

VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
2301 E Sand Lake Road

Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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 Melinda Linas, Operations Director Kevin Klahs, Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Gernady, Superintendent of Public Works Charles Hernandez, and Village Clerk Melissa Forsberg.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Administration of Oaths of Office

- A. Mayor Marturano administered the Oath of Office to the following:
1. Trustee Patricia Chybowski
 2. Trustee Patrick Dickson
 3. Trustee Dawn Suchy
 4. Clerk Melissa Forsberg

V. Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of April 28, 2025 were presented for approval.
- B. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of April 28, 2025 as presented.
1. Voice Vote
Aye - 5
Nay - 0
Abstain - 1
Motion carried.

VI. Bills Presented for Payment

- A. Voucher Register #1 - April 29, 2025 thru April 30, 2025
1. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy, to approve bills for April 29, 2025 thru April 30, 2025 (end of FY25) in the amount of \$253,579.81 for invoices due on or before April 30, 2025.

2. Roll Call
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

- B. Voucher Register #1 - May 1, 2025 thru May 12, 2025
 1. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the first set of bills for the month of May presented for payment in the amount of \$770,358.09 for invoices due on or before May 12, 2025.
 2. Roll Call
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

- C. Treasurer's Report will be provided at the next meeting.

VII. Board & Staff Reports

- A. Recognition of Recent Promotions:
 1. Operations Director Kevin Klahs recognized the May 1, 2025 promotions as follows:
 - a. Charles Hernandez to Superintendent of Public Works
 - b. Rafal Palka to Utility Systems Manager
 2. The Village Board congratulated both Charles and Rafal for their promotion and expressed their appreciation for all the hard work they have provided and will continue to provide.

- B. Trustee Grace reported with the nice weather, more questions have been posed about the outdoor dining at the Lindenhurst Center.

- C. 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.

- D. Mayor Marturano announced the following:
 1. The Mayor and Village Administrator Johnson attended the Lake County Partners event.
 2. Expressed appreciation for the First Responder recognition event St Mark Lutheran Church organized. Members of the police and fire department attended.
 3. Thank you to the Lake County Municipal League and Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf of Ancel Glink for coordinating a training event for the newly elected municipal officials.
 4. Attended the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Board meeting. Information was provided regarding the "Homes for a Changing Region" program.

- E. Village Administrator Clay Johnson reported on the following:
 1. Schematics were received and are being reviewed for outdoor seating at the Lindenhurst Center.
 2. A release for a request for proposal for a compensation study. Proposals are due May 30, 2025.

3. Lake Shore Drive Project Update:
 - a. The Village of Lindenhurst is not the lead on this project. This project is being administered and facilitated by Illinois Department of Transportation. However, Village Staff has done the following to help expedite the work:
 - (1) Spoke with or tried to speak with Contractor multiple times in February and March.
 - (2) Due to lack of communication, moved to have Contractor removed from project.
 - (3) Beginning of April posted information on Village website.
 - (4) Submitted multiple questions to IDOT for information.
 - (5) Continues to work behind-the-scenes with building engineers, attorney, and insurance carrier.
 - (6) Have sent multiple letters to put continued pressure to expedite the process in a timely manner.
 - (7) Beginning of May posted additional information on Village website.
 - (8) Have heard the process is moving, but slowly. At this time cannot answer who or when.
 - (9) Cannot move any equipment or materials as the Village does not own them.

- F. Police Chief Melinda Linas announced the following:
 1. This is National Police Week. Fallen officers are honored at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC. Lake County K9 Officer Dax was honored over the weekend.
 2. Chief spoke at the Lake County Police Memorial.
 3. Attended the St Mark Lutheran Church First Responder appreciation event.
 4. May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Would like to keep the conversation going in an effort to erase the stigma. Dial "988" for the suicide and crisis hotline.
 5. Upcoming events:
 - a. Cop on a Rooftop on Friday from 5:00am-noon. Goal is to raise \$4000 for the Special Olympics program.
 - b. Cops and Bobbers at John Jenega Park on Saturday. Approximately 47 children are registered.
- G. Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Long spoke about attending the Palombi Middle School leaders event to discuss local government.

VIII. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- A. A member of the community inquired as to the pathway of the i3 equipment.

IX. **New Business**

- A. Advise and Consent: Mayoral Appointments
 1. Mayor Marturano recommended all officer, commission, committee appointments and reappointments for FY 2025 as presented.

- a. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to consent to the various appointments offered by the Mayor to the Village's various boards and commissions.
- b. Roll Call
Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.

B. Approval: Grand Avenue Corridor Streetscape and Design Guidelines

- 1. The final draft of the Grand Avenue Improvement Guide was submitted by Teska Associates. The included recommendations were developed through extensive collaboration provided by:
 - a. Stakeholder Steering Committee
 - b. Public feedback obtained from the 1/27/25 and 2/24/25 Open House.
- 2. Subsequent to the public sessions, Teska created conceptual renderings of redevelopment scenarios for visual affect.
- 3. Additionally, the Improvement Guide also includes a detailed cost estimate for design and construction of recommended improvements.
- 4. Once received, design and implementation proposals will be presented for consideration.
- 5. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt the Grand Avenue Corridor Streetscape and Design Guidelines as presented.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.

C. Approval: Right-of-Way Permitting Agreement with i3 Broadband for Fiber Optic Supported Broadband to the Home

- 1. i3 Broadband, through its iTV-3 affiliate, contacted the Village about extending its fiber optic network into the Village using our right-of-way. This installation would provide competitive broadband options, which would affect competitor pricing, as well as service levels.
- 2. Being a "competitive local exchange carrier", state law allows i3 the ability to utilize our right-of-way for their equipment.
- 3. The installation is expected to be done in phases over multiple years. Their proposal has been submitted with enough notice, which allows staff to provide feedback and coordinate with contractors. Work is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2025.
- 4. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to authorize the Village Administrator to execute a right-of-way permitting agreement with i3 Broadband for fiber optic supported broadband to the home.
 - a. Roll Call
Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.

X. **Public Comment**

- A. Police Pension Board Member, Carl Norlin, expressed his appreciation for the support he has been provided since 1991, whether as an elected or appointed official.

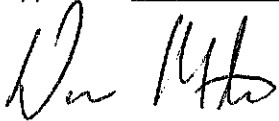
XI. **Executive Session**

- A. None.

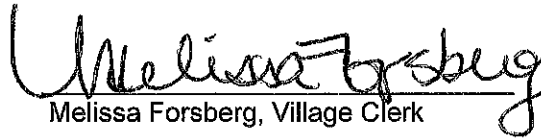
XII. **Adjournment**

- A. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
 - 1. Voice Vote
 - Aye - 6
 - Nay - 0Motion carried.
 - 2. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Date approved 6-23-2025



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

