

VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
2301 E Sand Lake Road

Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023
7:00pm

I. Call to Order

- A. Mayor Marturano called the Regular Village Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Roll Call

- A. Present were Mayor Dominic Marturano, Trustees Pat Dickson, Pat Dunham, Patty Chybowski, Dawn Suchy, and Ron Grace.
- B. Absent was Trustee Heath Rosten.
- C. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Clay Johnson, Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf, Police Chief Tom Jones, Operations Director Kevin Klahs, Utility Systems Manager Charles Hernandez, Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Gernady, and Village Clerk Melissa Forsberg.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of October 9, 2023 were presented for approval.
- B. Trustee Suchy would like it noted in Item F of the Meeting Minutes that it was the consensus of the Board to further discuss/investigate the Option in number F, 3.
- C. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of October 9, 2023, with exception noted above.
1. Voice Vote
Aye - 5
Nay - 0
Abstain - 0
Motion carried.

V. Bills Presented for Payment

- A. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski, to approve the second set of bills for the month of October presented for payment in the amount of \$331,644.55 for invoices due on or before October 23, 2023.
1. Roll Call
Aye - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.

VI. Board & Staff Reports

- A. Trustee Dickson thanked Trustee Grace and the community who attended the adopt-a-highway event on October 21, 2023.
- B. Trustee Dunham reported on the following:
1. November 6, 2023 at 6:30pm is the yearly Tax Levy meeting.
 2. November 11, 2023 at 11:00am Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony. Ceremony will be relocated inside if weather is not favorable.
- C. Trustee Grace reported on the following:
1. Thank you to Trustee Dickson for being included in the adopt-a-highway clean up event on October 21, 2023.
 2. A resident associated with the Mallard Ridge Home Owners Association wished to express their thanks to the Operations Department for the work completed on Mallard Ridge Drive and Mann Road.
- D. Mayor Marturano announced the following:
1. The Lakes High School Homecoming parade was attended by Lindenhurst and Lake Villa Board members, along with the Lindenhurst Queens.
 2. The Park District annual Haunted Trail event moved from outside to inside at the Community Center due to inclement weather. The Mayor and the Lindenhurst Queens judged the costume contest. The event was well attended.
 3. Eagle Pride breakfast was attended.
 4. Will not be able to attend the graduation for the Citizens Academy. Congratulations to the graduates.
 5. Frank Loffredo, a former Mayor of Lake Villa passed away. Condolences were expressed to the Loffredo family for the loss of a great man and leader.
- E. Village Administrator Clay Johnson reported on the following:
1. Citizens Academy will be completed Wednesday, October 25, 2023.
 2. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 10:00am will be the Annual Joint Review Board Meeting to discuss the Grand Avenue TIF.
- F. Police Chief Tom Jones reported on the following:
1. Attended and spoke at the Lake County BRIDGE (Building Relationships in Different Generations Everyday) Awards Gala.
 2. Police Department partnering with First American Bank for a "Season of Giving" Food Drive. The food drive will run thru November 11, 2023. Drop boxes located at First American Bank, Village Hall, and Police Department.
 3. Operations Plan complete for Halloween.
- G. Operations Director Kevin Klahs reported on the following:
1. Looking for snow plow drivers. Position(s) are listed on Village website.
 2. Operator position with Public Works is open. Position is listed on Village website.
 3. Veterans Memorial will be re-caulked this week, weather permitting.

VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

A. None.

VIII. New Business

- A. Proclamation: Hindu American Foundation Diwali Awareness November 12, 2023.
1. A proclamation was presented in recognition of the Hindu celebration of Diwali. Diwali is one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism. The name is derived from a Sanskrit term meaning "row of lights." The festival typically symbolizes light over darkness. This year, Diwali takes place on November 12, 2023.
 2. Given the seriousness of situations around the world, the Mayor asked for a prayer in which to ask for peace, and pray for good over evil within the world. A prayer was lead by a member of the Hindu American Foundation.
 3. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to proclaim Sunday, November 12, 2023 as Diwali Awareness Day with the Village of Lindenhurst.
 - a. Voice Vote
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.
- B. Bid Award: Contractual 2023 Parkway Tree Trimming - Advanced Tree Care - \$35,000
1. On October 17, 2023, a solicitation was issued by Public Works for parkway tree trimming services. Currently, trimming is done when complaints are received via the Village online request system, which is not an efficient method. As a means of trimming in a more efficient manner, Public Works is looking for a vendor to provide trimming for blanket areas that will move throughout the Village over a period of time. The Utility Companies use a similar process for tree trimming. Additional monies were added to our FY2024 Budget to accommodate this concept.
 2. Public Works identified the areas with the most immediate need in the Request for Proposal (RFP). These areas included Country Place North, County Place South, Cross Creek, Nature's Ridge and Auburn Meadows subdivisions. Pricing was to be based on a minimum of one foreman, two laborers, and must include a branch chipper and dump truck. Costs were also to be calculated on an eight-hour work day.
 3. The Village received four responses to the RFP. The lowest cost was received from Advanced Tree Care located in Lincolnshire, IL. Their proposed cost came in lower than Public Works proposed in their budget. The work is expected to take approximately 20 days. Given the less than anticipated cost, this leaves room for contingencies and unanticipated/emergency expenses.
 4. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to award a bid for tree trimming services to Advanced Tree Care of Lincolnshire, IL in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

4. A Class H license only permits consumption and service, not the sale of alcohol.
5. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to adopt Ordinance 23-10-2276 amending the liquor license regulations of the Village Code to create a new special event liquor license classification.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

IX. Public Comment

A. None.

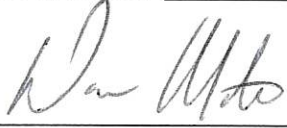
X. Executive Session

A. None.

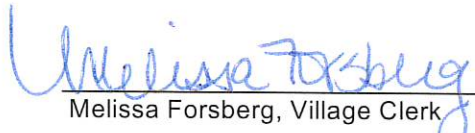
XI. Adjournment

- A. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
 1. Voice Vote
Aye - 5
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
 2. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Date approved November 13, 2023



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

