, the Village's insurance broker, received a quote from the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) and negotiated on the Village's behalf for liability-related insurance coverage, including property, liability, and worker's compensation coverage. These policies are renewed annually to protect the Village from losses from claims.

Mrs. Ribando stated ICRMT provided a quote for property, liability, and worker's compensation insurance services for one-year in the amount of \$840,023, for the year starting December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
47-2025:**

8. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 47-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit For a Planned Unit Development at 800 & 877 Supreme Drive and 800-820 Thorndale Avenue, Bensenville, Illinois.**

Director of Community and Economic Development, Walter Magdziarz stated the Applicant is the owner of the subject properties and desires to redevelop the properties by razing the obsolete existing structures and constructing two new modern warehouse buildings with accessory parking and loading facilities.

Mr. Magdziarz stated the redevelopment plan is complex as it involves vacating a portion of an existing public street (Supreme Drive), abandoning and relocating existing public utilities, reconfiguring the existing lot lines, demolition of existing structures and other property improvements all in a phased approach. Mr. Magdziarz stated demolition of the first structure is pending with others to follow in early 2026. Mr. Magdziarz stated the Applicant does not have tenants for the two new buildings at this time but expects to have commitments before the building are completed.

Mr. Magdziarz stated due to the complexity of the redevelopment plan, the recommendation includes a number of conditions of approval meant to function as assurances that critical elements of the redevelopment plan are properly executed. Mr. Magdziarz stated the Applicant is aware of and agrees with the conditions of approval.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
48-2025:**

9. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 48-2025** entitled an **Ordinance of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, Amending Chapters 2, 4, and 6 of Title Six, and Chapters 6 and 10 of Title Eight, of the Bensenville Village Code to Implement an Administrative Fee for Nuisance Abatement.**

Mr. Magdziarz stated the Village Code permits the Village to recover its costs incurred in abating nuisances, such as mowing, but there is no mention of recovering administrative costs. Mr. Magdziarz stated the proposed amendment acknowledges administrative costs associated with nuisance abatement activities as recoverable.

Mr. Magdziarz stated cost recovery is a key element of the Village's fiscal responsibility.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Trustee Franz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
49-2025:**

10. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 49-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Village of Bensenville for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026.**

Director of Finance, Lisa Banovetz stated per the Budget Act, under which the Village functions, the annual budget must be adopted before the commencement of the Fiscal Year. Mrs. Banovetz stated as such, the 2026 Budget must be approved by the Village Board by December 31st of each year. Mrs. Banovetz stated as a requirement of the annual budget process, the Village is required to hold a Public Hearing to obtain public input for the purpose of making legal decisions relating to the 2026 Draft annual budget. Mrs. Banovetz stated this Public Hearing was held on November 18, 2025.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the 2026 annual budgeted total revenues are \$80,989,211 and total budgeted expenditures are \$95,287,551.

Mrs. Banovetz stated key highlights of the 2026 Annual Budget and Community Investment Program are:

- The Village's property tax levy was set just under the 4.99 percent PTELL limitation and is projected to generate an increase of approximately 2.9 percent over the prior year's extension.
- Police Pension Funding: Tax levy aligns with the actuary's 2026 recommendation.
- Union salary increases are based on MAP collective bargaining agreements, with projected adjustments for AFSCME as the current contract expires on December 31, 2025.
- Insurance premiums: 6% increase in property, casualty, workers compensation, and medical insurance.
- Inflation Adjustments: Factored into contracted services for 2026.
- Sales Tax Reduction: Projected decrease due to the departure of a major business in 2025.
- State Shared Revenue: Based on Illinois Municipal League's September 2025 per-capita estimates for:
 - State Income Tax
 - State Use Tax
 - Motor Fuel Tax
 - Cannabis Tax

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Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.
Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
50-2025:**

11. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 50-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Approving the 2026 Tax Levy in the Amount of \$5,688,850.**

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Truth in Taxation Act requires that, at least twenty (20) days prior to the Village adopting its property tax levy, the Village must estimate the total amount of property tax extensions necessary to fund Village operations. Mrs. Banovetz stated if this proposed aggregate levy exceeds the prior year's tax extension by more than 5%, the law mandates publication of an additional public notice in a newspaper and the holding of a public hearing before the levy can be adopted.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the final 2026 tax levy must be filed with both Cook and DuPage Counties by the statutory deadline, which, for the current calendar year, is December 31, 2025.

Mrs. Banovetz stated recent amendments require that, where applicable, notice of a hearing (if required) must be posted on the taxing district's website for at least 30 consecutive days and meet newspaper publication requirements, but these procedures are unnecessary if the proposed levy does not exceed the 5% threshold.

Mrs. Banovetz stated for the Village's 2026 levy, the proposed aggregate increase is 4.99% over the previous year's aggregate levy, as defined in Section 18-55(b) of the Truth in Taxation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-55). Mrs. Banovetz stated this increase remains below the statutory 5% threshold and, therefore, does not trigger the requirement for additional public notice or a public hearing.

Mrs. Banovetz stated Bensenville's property tax rate decreased by (3.53%), from 9.0131 in the 2023 tax year to 8.6947 in 2024.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Village's residents contribute to twelve distinct taxing districts. Mrs. Banovetz stated 8.58% of each property tax dollar is allocated specifically to funding Village services.

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Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.
Trustee Panicola seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
51-2025:**

12. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 51-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources) for the Village of Bensenville, Counties of Cook and DuPage, Illinois.**

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Village has several General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources). Mrs. Banovetz stated the Village's intention is that the respective bond payments are paid from alternate revenue sources and that the burden of these payments do not fall on the Village's taxpayers.

Mrs. Banovetz stated attachment A of this Ordinance details the debt service levies that will be abated in their entirety for tax year 2025.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the purpose of the abatement of the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources) is to confirm the Village's fiscal responsibility in meeting debt service payments through designated alternate revenue sources.

Mrs. Banovetz stated if the Village does not adopt an abatement ordinance and the alternate revenues prove insufficient to cover bond payments, the debt service will be levied against property taxes by the respective counties.

Mrs. Banovetz stated staff has determined that the alternate revenue sources currently generate sufficient funds to cover these payments, ensuring no burden on the Village's property taxpayers.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
52-2025:**

13. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 52-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Establishing a Places for Eating Tax in the Village of Bensenville to Take Effect on March 1, 2026.**

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Places for Eating Tax (PFET) includes the following:

- A two (2) percent (%) tax assessed on gross receipts of food and beverages sold at qualifying establishments within the Village of Bensenville.
- While the PFET is technically imposed on the business, the economic burden of the tax does not necessarily have to remain with the business itself. Depending on pricing strategy and market conditions, the business may choose to pass the tax on to customers through adjusted prices, or alternatively, absorb the cost internally as part of its operating expenses.
- The PFET offers a fair and targeted approach to revenue generation. Unlike property taxes that affect all residents, this user-based tax applies only to those who utilize specific taxable services, ensuring a more equitable distribution of the tax burden.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the revenue generated from the PFET is vital to diversifying the Village's revenue base and ensuring the continued provision of essential services to the community. Mrs. Banovetz stated as with any organization or municipality, the Village faces rising operational costs and must sustain adequate revenue to meet these ongoing and future financial obligations.

Mrs. Banovetz stated stable and reliable revenue streams are also necessary to address unfunded mandates imposed by the state legislature. Mrs. Banovetz stated furthermore, the Village must compensate for declining revenues from traditional sources, including the telecommunications tax.

Mrs. Banovetz stated unlike home rule municipalities, which have broader taxing authority, the Village operates under more restrictive revenue-generating powers.

Mrs. Banovetz stated this limitation places the Village at a distinct disadvantage compared to its neighboring home rule municipalities, each of which possesses greater financial flexibility to maintain and expand services.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Trustee Franz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
53-2025:**

14. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 53-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Of The Village Of Bensenville, DuPage And Cook Counties, Illinois Amending Chapter 19 Of Title Three Of The Bensenville Village Code Regarding The Amusement Tax.**

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Village currently imposes a 5% tax upon the gross fee paid by individuals who engage in Village amusement activities. Mrs. Banovetz stated the attached Ordinance expands the definition of “amusement” to encompass a wide-range of amusements offered by private businesses and facilities and streaming services (i.e., video streaming, audio streaming, and remotely-accessed online games made available or delivered electronically to patrons on a rental or subscription basis).

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Amusement Tax rate remains at 5% of the gross amount of consideration a person pays for the privilege to witness, view, or participate in an amusement.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the attached Ordinance provides that the updated amusement tax will commence on March 1, 2026.

Mrs. Banovetz stated not-for-profit organizations that are tax exempt, school districts, any governmental entity, or any entity that generates a majority of its revenue through charging an admission fee for an instructional class or the participation by a person in the creation of any type of artwork are exempt from collection of the tax.

Mrs. Banovetz stated businesses are required to file tax returns and pay the tax collected by the 20th day of the next calendar month.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.
Trustee Franz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
54-2025:**

15. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 54-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Amending Chapter Two Of Title Five Of The Bensenville Village Code To Establish A Fee For Use Of Village-Owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.**

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Village currently levies an electricity use tax in accordance with Section 3-2-7 of the Village Code.

Mrs. Banovetz stated a number of municipalities, both home rule and non-home rule, have implemented user fees for the use of municipally owned electric vehicle charging stations.

Mrs. Banovetz stated this proposed Ordinance establishes a user fee of \$0.25 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), which reflects the average market rate for Level 2 chargers as of June 2025.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the average market rate for direct current fast chargers (Level 3) as of June 2025 is \$0.47 per kWh.

Mrs. Banovetz stated based on the type of charging stations installed and the Village's operational and maintenance costs, the Village may adjust the user fee as deemed necessary.

Mrs. Banovetz stated this Ordinance also imposes an overstay fee of \$10 per hour for vehicles that stay parked at the charging station after completion of charging. Mrs. Banovetz stated this overstay fee is intended to discourage drivers from using the charging space as free parking for extended periods of time.

Mrs. Banovetz stated this Ordinance exempts Village-owned vehicles from the fees.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.
Trustee Franz seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
55-2025:**

16. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 55-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Adopting Amendment One (1) to the Annual Budget for the Village of Bensenville for the Calendar Year Commencing January 1, 2025 and Ending December 31, 2025 for the Allocation of 2024 Surplus Reserves and Other 2025 Budget Modifications.**

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Village's Calendar Year 2024 audit reported a General Fund surplus of \$13,080,669.

Mrs. Banovetz stated pursuant to the Village's Fund Balance and Reserve Policy, the Board previously authorized staff to allocate the prior year's General Fund surplus through a budget amendment following completion of the annual audit.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the surplus will be distributed to other Village funds in accordance with this policy.

Mrs. Banovetz stated staff is recommending the following distribution of the \$13,080,669 surplus in accordance with its Fund Balance and Reserve Policy as follows:

- Tier 1 ~ \$4,512,579 will be allocated in accordance with the Tier 1 allocation per the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy. See Exhibit A for further details.
- Tier 2 ~ \$2,142,023 is the Village's Stabilization Fund Balance Contribution. The purpose of this tier is to provide sufficient reserves in the General Fund. No transfer is needed, this amount will be deducted from the total amount to be distributed, and this amount will remain in the Village's General Fund.
- Tier 3 ~ \$2,184,863 is the allocation to the Village's Police Pension Unfunded Liability Contribution.

- Tier 4 ~ \$4,241,205 is the allocation to the Storm Sewer Capital Improvement Contribution /Debt Sinking Fund Contribution.

Motion: Trustee Panicola made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Trustee Lomax seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-123-2025:**

17. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-123-2025** entitled a **Resolution Approving a 2025 Payment to the Village of Bensenville's Police Pension Fund in the Amount of \$2,184,863.**

Mrs. Banovetz stated in accordance with the Village's Fund Balance and Reserve Policy, the Board provided approval to Village staff to perform an annual allocation of its general fund surplus from the previous calendar year once its annual audit had been completed.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the Calendar Year 2025 audit calculated a \$13,080,669 surplus in accordance with its Fund Balance and Reserve Policy. Mrs. Banovetz stated Tier 3 of this policy addresses the Village's Police Pension Unfunded Liability Contribution.

Mrs. Banovetz stated the purpose of the Tier 3 category in the Village's Fund Balance and Reserve Policy is to provide additional funding to the Police Pension Fund.

Mrs. Banovetz stated this additional funding will decrease the unfunded portion of the Police Pension Fund plan. Mrs. Banovetz stated it will also create interest savings on the unfunded portion of the pension liability. Mrs. Banovetz stated future cash flow obligations of the fund will be reduced in subsequent years. Mrs. Banovetz stated ultimately, additional payments to the Village's Police Pension Fund will stabilize the fund.

Mrs. Banovetz stated this policy states that up to thirty-four (34%) of the remaining Fund Balance Surplus after Tier 1 and Tier 2 allocations are made are allowed to be used as a base to calculate the Tier 3 payment to the Police Pension Fund. Mrs. Banovetz stated this year's calculation for the Tier 3 payment is \$2,184,863.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-124-2025:**

18. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-124-2025** entitled a **Resolution Establishing 2026 Refuse and Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Services.**

Mrs. Banovetz stated in October 2018, the Village entered into a refuse and recycling and yard waste collection services agreement with Republic Services (Allied Waste) establishing rates refuse and recycling services for the Village. Mrs. Banovetz stated pursuant to the agreement, all fees for solid waste, yard waste, and recycling services increased by three (3)% starting January 2021.

Mrs. Banovetz stated in August 2023, the Village adopted Ordinance No. 33-2023 authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Village's current residential solid waste, yard waste, and recycling services agreement with Allied Waste Services of North America LLC (D/B/A Republic Services of Melrose Park) dated August 23, 2023. Mrs. Banovetz stated this amendment to the ordinance approved a three (3) year extension of the contract that includes an annual four (4)% rate increase beginning on January 1, 2024.

Mrs. Banovetz stated staff recommends to adopt the established rates for refuse and recycling and yard waste collection services listed in Attachment A of Ordinance No. 33-2023.

Mrs. Banovetz stated these rates will be effective January 1, 2026, and will be assessed for all Village customers who receive refuse collection services.

Mrs. Banovetz stated this is strictly a pass-through charge. Mrs. Banovetz stated the Village is charging its customers the same rates its vendor is charging the Village for this service.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
56-2025:**

19. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 56-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Amending Title Five of the Bensenville Village Code Regarding Motorized Bicycles and Scooters.**

Police Chief, Bardley Swanson stated electric bicycles and scooters offer a fun and efficient way to travel, but they also come with risks.

Chief Swanson stated to address the increasing use of electric bikes and scooters, Staff has drafted the attached ordinance to allow safe and responsible operation throughout the Village. Chief Swanson stated these regulations aim to better align the responsibilities and requirements for riders of electric bike and electric scooters with drivers of other motorized vehicles.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
57-2025:**

20. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 57-2025** entitled an **Ordinance Designating Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition of the Same.**

Director of Public Works, Joe Caracci stated the Village routinely declares equipment, material, and assets surplus if there is no longer a need for them.

Mr. Caracci stated in an effort to clear out items that are no longer useful to the Village business and operations, all departments were asked to determine if any equipment should be declared surplus.

Mr. Caracci stated the equipment being surplus is from IT.

Motion: Trustee Panicola made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Trustee Lomax seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-125-2025:**

21. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-125-2025** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order to Roesch Ford for the Purchase of Eleven (11) Public Works, Recreation and Police Vehicles in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$663,805.**

Mr. Caracci stated the CY2026 Capital Investment Plan includes the purchase of multiple Ford vehicles for multiple Departments. Mr. Caracci stated as part of our agreement with Roesch Ford, they provide the vehicles to the Village at the lowest government pricing available. Mr. Caracci stated the vehicles requiring upfits and warranties, include them in their total.

Mr. Caracci stated this item is being approved for 2026 and will utilize CY2026 funds.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-126-2025:**

22. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-126-2025** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing to Waive Competitive Bidding and Execute One Year Contract Extension with Lindahl Brothers, Inc. for Sand & Stone Delivery and Debris Hauling in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$100,000.**

Mr. Caracci stated as part of our Public Works Operations, the delivery of sand and stone for the purpose of utility digs, pavement restorations, and parkway restorations is critical.

Mr. Caracci stated also, the removal of debris (spoils, concrete, asphalt, etc.) from our facility to a Clean Construction and Demolition Debris (CCDD) facility is required.

Mr. Caracci stated Lindahl Brothers, Inc. of Bensenville, Illinois has provided sand & stone delivery and municipal debris hauling services reliably since the fall of 2010.

Mr. Caracci stated because they are a local, reputable and reliable vendor, the Village opted to waive the competitive bidding process and negotiate directly with Lindahl, a local Bensenville business, for another one (1) year extension with an increase in 3.0%.

Mr. Caracci stated the Village budgets for materials and hauling in multiple accounts. Mr. Caracci stated we are seeking to award a Purchase Order with Lindahl for the budgeted amount of \$100,000. Mr. Caracci stated this contract is being approved for 2026 and will utilize CY2026 funds.

Motion:

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-127-2025:**

23. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-127-2025** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a GIS Consortium Service Provider Contract with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc. (MGP) for the 2026 Calendar Year in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$99,734.04.**

Mr. Caracci stated Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a computer system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage and present all types of geographical data. Mr. Caracci stated the Geographic Information System Consortium (GISC) model is a best practice initiative whereby multiple municipalities collaborate to outsource their GIS technology needs with a single private sector provider. Mr. Caracci stated this tradition continues through annual review by the board of directors. Mr. Caracci stated membership will provide the Village access to resources that otherwise would be cost-prohibitive for a community of our size.

Mr. Caracci stated members apply their GIS investment to solutions and all intellectual property developed by the GISC belongs to its members.

Mr. Caracci stated in 2015, the Village joined 31 other Illinois communities that share resources and benefits. Membership in the consortium greatly improves the Village record keeping and accurate information management. Mr. Caracci stated the Village has the ability to store and access related parcel data such as permits, maintenance records, plats, and ordinances. Mr. Caracci stated informative exhibits and maps can be streamlined to better define projects.

Mr. Caracci stated currently, there are 45 member communities in Chicagoland.

Mr. Caracci stated member programs are continually evolving as new solutions emerge to address common challenges. Mr. Caracci stated the GIS Consortium provides an array of solutions that members can implement and add to standards, applications, training, and shared procurement. Mr. Caracci stated the Board routinely identifies opportunities where cost and operation efficiency can be improved by the organization. Mr. Caracci stated once these improvements are identified, the members cooperatively develop the solution.

Mr. Caracci stated although each community within the GIS Consortium is unique, many of their needs are similar. Mr. Caracci stated these common-denominator traits are where the GIS Consortium focuses its resources.

Mr. Caracci stated our GIS membership to the Consortium includes an on-site GIS Specialist at our facilities two days a week. Mr. Caracci stated behind the scenes development and management of our account is also included.

Mr. Caracci stated as a component of joining the GIS Consortium, the Village annually enters into a Service Provider Agreement with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc., a consultant providing Consortium members staffing and technical assistance. Mr. Caracci stated the cost for the contract this year is \$99,734.04. Mr. Caracci stated details of the costs are attached. Mr. Caracci stated this contract is being approved for 2026 and will utilize CY2026 funds.

Motion:

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-128-2025:**

24. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-128-2025** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Hey and Associates, Inc. for the Addison Creek Stabilization Phase II Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$269,975.**

Mr. Caracci stated three tributaries to Addison Creek run through the southern part of Bensenville and all lead into the main branch of Addison Creek at Redmond. Mr. Caracci stated from Redmond, the creek runs south, through a portion of River Forest Country Club, then through the old Legends property, continuing south of Grand Avenue. Mr. Caracci stated the length of the main branch through Bensenville (George to Grand) is approximately 2,900 feet.

Mr. Caracci stated over the years, the creek bed has been reduced due to sedimentation, reducing its effectiveness to carry storm water; the creek banks are showing evidence of deterioration; and vegetation along the banks and upper ledges of the creek is overgrown and no longer navigable at some locations. Mr. Caracci stated the Village would like to make storm water improvements to the creek and possibly transform the area to a destination feature within Bensenville.

Mr. Caracci stated Hey and Associates, Inc. (Hey) provided a Phase I planning and design study of Addison Creek at the end of 2023 and 2025 and design engineering to clear the overgrown brush and invasive trees in 2024. Mr. Caracci stated as part of the 2023 study, Hey had developed a high-level concept plan for streambank widening/stabilization, two-stage detention, and pedestrian paths/boardwalks. Mr. Caracci stated tree and vegetation clearing along Addison Creek has been completed that allowed for a detailed survey of the creek and its banks. Mr. Caracci stated in 2025, updated the 2023 preliminary engineering study to evaluate stabilization options.

Mr. Caracci stated in 2025, the Village advertised for and selected through a Qualification Based System (QBS) approach a list of engineering firms to provide design engineering services for the upcoming years. Mr. Caracci stated Hey and Associates (Hey) is one of the shortlisted firms to provide stormwater engineering services.

Mr. Caracci stated this proposal from HEY is to begin the Phase II design engineering along the Addison Creek corridor north of Grand Avenue to approximately Belmont Avenue. Mr. Caracci stated the scope includes providing 30% preliminary engineering plans, permit submittal for USACE, preapplication meeting with DuPage County Stormwater, and preparation of the DuPage County permit submittal (submittal will depend on pre-application meeting). Mr. Caracci stated the work will include development of site plans for a final buildout although the project will likely be phased with the streambank corridor being fully designed first and other site improvements coming in later phases. Mr. Caracci stated a separate proposal will be submitted for completion through full plans, specifications and estimates (PSE). Mr. Caracci stated work tasks for this project include:

- Additional Data Collection
- Environmental Sampling and Characterization
- Geotechnical Investigation
- Topographic Pickup Survey
- Site Improvements and Preliminary Design/Coordination
- Hydrologic/Hydraulic Analysis
- Preliminary Engineering Plans
- Permitting
- Project Management and Meetings

Mr. Caracci stated after a scoping meeting and negotiations with Village staff, Hey's proposed work effort and fee total \$269,975 for this project. Mr. Caracci stated staff anticipates a future contract to come forth to the Board for consideration.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-129-2025:**

25. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-129-2025** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Extension #1 of the Contract with L.A.R. Lawn & Grounds for Lawn Maintenance Services in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$83,994.18.**

Mr. Caracci stated the Village has contracted the lawn mowing of multiple Village properties for over ten years. Mr. Caracci stated contracting this work is a cost-effective way to mow large areas, small lots, medians and rights-of-way allowing the Village staff to focus on mulching, trimming, trash removal, brush collection, and maintenance of other Village property areas. Mr. Caracci stated the properties maintained by the lawn maintenance contractor are maintained on a frequent basis.

Mr. Caracci stated the Village formally bid this original 4-year contract in 2022. Mr. Caracci stated the contract includes nearly 80 different sites, including empty lots, medians, cul-de-sacs and dead ends. Mr. Caracci stated L.A.R. Lawn & Grounds was awarded the initial contract. Mr. Caracci stated staff has been pleased with their services and feel comfortable extending the contract for an additional year. Mr. Caracci stated the extension includes a 2.9% (CPI) increase. Mr. Caracci stated the 2026 contract value will be \$83,994.18. Mr. Caracci stated this item is being approved for 2026 and will utilize CY2026 funds.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-130-2025:**

26. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-130-2025** entitled a **Resolution Approving a Municipal Partnership Agreement For Fiscal Year 2026 with the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau.**

Director of Recreation, Sean Flynn stated established through the efforts of a coalition of DuPage area hotel executives and business representatives in 1987, the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau was formally certified in 1989 by the State of Illinois and is the official agency to promote the county's multi-billion-dollar tourism industry and market DuPage County as a destination for visitors, conventions and economic development.

Mr. Flynn stated the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB) is a certified marketing organization recognized by the State of Illinois to represent DuPage County tourism. Mr. Flynn stated DCVB provides industry leadership, support, and collaborates with the municipal partners ensuring community success.

Motion: Trustee Lomax made a motion approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Panicola 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 Village and Grand Subaru, along with the Bensenville/Wood Dale Food Pantry will be distributing turkeys to those in need on November 22nd; full details can be found on the Village's website.

President DeSimone announced Holiday Magic is being held on November 23rd; full details can be found on the Village's website.

**MANAGERS
REPORT:**

Village Manager, Dan Schulze, announced Village Hall will be closed on November 27th and 28th in observation of Thanksgiving.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
REPORT:**

Village Attorney, P. Joseph Montana had no report.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Resolution No.
R-131-2025:**

27. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-131-2025** entitled a **Resolution Approving The Village President's Appointment of Douglas M. Eltman to the Office of Village Trustee.**

Motion:

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Lomax made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eltman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Eltman, Franz, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Nancy Quinn
Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 16th day, December 2025