



VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026
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. Village Administrator Clay Johnson, Village Attorney Greg Jones, Police Chief Melinda Linas, Director of Operations Kevin Klahs, 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 March 23, 2026 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 March 23, 2026 as presented.
 - i. Voice Vote
 - Aye - 4
 - Nay - 0
 - Abstain - 2
- Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Trustee Dunham read the Treasurer's Report for March 2026. The total for all accounts on March 31, 2026 was \$18,420,662.26.
 - b. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2026 as read.
 - i. Roll Call
 - Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay – 0
- Motion carried.

VI. Bills Presented for Payment

- a. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the first set of bills for the month of April presented for payment in the amount of \$1,188,601.42 for invoices due on or before April 13, 2026.
 - i. Roll Call
 - Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay – 0
 - Motion carried.

VII. Board & Staff Reports

- a. Trustee Grace spoke about a local business owner who had questions regarding the sale of vaping and e-cigarette products.
- b. Trustee Dunham announced this years Memorial Day celebration will be on May 25, 2026 at 10:00am.
- c. Trustee Dickson discussed the following:
 - i. Maddox clean-up took place on March 28, 2026.
 - ii. SWALCO will be celebrating their 35th birthday on June 12, 2026.
 - iii. SWALCO provided new IGA changes for review.
- d. Mayor Marturano provided information about:
 - i. Speaking with a local Scout group. Good opportunity for scouts and parents to ask questions about the Village.
 - ii. Placed copies of a save-the-date for the Sandra J Booker Celebration.
 - iii. Thank you to everyone for their kind words about the passing of his mom.
- e. Village Administrator Clay Johnson spoke about the following:
 - i. Thank you to everyone who helped with the ERIN clean-up this past Saturday, April 11th.
 - ii. Congratulations to Emily Shaw, who received a Future Leaders Award from the Illinois Assistant Municipal Management Association.
- f. Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Long spoke about the Leadership Brunch/Lunch she attended on April 3, 2026 at Palombi Middle School. She was able to speak to the students about local government. Approximately 70 students from Lakes High School will be hosted for the Village's annual student government day.
- g. Director of Operations Kevin Klahs discussed the substantial completion of the Rose Tree Outfall storm project.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. None.

IX. New Business

- a. Presentation & Discussion: Development Concept Review for 0 N. US Highway 45 and 0 & 19414 W. Grand Avenue

- i. Two separate developers provided two separate presentations about the remaining parcels of the former Village Green. The presentations and discussion allowed the developers to gauge the Village's interest in the conceptual designs provided for review.
 - ii. The parcels discussed are:
 - (1) 0 & 19414 W Grand Avenue (Principal)
 - (2) 0 & N US Highway 45 (Macom)
- b. Proclamation: Arbor Day 2026
 - i. Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 24, 2026. Recognizing Arbor Day is important for the following reasons:
 - (1) It celebrates trees, which help with:
 - (a) Climate Change
 - (b) Air Quality
 - (c) Human well-being
 - (2) Symbolizes the Village's commitment to maintaining our tree canopy
 - (3) Helps the Village maintain our Tree City, USA status.
 - ii. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to approve the Proclamation for Arbor Day 2026 as read.
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay - 0
- c. Presentation & Discussion: FY 2026-2027 Budget Workshop
 - i. Village Administrator Johnson presented details of the Draft FY 2026-2027 Budget, outlining the impact to revenues and expenses in FY 2027. Highlights included factors where expenses are up and the impact to multiple funds, justification for projects and equipment.
 - ii. It should be noted, it was requested staff prepare their departments budget from a zero-based budgeting (ZBB) perspective. Utilizing a ZBB budget helps:
 - (1) eliminate unnecessary expenditures
 - (2) eliminates "expense creep"
 - (3) helps reorient staff towards the use of resources most closely aligned with our goals.
 - iii. After discussion, it was announced a public hearing and adoption of the budget will take place at the next scheduled Village Board Meeting on Monday, April 27th at 7:00pm.

X. Public Comment

- a. None.

XI. Executive Session

- a. Executive Session - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body
- b. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to move into Executive Session for the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline,

Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

- i. 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 9:07pm.

d. Return to Regular Session

- i. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 9:42pm.

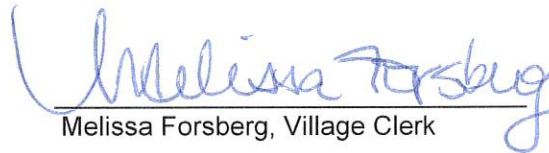
XII. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Voice Vote
Aye - 6
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
 - ii. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

Date approved 4-27-2026



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

