

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
March 23, 2021

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*, Village Clerk, Nancy Quinn*, Carmona*, Franz* Frey*, Lomax*, Panicola*, Perez*

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: E. Summers, J. McManus*, M. Patel*, S. Viger*, C. Williamsen

**Attended the meeting via electronic means.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Chris Medrano – 1131 S. Center Street, Bensenville, Illinois**
Ms. Medrano addressed the Village Board with her objection to the proposed ordinance on the agenda to allow a car wash at 111-125 West Grand Avenue.

Michael Sabino – 1075 South Center Street, Bensenville, Illinois
Mr. Sabino submitted an online Public Comment that was read into the records by Deputy Village Clerk, Corey Williamsen. The Public Comment has been attached to the minutes as “Exhibit A”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3. The March 9, 2021 Village Board Meeting minutes were presented.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

WARRANT NO.

21/05:

4. President DeSimone presented **Warrant No. 21/06** in the amount of \$757,412.28.

Motion:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No.

4-2021:

5. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 4-2021** entitled an **Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Title Four of the Bensenville Village Code for the Purpose of Animal Regulation.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

Motion:

Trustee Frey made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.
Trustee Lomax seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No.

5-2021:

6. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 5-2021** entitled an **Ordinance Approving Text Amendments to amend Title 10 (Zoning Ordinance), Chapter 2 (Administrative Bodies and Procedures), Chapter 3 (Zoning Applications), Chapter 4 (Planned Unit Developments), and Chapter 7 (Uses).**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

Motion:

Trustee Frey made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.
Trustee Lomax seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
6-2021:**

7. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 6-2021** entitled an **Ordinance Approving Site Plan Review and an Amendment to a Planned Unit Development at 111-125 W Grand Avenue.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-30-2021:**

8. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-30-2021** entitled a **Resolution Approving the Adoption of the 2021 Village of Bensenville Zoning Map.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-31-2021:**

9. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-31-2021** entitled a **Resolution Declaring Village Owned Property Located at 340 North Meyer Road Surplus and Directing Its Sale.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
7-2021:**

10. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 7-2021** entitled an **Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on \$8,605,000 series 2020A General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Village of Bensenville, Counties of Cook and DuPage, Illinois.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
8-2021:**

11. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 8-2021** entitled an **Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2020 to Pay Debt Service on \$4,350,000 Series 2020B General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Village of Bensenville, Counties of Cook and DuPage, Illinois.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-32-2021:**

12. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-32-2021** entitled a **Resolution Establishing Guidelines and Procedures for 2021 Senior/Disabled Grass Cutting Program.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-33-2021:**

13. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-33-2021** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with L.A.R. Lawn & Ground Corp. for the 2021 Senior/Disabled Grass Cutting Program.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

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

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-34-2021:**

14. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-34-2021** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Panoramic Landscaping for the 2021 Senior/Disabled Grass Cutting Program.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

Motion:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution No.
R-35-2021:**

15. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Resolution No. R-35-2021** entitled a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Tomas Herrera Landscaping for the 2021 Senior/Disabled Grass Cutting Program.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

Motion:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No.
9-2021:**

16. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 9-2021** entitled an **Ordinance Designating Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition of the Same.**

There were no questions from the Village Board.

Motion:

Trustee Frey made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Trustee Lomax seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS:**

President DeSimone announced the Village of Bensenville has been recognized as a Tree City USA.

President DeSimone announced Aquatic Center Memberships are not on sale and all information can be found on the Village's Website.

**MANAGERS
REPORT:**

Village Manager, Evan Summers, announced the Village is offering free mulch delivery for the first 250 Residents that sign up; all information can be found on the Village's website.

Mr. Summers announced the first brush pick up will occur the week of April 5th; all brush must be placed on the curbside no later than 7:00am on April 5th.

Mr. Summers announced the Bensenville Theater and Ice Cream Shoppe will reopen April 30th.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
REPORT:**

Village Attorney, Joseph Montana, had no report.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:
EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

There was no new business.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lomax 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 7:04 p.m.

Nancy Quinn
Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 13th day, April 2021

From: Kelsey Fawell
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 5:35 PM
To: Corey Williamsen
Cc: Scott Viger; Evan Summers; Mary Ribando
Subject: FW: Grand Subaru Expansion

Michael Sabino of 1075 South Center Street would like his below email to read into the record during the public comment portion of tonight's meeting.

From: Mike Sabino [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Scott Viger <SViger@bensenville.il.us>
Subject: Grand Subaru Expansion

Hi Scott,

I do believe that the expansion should not be approved tonight.

There are enough concerns from the residents on things to warrant putting it on hold and discussing further.

What they're saying about the noise being equivalent to a dishwasher is very questionable.

This process that Bensenville has where you have a meeting where people get to voice their concerns and then you just vote and override those concerns is not a process that makes your residents feel like they have a voice.

That's a process that says "let them complain and we'll make a minor concession or two and then we'll do what we want anyways".

It was very apparent that your minds were 99% make up going into that meeting.

It has all the looks of no matter how bad this is for the residents, nothing is going to be done about it.

I made another video that shows how this was handled in a town that gives their residents a voice -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwMg231H-zw>

You may think it's too much, but on the other hand, you should certainly feel that what Grand Subaru has been doing is over the top and nobody in Bensenville government has been fighting for the citizens. It's all about keeping Grand Subaru happy so the money keeps coming in.

We've being "sold out" /sacrificed for Grand Subaru's expansion.

If you guys are going to provide a good fence and solution for us, that should all be decided and run by the residents before the approval process.

You shouldn't just approve it and tell us "we'll take care of it".

Asking us to trust that is not reasonable, considering what has been done so far.

I've been talking with you about this for some time now.

You have been very nice to me in those conversations and I appreciate that.

I'm guessing you feel stuck in this situation, like you have no choice.

But there is a reasonable choice here.

Stop this process and let your residents have a voice in what happens in this neighborhood.

It appears that you guys are completely scared to stand up to Grand Subaru in anyway – like they will move and take their business with them.

Why else would you let them run over your residents like you have?

That is a terrible approach and something that will effect a lot of lives here.

This is not something we're just going to forget about in a few weeks.

This is a big life effecting event for some of us that we're not just going to be able to forget about.

If you guys do this right, we will learn that government can work.

If you guys just roll over for the money, it will be a sad mark on how government works.

I want to believe that you guys will stand up for the residents and won't sell us out.

Why should they be able to expand their business, and make more money and then have that impact my home, the value I have in it, and my enjoyment of it when they could spend money to build something that would protect my investment?

If it is costly and therefore makes their expansion less profitable then why should we make me and other residents the sacrificial lamb and have us lose the value of property. I know you could imagine you being in this situation.

Who can afford the loss more, me or them?

I hope you can do the right thing and stop this from going forward so we can have more meetings on this.

Here is the first video that you've already seen - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3UCWCnfh2I>

Mike