

VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
2301 E Sand Lake Road

Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024
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, 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 March 25, 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 March 25, 2024 as presented.
1. Voice Vote
Aye - 5
Nay - 0
Abstain - 1
Motion carried.

V. Bills Presented for Payment

- A. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace, to approve the first set of bills for the month of April presented for payment in the amount of \$654,638.28 for invoices due on or before April 8, 2024.
1. Roll Call
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- A. Trustee Dunham read the Treasurer's Report for March 2024. The total for all accounts on March 31, 2024 was \$14,965,562.04.

- B. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2024 as read.
 - 1. Roll Call
 - Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay – 0
- Motion carried.

VII. Board & Staff Reports

- A. Trustee Dunham and the rest of the Board wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday.
- B. Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Gernady announced Lakes Community High School would be at Village Hall on April 10, 2024 for a Government Day.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- A. None.

IX. New Business

- A. Ordinance 24-4-2287: Consenting to the Admission of an Additional Member, Lake Zurich, Pursuant to an Admissions Agreement to the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA)
 - 1. CLCJAWA has pursued adding Lake Zurich as a member for many reasons, including, but not limited to, the addition of members helps costs by spreading expenses over a larger customer base. There are also favorable reasons for Lake Zurich to join the Agency.
 - 2. The Lake Zurich board and CLCJAWA approved the admission agreement into CLCJAWA in March 2024. CLCJAWA is now requesting all member communities consider the admission and pass an ordinance no later than May 15, 2024.
 - 3. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt Ordinance 24-4-2287 consenting to the admission of the Village of Lake Zurich as a full member to the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA).
 - a. Roll Call
 - Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay – 0
- B. Ordinance 24-4-2288: Approving a Sign Package and Granting Sign Variances for the Village at Victory Lakes
 - 1. Victory Lakes/Franciscan Ministries has requested a change to the allowable signage around their campus. A 1998 ordinance originally determined types and sizes allowed, which, as a whole, consisted of approximately 722 square feet of signage.
 - 2. Although the overall square footage of new and existing signs would decrease, the number of signs would change from nine to twelve signs. The Owner feels the increase in allowable signs will benefit residents, short term visitors, and truck drivers navigating the campus.

3. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to adopt Ordinance 24-4-2288 approving a sign package and granting sign variances for the Village at Victory Lakes.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.
- C. Ordinance 24-4-2289: Approving a Sign Variance at 2120 E Grand Avenue - Sammie's
1. An application for a variation from the Village's wall sign standards was received by Sammie's, located in the Lindenhurst Center.
 2. As with most commercial property along Grand Avenue, the Lindenhurst Center falls within the Community Business (CB) district. Within this business district, the allowable sign size is determined by the amount of frontage a business has along a public street.
 3. Although Lindenhurst Center businesses have varying frontages, most are fairly small, so the minimum (and maximum) sign size along this corridor is 25 square feet. This allows for consistency, not just in the Lindenhurst Center, but for all businesses within this zoning designation.
 4. It should be noted, many new businesses located in the Lindenhurst Center have inquired about sign size. Village staff has referenced our code standard when speaking to Owners/Vendors. Though some have expressed an interest in having a larger sign, all permits complied with our existing standards.
 5. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt Ordinance 24-4-2289 approving a sign variance at 2120 E Grand Avenue at Sammie's.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye – 0
Nay – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Motion failed.
- D. Ordinance 24-4-2290: Amending the Village's Comprehensive Schedule of Fees - Water and Sewer Rates
1. Water/Sewer Rates
 - a. The following increases were discussed:
 - (1) Wholesale cost of water due to cost increase of CLCJAWA capital improvements. The inclusion of Lake Zurich into CLCJAWA should help rates, but will not be seen until FY 2028-2029.
 - (2) Increased electricity cost at treatment plant and lift stations.
 - (3) Increased cost to water main repair services.
 - (4) Adding an additional Laborer to the Public Works Department.
 - b. There was discussion about the sewer only rate for residents who still utilize a private well.
 2. Garbage Rates
 - a. A 3% increase to the Groot contract, beginning January 1, is anticipated. It is believed we can absorb the projected increase without negatively affecting the funds ability to cover regular expenses or contribute to road repairs.

3. Finance Committee Recommendation
 - a. While weighing the above factors, the Finance Committee voted to recommend the following:
 - (1) 3% increase to the water and sewer rates, effective May 1, 2024.
 - (2) Freeze the sewer only customer rates.
 - (3) Garbage rates will hold at the flat rate for FY 2025.
4. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt Ordinance 24-4-2290 amending the Village of Lindenhurst Comprehensive Fee Schedule by increasing water and sewer rates by 3%, freezing sewer only rates, and garbage rates by 0% effective May 1, 2024.
 - a. Roll Call
 - Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay – 1 Trustee DunhamMotion carried.

E. Approval: Economic Incentive Agreement with RJs on the Lake - \$30,000

1. A LEAP application was submitted from RJs requesting a grant for improvements to the bar area, ceiling, and flooring, which exceeds \$60,000 in eligible expenses.
2. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to authorize the execution of a LEAP economic incentive agreement with Rjs on the Lake in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
 - a. Roll Call
 - Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay – 0Motion carried.

F. Discussion: FY 2024-2025 Budget Workshop

1. Village Administrator Johnson presented details of the Draft FY 2024-2025 Budget, outlining the impact to revenues and expenses in FY 2025. Highlights included factors where expenses are up and the impact to multiple funds, justification for projects and equipment.
2. Police Chief Jones, Operations Director Klahs, and Utility Systems Manager Hernandez presented capital improvement projects respective to their department, which meet the goals and priorities of the Village, staying within the financial means of the Village resources.
3. After discussion, it was announced that a public hearing and adoption of the budget will take place at the next scheduled Village Board Meeting on Monday, April 22nd at 7:00pm.

X. **Public Comment**

- A. A former employee of the Lake Villa Fire Department wished to express his dissatisfaction with the department.
- B. A long time resident was concerned by the code enforcement of some street and truck parking.
- C. A resident wished to express the following:
 1. Felt the budget presentation was professional and helpful.

2. More needs to be communicated to the public about recycling.
3. Wishes to receive the Village Newsletter more frequently.

XI. **Executive Session**

- A. None.

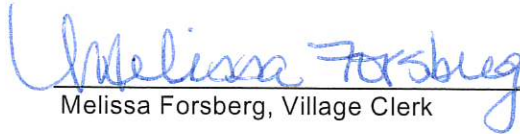
XII. **Adjournment**

- 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 9:44pm.

Date approved 4-22-2024



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

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Village Clerk
Corporate Seal

