



**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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, Dawn Suchy, Heath Rosten, and Ron Grace.
- b. Absent was Trustee Patty Chybowski.
- c. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Clay Johnson, Police Chief Melinda Linas, Superintendent of Public Works Charles Hernandez, Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Long, and Village Clerk Melissa Forsberg.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of October 27, 2025 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 October 27, 2025 as presented.
 - i. Voice Vote
Aye - 5
Nay - 0
Abstain - 0
Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Trustee Dunham read the Treasurer's Report for October 2025. The total for all accounts on October 31, 2025 was \$18,268,423.43.
- b. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2025 as read.
 - i. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

VI. 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 November presented for payment in the amount of \$985,786.81 for invoices due on or before November 10, 2025.
 - i. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

VII. Board & Staff Reports

- a. Trustee Dunham discussed the following:
 - i. Will attend the Spectrum Academy Veteran's Day ceremony.
 - ii. Village of Lindenhurst Veteran's Day ceremony will be on November 11 at 11:00am in the Public Works garage. Sharon Wick, founding partner of the Quilts of Valor Sewing Circle, will be the speaker. Two quilts will be presented to veterans.
 - iii. Expressed his appreciation to those who helped with the ERIN clean-up.
- b. Trustee Grace expressed his gratitude to all the Village employees and their families who helped with the recent ERIN clean-up.
- c. Mayor Marturano announced the following:
 - i. Attended the Lindenhurst Park District, Lewis Park Grand Opening.
 - ii. Attended the Lake County Municipal League seminar on Emergency Readiness/Preparedness. Approximately 40 municipalities attended.
 - iii. Attended the annual Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Meeting.
 - iv. Metropolitan Mayor's Legislative Committee is discussing the following:
 - (1) E-Scooters should be governed under local ordinance.
 - (2) E-Bikes will be discussed with legislators in the spring session to better define "e-bike".
- d. Village Administrator Clay Johnson reported we have been asked by the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus to participate in the "Homes for a Changing Region" initiative.
- e. Police Chief Melinda Linas spoke about the following:
 - i. Lake County Chief's Association and Illinois Chief's Association has also been discussing the state laws pertaining to e-bikes. They are waiting for information and guidance with the spring session.
 - ii. Will attend the Lake County Chief of Police Veteran's Day breakfast prior to attending the Lindenhurst ceremony.
 - iii. Thank you to those that attended the ERIN clean-up, and those that helped residents shovel snow.
 - iv. Attended the trunk-or-treat at Allendale, as well as passed out candy to the children and spoke with residents and families in Lindenhurst on Halloween.
 - v. Attended the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board 4-day training session for new Police Chief's.

- f. Superintendent of Public Works Charles Hernandez discussed the following:
 - i. No major issues with our first snow event of the season.
 - ii. Zach Turner has passed his exam and is now an Arborist on staff.
 - iii. The Lake Shore Drive project is moving forward.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. None.

IX. New Business

- a. Presentation and Possible Action: 2024-2025 Financial Audit
 - i. A representative of Lauderbach and Amen LLP reported on the outcome of the Village financial audit for fiscal year 2024-2025.
 - ii. No material defects or other issues were found by the auditors
 - iii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to accept the FY 2024-2025 Financial Audit and place the document on file with the Village Clerk.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- b. Approval: 2026 Liability Insurance Renewal
 - i. In order to receive the best rates and coverages, our current insurance coverages were "shopped" within the major carriers. Our options for non-workers compensation related premiums are as follows:
 - (1) Remain with our current carrier, HCC. This entails a 2.6% increase without any major changes to coverage limits or deductibles.
 - (2) Transition to Travelers Insurance, which would involve a lower increase of 1.2%, while offering lower deductibles on property loss, bodily injury, law enforcement liability, and automotive coverages.
 - ii. Our Workers Compensation coverage encompass the majority of our increase.
 - iii. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to approve the 2026 liability insurance renewal, including a change of property carriers to Travelers Insurance.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- c. Approval: 2025 Property Tax Levy Determination
 - i. The Village must adopt a property tax levy each year. The levy adopted in 2025 will result in property tax receipts for the Village in the year 2026 during FY 2026/2027.
 - ii. Funds supported by the property tax levy were reviewed and financial projections prepared. Following the discussion on November 2, 2025, the Finance Committee unanimously recommended to the Village Board, adopting a \$1,419,910 property tax levy.

- iii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to approve the determination for the 2025 property tax levy in the amount of \$1,419,910 and authorize the tax levy ordinance to be prepared.
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.

- d. Discussion and Direction: America 250 Planning
 - i. Assistant to the Village Administrator, Karleen Long, provided an update on proposed events. Activities to include:
 - (1) Patriotic/Americana Themed Concert
 - (2) Commemorative Art Banner Contest
 - (3) America Themed House Decorating Contest
 - (4) Commemorative Art/Banners with America-Themed Designs
 - (5) Group Photo of Residents Surrounding Flag
 - (6) Resident Profiles

X. Public Comment

- a. None.

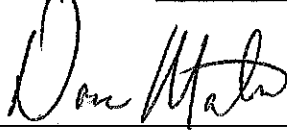
XI. Executive Session

- a. None.

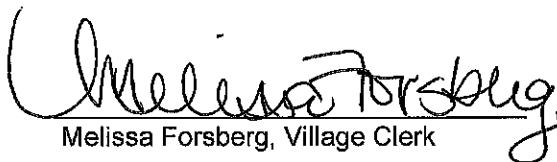
XII. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Voice Vote
 - Aye - 5
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.
 - ii. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Date approved 11.24.2025



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

