

**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST**  
**2301 E Sand Lake Road**

**Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 24, 2023**  
**7:00pm**

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**I. Call to Order**

- A. Mayor Marturano called the Regular Village Board Meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**II. Roll Call**

- A. Present were Mayor Dominic Marturano, Trustees Pat Dickson, Pat Dunham, Patty Chybowski, Dawn Suchy, Heath Rosten, and Ron Grace.
- B. 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 July 10, 2023 were presented for approval.
- B. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of July 10, 2023 as presented.
1. Voice Vote  
Aye - 6  
Nay - 0  
Abstain - 0  
Motion carried.

**V. Bills Presented for Payment**

- A. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the second set of bills for the month of July presented for payment in the amount of \$369,626.15 for invoices due on or before July 24, 2023.
1. Roll Call  
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

VI. **Board & Staff Reports**

- A. Trustee Dunham announced Lindenfest is 4 weeks away.
- B. Trustee Grace announced he and Trustee Dickson attended a walk-through of the CLCJAWA facility.
- C. Trustee Dickson discussed the recent fish kill on Lake Linden. The July 18, 2023 Lakes Commission meeting was well attended and the fish kill was discussed. A clean-up was organized and many residents participated. Cans and bags were made available.
- D. Mayor Marturano announced the following:
  - 1. Recommended conducting a CLCJAWA walk-through.
  - 2. Citizens Academy application is available online.
  - 3. Appreciated the overview of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act in the special meeting held before the regular meeting.
  - 4. Review of 2024-2029 IDOT expenditures for state road improvements. Specifically the Route 45 improvement from Grand Avenue to Washington.
  - 5. Conducted a recent interview in which he discussed recent developments around town and TIF program.
- E. Village Administrator Clay Johnson announced they had received quite a few applications for the Citizens Academy. The Food Truck Extravaganza event is to be held on August 6, 2023 from 11:30am-2:30pm. There will be indoor and outdoor seating.
- F. Police Chief Tom Jones announced a school supply donation drive in conjunction with First American Bank.
- G. Utility Systems Manager Charles Hernandez announced the excess algae from the lakes was picked up.

VII. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- A. None.

VIII. **New Business**

- A. **Resolution 23-7-2270R: Approving and Making a Determination on Executive Session Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings.**
  - 1. The Village Board reviewed executive session minutes for potential release to the public per state statute. It is recommended the identified executive session meeting minutes be approved and released.
  - 2. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt Resolution 23-7-2270R approving and making a determination on executive session meeting minutes and verbatim recordings.

- a. Roll Call  
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance FY 23-7-2271: Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property**

1. No longer functioning, obsolete, or no longer utilized pieces of equipment, tools, and other property has been identified by staff. Surplus items have also been identified. Some items will be sent to auction as they still maintain resale value. All other items will be destroyed or disposed of.
2. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to adopt Ordinance 23-7-2271 authorizing the disposal of certain surplus property owned by the Village of Lindenhurst.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

**C. Discussion: FY 22-23 Village of Lindenhurst Annual Report**

1. At the end of the fiscal year, each Village work area provided highlights of their achievements for this fiscal year. Traditionally, the report has been more financially focused. However, for this fiscal year, accomplishments from all Village Departments and key performance indicators, as measured by the strategic plan dashboard, were added. The goal was to provide a more comprehensive view of the Village Operations, while making the report easier to read by Village Residents.

**D. Discussion: Future Direction of Village-Provided Post Office Services**

1. The discussion was continued into the future of the postal substation at Village Hall. After further discussion with the USPS, they have limited our options to a “Stamps-to-Go” structure. Furthermore, the USPS has re-evaluated their contractual relationship with us, and it has become apparent they may move toward terminating our contract. If the USPS moves to terminate our agreement and/or restructure to a “Stamps-to-Go” option, a notice will be sent to existing post office box renters. The renters will be given 120 days to decide how they would like to proceed.

**IX. Public Comment**

- A. None.

**X. Executive Session**

- A. None.

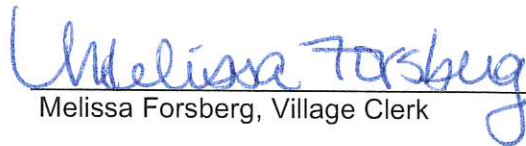
XI. **Adjournment**

- A. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
1. Voice Vote  
Aye - 6  
Nay - 0  
Motion carried.
  2. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Date approved 8/14/2023



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

