

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

**Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 2025**  
**7:00pm**

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**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, Patty Chybowski, Dawn Suchy, Heath Rosten, and Ron Grace.

B. Absent was Trustee Pat Dunham.

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 September 11, 2023 were presented for approval.

B. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of September 11, 2023 as presented.

- 1. Voice Vote
    - Aye - 5
    - Nay - 0
- Motion carried.

**V. Bills Presented for Payment**

A. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the second set of bills for the month of September presented for payment in the amount of \$274,235.39 for invoices due on or before September 25, 2023.

- 1. Roll Call
    - Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
    - Nay – 0
- Motion carried.

**VI. Board & Staff Reports**

- A. Recognition of Service - Thomas Jones, 20 years
  - 1. Mayor Marturano recognized Thomas Jones for his years of service with the Village of Lindenhurst.
- B. Trustee Dickson announced the following:
  - 1. There will be an adopt-a-highway event on October 21, 2023.
  - 2. The Lakes Commission is waiting for a fish survey. They have received three proposals for a depth survey, which will be presented to the Board in October.
- C. Trustee Grace reported many people are discussing the Lindenhurst Center.
- D. Mayor Marturano announced the following:
  - 1. A thank you note was received by the 2022 Little Miss Lindenhurst expressing words of encouragement and thanking us for her year of service.
  - 2. A few board members attended the ribbon cutting at Unit Strength Training on Grass Lake Road.
  - 3. Eagle Pride Breakfast attended with Lake Villa Mayor James McDonald.
  - 4. Attended Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago. Lake County was well represented. Many interesting topics such as: finding or helping commercial base services provided by federal government to help with Ransomware and unauthorized users trying to gain access to business websites.
- E. Police Chief Tom Jones was notified by the Lake County Sheriff's Office they are no longer accepting prisoners due to staffing issues and inmate population. He is in discussions with other local communities about potential options, and discussed possible consequences of this change.
- F. Utility Systems Manager Charles Hernandez announced the 2023 road resurface project will be completed this week.

**VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- A. Sammie's business partners, David Keith and Joseph Guinta, spoke about their wish for a liquor and video gaming license for the new location to be located in the Lindenhurst Center. They spoke about the number of years they have been in business, their current locations, and the number of seats to be located within this site.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Presentation: 2023 Lindenhurst Queens
  - 1. The new Lindenhurst Queens are:
    - a. Miss Lindenhurst - Danika Huff
    - b. Jr Miss Lindenhurst - Ivy Catania
    - c. Little Miss Lindenhurst - Addison Dix

2. The new Queens introduced themselves, spoke about their goals and projects for the coming year. They then presented their photos to be displayed in Village Hall.
- B. Ordinance 23-9-2274: Amending Section 111.20 of the Village Code Regarding the Number of Liquor Licenses - Sammie's - 2122 Grand Avenue
1. The Owner's of Sammie's submitted applications for business and liquor licenses. They currently have locations in Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Grayslake, and Lake Villa. Their menu consists of burgers, gyros, submarine sandwiches, and salads. The Owners have expressed an interest in occupying space in the former Grande Jake's (2122 Grand Avenue) location.
  2. Although no hearing or recommendation from the Village's Planning Commission is required, they are requesting a Class E-V liquor license. This license would allow the sale of beer and wine, plus allow video gaming on the premises.
  3. As indicated on the floor plan, the restaurant would accommodate seating for 51. According to Village Standards, this would allow for up to five gaming machines. In 2019, a similar request was presented by Grande Jake's, whose floor plan included 59 seats. Presently, the Lake Villa and Grayslake Sammie's locations do not have liquor licenses or video gaming.
  4. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to adopt Ordinance 23-9-2274 amending Section 111.20 of the Village Code regarding the number of liquor licenses for an additional E-V license for Sammie's (2122 Grand Avenue).
    - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 4 Mayor Marturano, Trustees Chybowski, Suchy, Grace  
Nay – 2 Trustees Dickson, Rosten  
Motion carried.
- C. Bid Award: Village of Lindenhurst Newsletter Graphic Design Services - Locality Studio - \$2,210
1. The current in-house Village Newsletter was designed by Village staff and has had few changes for many years. Recently, a new unified color scheme has been introduced within our new website and social media presence. This has made the appearance of our Newsletter seem outdated. Village staff have the capability of manipulating basic functions and layout of the publishing software. However, they do not possess the expertise needed in which to redesign the newsletter to look more modern and professional. As a result, funds have been included within the FY 2023-2024 budget for an appropriate redesign.
  2. Per the most recent community survey, the Newsletter remains an important source of information for many residents. Subsequently, Village staff would like to provide future information using a document that is more appealing to the public. RFP's were received from firms able to fulfill these goals. Locality Studio located in St Louis, MO has staff experienced in municipal government, plus a list of clients that meet the Village's needs. Locality Studio creates print and digital materials for marketing and engagement for municipal clients in Texas and Virginia. Based on their proposal and references, they appear to be the best fit for this project.
  3. Their proposal included producing a 4 and 6 page template for our Newsletter and was under budget. If required for future needs, they also provided an hourly cost for on-call graphic design services.

4. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a service agreement with Locality Studio for graphic design services in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,210 to be paid from the General Fund.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action: Public Works Replacement Truck - Victor Ford - \$90,605.26
  1. As the Village moves toward reducing the number of five-yard dump trucks, the replacement of a Public Works truck with a Ford 750 was included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. A Ford 750 chassis was purchased earlier this year through Lindco. Lindco then sends out the truck for outfitting and delivery. This truck has not started the outfitting process and it is doubtful it will be completed in this fiscal year. Outfitting costs are paid upon delivery of the vehicle.
  2. Per our replacement schedule, it is anticipated another truck will be replaced with a Ford 750 next year. As we continue to contend with the ongoing labor union strike and supply chain issues, Public Works is concerned about their ability to obtain a truck in a timely fashion that is inline with their regular budget cycle. With these concerns in mind, Public Works found a Ford 750 located at Victor Ford in Wauconda. If the Village was able to purchase the vehicle now, it could then be outfitted as part of next years budget. The Village would then be able to competitively quote the outfitting as the truck will be owned outright.
  3. With no more anticipated expenses from the Vehicle Replacement Fund, funds are available for this expense while still allowing us to come in under budget. The vehicle has been placed on hold with Victor Ford. Should the waiving of bids and the purchase authorized, the dealer will be notified. The outfitting of trucks would be the only item included in the Vehicle Replacement Fund budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.
  4. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to waive competitive bidding requirements and authorize the Village Administrator to execute a purchase agreement with Victor Ford for an F-750 in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,605.26.
    - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

**IX. Public Comment**

- A. A resident spoke about her concerns over flooding on Sprucewood. Completed improvements to her home and neighbors was discussed. She inquired about the potential for future Village projects in which to help with flooding.

**X. Executive Session**

- A. None.

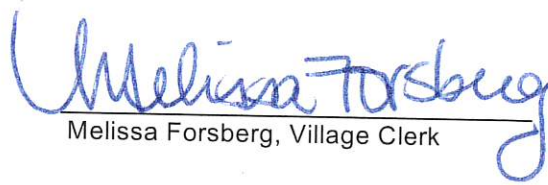
XI. **Adjournment**

- 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 7:51pm.

Date approved 10/09/2023



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

