



**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Veterans' Commission Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 31, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of the September 12th, 2023, minutes
- V. Staff Updates
- VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- VII. Old/New Business
 - Plan Veterans Day Event
 - Logo update
 - Shirt update
 - Co-Chair Designation
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
VILLAGE HALL**

- I. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order by Chairman Murray at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Murray.
- III. **Roll Call.** Present: Chairman John Murray, Art Dutkovic, Fernando Sanchez, Philip Rovang Tobias Gruchot, and Jonathan Kellogg. Also Present: Trustee Patrick Dunham, Commission Liaison. Alfredo Gallardo arrived to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.
- IV. **Approval of the August 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes.** Motion by Mr. Gruchot, seconded by Mr. Dutkovic to approve the meeting minutes of August 8, 2023. Motion Carried. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
- V. **Staff Updates.** No report.
- VI. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** None.
- VII. **Old/New Business.**
 - a. **Plan Veterans Day Event.** Chairman Murray discussed the timeline of events for the 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony and said that it is important to keep the length within one hour. Mr. Dutkovic said that it is tradition for the ceremony to begin at 11 a.m. The Commission discussed whether veterans should stand for recognition during the ceremony or walk up to the Memorial. The Commission decided that the veterans should stand for recognition. Mr. Dutkovic suggested that a veteran read the Memorial inscription. The Commission discussed this but decided not to make changes to this activity this year and will continue to have Miss Lindenhurst read the inscription. Chairman Murray asked if the ceremony should have a singer or band for the national anthem. Mr. Gruchot suggested the High School Choir.

Mr. Gallardo arrived at 7:21 PM

Chairman Murray reviewed the "Veterans Day Assignment and Contact Sheet" with the Commission and responsibilities for activities were assigned.

The Commission discussed obtaining a guest speaker for the 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony. Chairman Murray described desired attributes in a guest speaker. He said the speaker should be dynamic, captivating, relate to current affairs, and talk about

their own service. Mr. Sanchez has a former teacher that may be willing to speak at the event and he will reach out to that person. Trustee Dunham suggested contacting the Lake County Honor Flight Coordinator to speak at the event. The Commission discussed having an additional speaker that could briefly talk about a benefit or service for veterans such as the PACT Act, Honor Flight, VA Caregiver Services, or something else.

Chairman Murray mentioned having a veteran resource flyer available at the event.

The Commission went over the script. Chairman Murray will update it accordingly, to be reviewed by the Commission at the next meeting.

Mr. Kellogg mentioned having a backup speech or prayer in the event a speaker is unable to attend. Chairman Murray said that the Commission should obtain a prewritten prayer for emergency situations.

Chairman Murray suggested that the Commission obtain a larger American Flag from the Village for our Commission meetings.

- b. Logo Update.** Chairman Murray reported that he previously provided draft logos to Johnny D Tees in Lake Villa and is waiting for designs to show the Commission.
- c. Shirt Update** Chairman Murray reported that once Johnny D Tees completes logo design proposals, he will provide options for the Commission to discuss.
- d. HR 5318 Grant Program.** Chairman Murray shared information with the Commission about United States House Bill 5318 which establishes a grant program to provide funding for memorials honoring veterans, law enforcement officers, and firefighters, and for other purposes. Chairman Murray said that if this bill becomes law, the Commission can work with Village staff to apply for funds for the Lindenhurst Veterans Memorial.

VIII. Public Comments. None.

IX. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. by Mr. Gruchot, seconded by Mr. Dutkovic. Motion carried. 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.



LINDENHURST VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

11:00 AM

Location

**Lindenhurst Veterans' Memorial
2301 E. Sand Lake Road, Lindenhurst, IL 60046**

Event Hosted by

**The Village of Lindenhurst
The Lindenhurst Veteran's Memorial Commission**

*In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in
the Public Works garage behind Village Hall.*