

VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
2301 E Sand Lake Road

Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025
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, Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Long, Utility Systems Manager Charles Hernandez, and Village Clerk Melissa Forsberg.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of January 13, 2025 were presented for approval.
- B. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of January 13, 2025 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 Suchy, to approve the second set of bills for the month of January presented for payment in the amount of \$335,212.75 for invoices due on or before January 27, 2025.
1. Roll Call
 - Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay – 0
- Motion carried.

VI. Board & Staff Reports

- A. Mayor Marturano reported with the new state congress in session, State Representative Anthony Deluca has written and will sponsor HB 1282 for the return of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) dollars to be paid in full by 2031.
- B. Village Administrator Johnson spoke about the first open house for the Grand Avenue Street scape and Design. The second open house will be February 24, 2025 from 5:00-6:45pm.
- C. Assistant to the Village Administrator Long spoke about the first upcoming Lindenhurst Restaurant week to take place February 10-16, 2025.
- D. Police Chief Jones took a moment to thank and recognize staff, residents, and the Village Board for providing him the opportunity to be Chief over the last 10 years. Mayor Marturano then presented Chief Jones with a plaque recognizing his years of service. Thank you Chief Jones and enjoy your retirement.

VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- A. None.

VIII. New Business

- A. Appointment: Mayoral Appointment to Acting Chief of Police
 - 1. The retirement of Chief Jones is set to take place January 31, 2025. The Police Department requires a leader to provide direction, while the Village continues its search for a new Police Chief. Commander Eric Senica has both the traits and leadership ability to serve in this roll.
 - 2. Commander Senica has extensive experience within his 26-year law enforcement career with the Lindenhurst Police Department. Additionally, Commander Senica has worked as a part-time Lake County Forest Preserve Police Officer, and was an Adjunct Instructor for McHenry County College teaching criminal justice courses from 2006-2019. Commander Senica also holds the following degrees:
 - a. Columbia College - B.S. in Individual Studies with an Emphasis in Criminal Justice
 - b. Webster University - M.A. in Management
 - c. Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command graduate.
 - 3. It is recommended Commander Senica receive a 10% salary increase during the course of this temporary position.
 - 4. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to approve the appointment of Commander Eric Senica to Acting Chief of Police through April 30, 2025 or until a permanent Chief can be appointed. The appointment comes with an associated 10% increase in salary until such time a permanent Chief is named.
 - a. Roll Call
 - Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay - 0

Motion carried.

- B. Presentation and Discussion: Grand Avenue Street scape and Design Update
1. Teska and Village staff hosted an open house prior to the Village Board meeting. They were looking for input from the public on the draft plans and architectural design recommendations for the Grand Avenue corridor.
 2. Thank you to the following group of staff, business owners, and residents for providing Teska their thoughts as to the future of the Grand Avenue corridor:
 - a. Anita Archambeau - Economic Development Specialist
 - b. Karleen Long - Assistant to the Village Administrator
 - c. Kevin Klahs - Director of Operations
 - d. Clay Johnson - Village Administrator
 - e. David Mohr - Executive Director, Lindenhurst Park District
 - f. Mick Jacobsen - Executive Director, Lake Villa District Library
 - g. Andrew Aswad - Plan Commission Chairman, resident
 - h. Yami Hu - Owner, 3 Legged Coffee Brewery
 - i. Jeremy Scherbert - COO, 3 Legged Coffee Brewery
 - j. Mary Erl - Grand Avenue resident, former Chamber of Commerce President
 3. Teska provided community feedback received during the open house and explained how they will proceed going into the second open house.
- C. Discussion: Video Gaming Regulations
1. In November 2024, it was suggested video gaming regulations may need to be reviewed as to what is considered a video gaming café. After much discussion amongst the Village Board, it was the consensus of the Board to leave the regulation as it currently stands.

IX. Public Comment

- A. None.


X. Executive Session

- A. Mayor Marturano informed the Board and Public that the purpose of the Executive Session was to address Statutorily required review of prior executive session minutes as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
- B. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to move into Executive Session for the review of prior executive session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
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 8:18pm.
- D. Return to Regular Session
1. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 8:19pm.

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 8:20pm.

Date approved 2-10-2025



Dominic Marturano, Mayor

* VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST *
Village Clerk
Corporate Seal


Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

