

VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
2301 E Sand Lake Road

Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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 (7:03pm), Heath Rosten, and Ron Grace.
- B. Absent was Trustee Dawn Suchy.
- C. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Clay Johnson, Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf, Police Chief Melinda Linas, Operations Director Kevin Klahs, Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Gernady, 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 April 14, 2025 were presented for approval.
- B. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of April 14, 2025 as presented.
1. Voice Vote
Aye - 4
Nay - 0
Abstain - 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 \$370,021.65 for invoices due on or before April 28, 2025.
1. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

VI. Board & Staff Reports

- A. Trustee Dunham discussed the following:
1. Memorial Day Ceremony with the Lindenhurst Veterans Commission and Village of Lindenhurst will be held at 10:00am. Police Chief Linas will be the keynote speaker.
 2. Had the privilege of being part of the welcoming committee for the returning participants of the Honor Flight.
- B. Mayor Marturano announced the following:
1. Attended the Meet and Greet at RJ's Eatery for the community to meet Chief Linas. Another Meet and Greet to be scheduled.
 2. Lindenhurst awarded the 2024 Tree City USA status. Has maintained this status since 1998 (27 years).
- C. Village Administrator Clay Johnson reported a social media post was released informing Lindenhurst our waste hauler is remaining the same. It is the Lake Villa Township that is making a change.
- D. Police Chief Melinda Linas reported on the following:
1. Discussed the Honor Flight.
 2. Office Splitt organized an ERIN clean-up for May 26, 2025. The team was able to help at two locations.
 3. This years Cops on a Rooftop is scheduled for May 16, 2025 from 5am-noon. The goal is to raise \$4000 for the Special Olympics Organization.
 4. Cops and Bobbers is scheduled for May 17, 2025 from 8am-9:30am at John Jenega Park in conjunction with the Lindenhurst Park District. Make sure to register by May 9, 2025.
 5. Attended a track meet for Millburn athletes at Lakes Community High School.
- E. Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Long spoke about the second Student Government Day that was hosted on April 8, 2025. There were 3 groups, totaling 82 students, that rotated through the Village Departments.
- F. Utility Systems Manager Charles Hernandez discussed our lead/copper report was submitted on-time to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Lake County Municipal League. Also, summer operations have started. Public Works will have 3 returning, and 1 new summer helper.

VII. Public Hearing: FY 2025-2026 Village of Lindenhurst Budget

- A. Mayor Marturano opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm.
1. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski, to open the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

2. Members of the Public had no comment.

B. Mayor Marturano closed the Public Hearing at 7:11pm.

1. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski, to close the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.
 - a. Voice Vote
Aye - 5
Nay - 0
Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

A. None.

IX. New Business

A. Ordinance 25-4-2316: Amending Section 111.20 of the Village Code to Increase the Number of Class A-V Liquor Licenses by One - Tikka Taproom

1. Tikka Taproom submitted an application for an A-V Class license with this year's license renewal. This license would allow video gaming in addition to their existing license. Their original request for an A-V license was originally denied in June 2024, prior to their opening. At that time, the Board indicated they could re-apply in the future.
2. As required, Tikka Taproom provided illustrations of the space, including prospective gaming terminal locations and a seating floor plan. Their menu remains relatively similar to that presented to the Board in June of 2024.
3. Approval of this license would transfer the Class A license to a Class A-V. Total Class A-V licenses would increase to six, while Class A licenses would decrease to two.
4. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to adopt Ordinance 25-4-2316 increasing the number of Class A-V licenses by one for Tikka Taproom - 2234 E Grand Avenue.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye - 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Grace
Nay - 1 Trustee Rosten
Motion carried.

B. Economic Incentive Agreement with Hitz the Spot - 2050 E Grand Avenue - \$29,967.92

1. The Hitz the Spot owner has submitted an application for LEAP grant assistance for the unit buildout. Of the approximately \$186,000 in costs, \$59,935.83 have been deemed eligible under program guidelines.
2. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to approve an economic incentive agreement with Hitz the Spot family entertainment center located at 2050 E Grand Avenue.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.

- C. Ordinance 25-4-2317: Amending the Comprehensive Fee Schedule for Water, Sewer, and Refuse Fees
1. As discussed at the Budget Workshop, cost increases of materials, labor, and services, have compelled fee increases into financial modeling for our Water/Sewer and Refuse/Recycling Funds. Increases will also provide protections against unknown factors.
 2. Water/Sewer increases can also be attributed to the following:
 - a. Personnel costs
 - b. Increased material costs (ie: water main and sewer repairs)
 - c. CLCJAWA 5% water cost increase
 3. Although Village ordinance allows for water/sewer increases of 3% without any action, the Village has only adjusted rates when necessary.
 4. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to adopt Ordinance 25-4-2317 amending the comprehensive fee schedule for water, sewer, and refuse fees effective May 1, 2025.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- D. Compensation adjustment for the Village Administrator
1. Per the employee agreement, the Mayor and Village Board are required to conduct an annual performance review of the Village Administrator. An increase is being considered due to the employee's performance this past fiscal year.
 2. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to authorize a 6% salary adjustment to the Village Administrator's compensation effective May 1, 2025.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- E. Ordinance 25-4-2318 Adoption of the FY 2025-2026 Budget
1. Village Administrator Johnson summarized the Draft FY 2025-2026 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 25-4-2318 approving the FY 2025-2026 Village of Lindenhurst Budget.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye - 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- X. **Public Comment**
- A. A resident suggested an easier means of communication in which the community can better understand the budget and distribution of property taxes.

XI. **Executive Session**

A. None.

XII. **Adjournment**

- A. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to adjourn the meeting.
1. Voice Vote
Aye - 5
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
 2. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Date approved 5.12.2025



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

