

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

**Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2024**  
**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, Pat Dunham, Dawn Suchy, Heath Rosten, and Ron Grace.
- B. Absent was Trustee Patty Chybowski.
- C. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Clay Johnson, Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf, Police Chief Tom Jones, Operations Director Kevin Klahs, Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Gemady, and Village Clerk Melissa Forsberg.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of December 11, 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 December 11, 2023 as presented.
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 Suchy, to approve the first set of bills for the month of January presented for payment in the amount of \$1,065,957.67 for invoices due on or before January 8, 2024.
1. Roll Call  
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

**A. November Treasurer's Report:**

1. Trustee Dunham read the Treasurer's Report for November 2023. The total for all accounts on November 30, 2023 was \$16,430,750.87.
2. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace, to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023 as read.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

**B. December Treasurer's Report:**

1. Trustee Dunham read the Treasurer's Report for December 2023. The total for all accounts on December 31, 2023 was \$16,211,156.52.
2. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2023 as read.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

**VII. Board & Staff Reports**

- A. Trustee Grace discussed the Owner of the Lindenhurst Center asked him to promote the Christmas program on his radio show. Trustee Grace was able to meet with him after the program. At that time there had been over 400 people in attendance. He was also able to meet with some of the vendors in attendance.
- B. Mayor Marturano announced the following:
  1. Attended the Christmas Program at the Lindenhurst Center. The event was well attended. He was able to speak to Vendors and the Community. There was quite of bit of positive feedback about the new goings on.
  2. Helped at the Township Senior luncheon. It was their annual Casino event. Many Lindenhurst residents attended. Quite a few questions about events around town and an interest in future events.
  3. Will be attending a task force meeting with local municipalities regarding the migrant busses. More information to come.
- C. Village Administrator Clay Johnson advised staff is working on a response plan in the event migrant busses arrive. He further advised, local municipalities are sharing their plans and additional information in which we can better create our own plan.
- D. Police Chief Tom Jones reported the community service officer job search has closed. Twenty-six applications were received and interviews will begin January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- E. Operations Director Kevin Klahs reported Public Works is prepared and ready for the coming snow.
- F. Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Gernady reported the January/February Village Voice Newsletter is now live utilizing the new format.

**VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- A. None.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Proclamation: Arbor Day 2024**

- 1. Arbor Day is April 26, 2024. This day is a way, in which, to celebrate and recognize the importance of tree planting, upkeep, and preservation. Passing the Arbor Day proclamation at this time would allow Village staff to move forward with our Tree City, USA application.
- 2. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt a proclamation recognizing Friday, April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day within the Village of Lindenhurst.
  - a. Voice Vote
    - Aye – 5
    - Nay – 0Motion carried.

**B. Approval: Mayoral Appointments**

- 1. The Veterans' Memorial Commission has a vacancy due to a resignation. Mr. Timothy Hyland has volunteered to fill this position. Mr. Hyland has a decorated professional and military career. He achieved the rank of Captain in the US Army and Colonel in the US Army Reserves.
- 2. It was recommended that former Deputy Clerk Vicki VanSlochteren, who has retired, be replaced with Assistant to the Village Administrator, Karleen Gernady. Ms Gernady has already assumed some of the responsibilities of the Deputy Clerk. Appointing her as Deputy Clerk would allow her to step in for the Village Clerk when required.
- 3. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Veterans Memorial Commission and to the position of Deputy Clerk.
  - a. Roll Call
    - Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
    - Nay – 0Motion carried.

**C. Approval: Hawthorn/Sprucewood/Lake Shore Drive Road Reconstruction Project Temporary Easement Acquisition (#0001, 0010, 0011, 0012)**

- 1. Before bidding and construction can begin for the Hawthorn/Sprucewood/Lake Shore Drive Road Reconstruction Project, approximately ten temporary and one permanent easement must be acquired by the Village. The temporary easements extend into

residents driveways. These easements are primarily necessary for regrading. Obtaining these temporary easements would allow the regrading of driveways as a means of meeting slopes that adjoin the new roadway. This would also allow the Village to comply with ADA standards related to sidewalk installation. Once approval of agreements and recording of the easement documents through the end of construction are completed, temporary easements are established. It is the goal of the Village to restore any disrupted driveways/walkways. Per bidding documents, contractors are to repair items such as brick walkways or planters that have been disturbed.

2. The four easements for consideration are located at:
  - a. 1805 Sprucewood (0001)
  - b. 2202 Lake Shore Drive (0010)
  - c. 2204 Lake Shore Drive (0011)
  - d. 319 Lake Shore Drive (0012)
3. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to authorize the Village Administrator to execute agreements for temporary easements #0001, 0010, 0011, and 0012 for the Hawthorne/Sprucewood/Lake Shore Drive Road Reconstruction project. Funds for the purchase of the temporary easements are to be paid from the Community Capital Fund.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

D. Approval: Police Squad Purchases FY 2024

1. The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative informed the Village it has extended its contract with Currie Motors (Frankfort, IL) for one more year for squad car purchases. Unfortunately, this extension includes an increase as compared to our October 2022 purchases. As per our replacement schedule, three squad cars were slated for replacement within our current budget. This increase would exceed our budget.
2. In addition to a price increase, the Village was informed orders open in the first quarter of 2024; however, delivery would not take place until approximately the fourth quarter. Squads are paid for at the time of delivery. Because of the anticipated delivery date, the cars would be expensed within our FY2025 budget.
3. If the Board approves the purchase of the squad cars now, Village staff will amend the budgeted expense for FY2025. Per the replacement schedule, after this purchase, there are no squad cars scheduled for replacement for two years.
4. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to authorize the purchase of three (3) replacement squad cars to be expensed in FY 24-25 from Currie Motors Ford of Frankfort, IL in an amount not to exceed \$134,862.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

- E. Approval: Lindenhurst Economic Assistance Program (LEAP) Amendments
1. Since the inception of the LEAP program, the Village has provided financial assistance to seven new, remodeling, or expanding businesses within Lindenhurst. Approximately 51% of the original allocated LEAP funds has been provided as business incentives.
  2. It has been a few years since the LEAP program was implemented. Village staff feels there are a few modifications that would clarify terms for future applicants, which will allow the Village to administer the program in a more concise manner.
  3. After discussion amongst the Village Board, the Board has requested revisions to the suggested changes. They will then review for approval at a future meeting.

X. **Public Comment**

- A. A resident of the Grants Grove subdivision expressed their concerns and posed some questions pertaining to the proposed Redwood Living Development.


XI. **Executive Session**

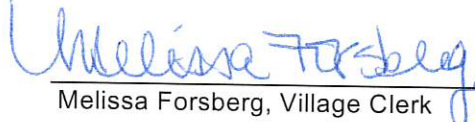
- A. Mayor Marturano informed the Board and Public that the purpose of the Executive Session was the statutorily required review of prior executive session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
- B. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to move into Executive Session to review prior executive session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
1. Roll Call  
Ayes - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay - 0  
Motion carried. The regular Village Board meeting moved out of regular session at 8:10pm.
- C. Returned to regular session at 8:15pm.

XII. **Adjournment**

- A. Trustee Dunham 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 8:15pm.

Date approved January 22, 2024

  
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Dominic Marturano, Mayor

  
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Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

