



**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Veterans' Commission Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of the March 13th, 2024, minutes
- V. Staff Updates
- VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items
- VII. Old/New Business
 - Memorial Day Planning
 - Establish Fundraising Practices
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

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VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
VILLAGE HALL**

- I. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order by Chairman Murray at 6:48 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kellogg.
- III. **Roll Call.** Present: Chairman John Murray, Art Dutkovic, Philip Rovang, Tobias Gruchot, Fernando Sanchez, and Jonathan Kellogg. Also Present: Trustee Pat Dunham, Commission Liaison, and Trustee Pat Dickson. Absent: Tim Hyland.
- IV. **Approval of the February 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes.** Motion by Mr. Dutkovic, seconded by Mr. Gruchot, to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2024. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
- V. **Staff Updates.** No report.
- VI. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** None.
- VII. **Old/New Business.**
 - a. **Budget Update.** Chairman Murray passed out the Village budget cycle document and let the Commission know that if any Commissioner has questions about the budget or wants to attend the meeting to let him know. Chairman Murray said he may attend some of the budget meeting to get a better understanding of the process. Trustee Dickson said the budget hearings typically take a few hours.
 - b. **Memorial Day Planning.** Chairman Murray provided an assignment sheet to the Commissioners and provided updates. Chairman Murray said the Lakes Band was confirmed and they could potentially perform the National Anthem and/or service songs. Chairman Murray said he made a new connection with the BJ Hooper Band. He said the Chaplain, Prince of Peace Deacon Jack Ruskin, was confirmed. Chairman Murray said the Marine Corps League rifle squad was good to go. Mr. Gruchot said he would confirm the Scouts for Colors again. Chairman Murray said the Guest Speaker, Commissioner Tim Hyland, was confirmed. For program development, Mr. Dutkovic said he was waiting for final names and a biography from Mr. Hyland. Chairman Murray said there were no changes yet to the script, but there will be soon. He said he will get scripts out a month prior. Chairman Murray said the timeline tracking will not be needed this year. Chairman Murray said he will confirm the Queens attendance with the Village. Mr. Kellogg said he created a draft press

release but needs biographical information for Mr. Hyland as he is the guest speaker. The Commission reviewed Mr. Sanchez's draft invitation letter/business invite. Mr. Gruchot said he would reach out for the flowers. With regards to the sound system, Chairman Murray said the faulty speaker was replaced by the Village. Chairman Murray said Mr. Sanchez would work with Public Works for the event set up. Chairman Murray said he was hoping the service flags are ready for the ceremony.

Chairman Murray passed out the Village's business list suggested that the Commissioners divide up the number of businesses and make personal visits to invite them to the veteran events. Chairman Murray said the Commission should come up with a plan/script for the visits and make note of any takeaways during the visits. Additionally, non-business organizations were discussed as well such as schools, fire departments, and police departments.

- c. **Electronic Document Storage Repository.** Mr. Kellogg let everyone know a repository for google docs was created with all of the Commission documents. Mr. Kellogg provided the Commission with access information.
- d. **Ordinance Update.** Chairman Murray passed out the Commission ordinance and asked the Commission to review it. Chairman Murray said the requirement in the Ordinance having a VFW 4308 member is antiquated. Trustee Dunham said legal reviewed that portion of Ordinance and the Village Board will likely want to keep that provision.

The Commission felt that all of the Ordinance was appropriate but opted to amend the VFW post requirement. Mr. Sanchez suggested an amendment that established a majority of the Commissioners to be veterans. Chairman Murray said that he liked the majority language.

The Commission discussed having a provision where the Commission has a role in appointment. Trustee Dickson said it's probably not necessary because the current practice is for the mayor to consult with the Commission for recommendations.

The Commission continued to discuss the purpose of having the VFW requirement.

Motion by Gruchot, seconded by Mr. Dutkovic, to amend Section 32.91 (A) to read as follows: the veterans memorial commission shall comprise seven members who shall be known as commissioners. Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Motion by Mr. Dutkovic, seconded by Mr. Gruchot, to amend Section 32.91 (B) to remove the fourth sentence. Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

- e. **Adopt-a-Highway Event on Saturday, May 11th.** Chairman Murray said the Adopt-a-Highway event will take place from 10 AM to noon on Saturday, May 11. Trustee

Dickson said Sarge's is closing next week so the group will go to Sammie's instead for lunch.

f. Fundraising. No report.

g. Education Programs/Community Involvement. No report.

h. Road Signs. Chairman Murray wanted to verify the locations of the directional signs. The Commission confirmed Sand Lake Road and Grand Avenue, Grand Avenue and the village drive entrance, and Sand Lake Road and Village drive entrance. Mr. Dutkovic said there should be one more sign on Route 45 and Sand Lake Road on the southeast corner.

VIII. Public Comments. None.

IX. Adjournment. Motion by Mr. Dutkovic, seconded by Mr. Gruchot, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.