

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

**Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 22, 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, 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 April 8, 2024 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 April 8, 2024 as presented.
1. Voice Vote  
Aye - 6  
Nay - 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 April presented for payment in the amount of \$412,101.70 for invoices due on or before April 22, 2024.
1. Roll Call  
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

**VI. Board & Staff Reports**

- A. Trustee Grace was gratified to see Lindenhurst, IL was listed as number 14 in the top 20 safest cities in Illinois.

- B. Trustee Suchy received positive feedback from residents after it was announced Lindenhurst, IL was listed in the top 20 safest cities in Illinois. The residents were most appreciative for this rating. Thank you to our Police Department for all they do.
- C. Mayor Marturano announced the following:
  - 1. Attended the ribbon cutting at Sammies and commented it is satisfying seeing all the new businesses opening in the Lindenhurst Center.
  - 2. Attended the Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day in Springfield, IL. It was a disappointing trip as all scheduled meetings with Lake County Officials were canceled for the second year.
- D. Police Chief Tom Jones reported on the following:
  - 1. Community events attended:
    - a. Officer Slechter attended the Healthy Kids Day at the Lindenhurst YMCA and discussed bicycle safety with the children in attendance.
    - b. Office Splitt represented the ERIN program at the Lake Villa District Library Volunteer Recruitment Fair. He was able to network with programs such as Meals on Wheels, Elder Care, and Keep Families Covered. He will follow-up to determine if there are more ways to serve our elderly residents.
  - 2. Thank you to the Village Board, as well as the residents, for the continued support to the police department. This team effort makes it easier to reach the top 20 safest cities in Illinois.
- E. Operations Director Kevin Klahs announced a clean-up was conducted at Forest Trails on Route 45 between Sand Lake Road and Grass Lake Road in celebration of Earth Day.

**VII. Public Hearing: FY 2024-2025 Village of Lindenhurst Final Budget**

- A. Mayor Marturano opened the Public Hearing at 7:07pm.
- B. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace, to open the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.
  - 1. Voice Vote
    - a. Yes-6
    - b. No-0Motion carried.
- C. Members of the Public had no comment.
- D. Mayor Marturano closed the Public Hearing at 7:09pm.

- E. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy, to close the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.
  - 1. Voice Vote
    - Aye - 6
    - Nay - 0Motion carried.

**VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- A. None.

**IX. New Business**

- A. Presentation & Approval: Adopting the 2024-2026 Village of Lindenhurst Strategic Plan
  - 1. Representatives from Northern Illinois University (NIU) remotely guided the Village Board through the newly updated strategic plan and provided results of discussions they facilitated.
  - 2. Focus groups consisted of Village residents, stakeholders, and employees. Additionally, an extensive workshop was held with elected officials and Village staff.
  - 3. Based on collected information, five strategic goals were determined as a focus for the next three to four years. Small action items were also determined within the five main goals.
  - 4. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to adopt the 2024-2026 Village of Lindenhurst Strategic Plan.
    - a. Roll Call
      - Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
      - Nay – 0Motion carried.
- B. Presentation & Possible Action on Ordinance 24-4-2291: Extension of Village of Lindenhurst Municipal Aggregation Program
  - 1. As a means to supply residents with lower electric costs, last year the Village entered into a one year agreement in which all residential and small commercial electric users were pooled. During this time, the Illinois Commerce Commission adjusted its policy to the Purchased Energy Adjustment (PEA). This adjustment allows electric utilities to charge its customers the actual purchased price and is adjusted monthly.
  - 2. The Village was named as an “EPA Green Powered Community” for the amount of renewable energy it added.
  - 3. A representative from the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative outlined and answered questions pertaining to the available options. After discussion, the Board believes a “Price Match Guarantee Program” is the most suitable as this would allow residents to pay the default ComEd rate, while the Village receives a yearly contribution.

4. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to adopt Ordinance 24-4-2291: extending the Village of Lindenhurst Municipal Aggregation program as a "Price Match Guarantee Program" for a period of two year, to include the estimated \$10,000 annual contribution from ComEd.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

C. Approval: Chemical Analysis Services - Pace Analytical - \$40,166.00

1. Bids were opened for chemical analysis services to begin in the next fiscal year. An increase in testing costs is anticipated as PFAs/PFOs and other requirements will now be performed. Pace Analytical, who has provided this service for many years in the past, submitted the most favorable bid. Village staff requests Pace Analytical be awarded the bid for the next fiscal year with the option of extending for an additional two years.
2. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to award a bid to Pace Analytical for chemical analysis services in an amount not to exceed \$40,166.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

D. Ordinance 24-4-2292: Adopting the FY 2024-2025 Budget

1. Village Administrator Johnson summarized the Draft FY 2024-2025 Budget, highlighting the revisions suggested by the Village Board. After approval, the budget will be certified and provided to Lake County in conformance with statute. Full budget books will be assembled and provided to the Village Board.
2. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to adopt Ordinance 24-4-2292 adopting the FY 2024-2025 Budget.
  - a. Roll Call  
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace  
Nay – 0  
Motion carried.

X. **Public Comment**

- A. None.

XI. **Executive Session**

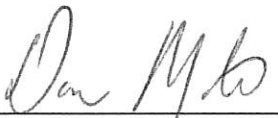
- A. Mayor Marturano informed the Board and Public that the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss Collective Negotiating Matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and to address the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

- B. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to move into Executive Session to discuss Collective Negotiating Matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and to address the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
  - 1. Roll Call
    - Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
    - Nay – 0
    - Motion carried.
- C. The regular Village Board meeting moved out of regular session at 7:58pm.
- D. Return to Regular Session
  - 1. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 8:52pm.

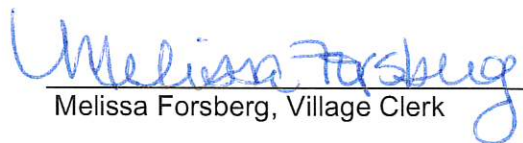
XII. **Adjournment**

- 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 8:53 pm.

Date approved 5-13-2024



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk