



VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
April 27, 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, 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 April 13, 2026 were presented for approval.
 - b. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of April 13, 2026 as presented.
 - i. Voice Vote
Aye - 6
Nay - 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 \$248,961.95 for invoices due on or before April 27, 2026.
 - i. Roll Call
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

VI. Public Hearing: FY 2026-2027 Village of Lindenhurst Budget

- a. Mayor Marturano opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm.
 - i. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy, to open the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.
 - (1) Voice Vote
 - Aye – 6
 - Nay – 0
 - Motion carried.
 - ii. Village Administrator Johnson summarized the Draft FY 2026-2027 Budget.
 - iii. Members of the Public had no comment.
- b. Mayor Marturano closed the Public Hearing at 7:19pm.
 - i. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski, to close the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.
 - (1) Voice Vote
 - Aye - 6
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.

VII. Board & Staff Reports

- a. Trustee Dunham announced this years Memorial Day celebration will be on May 25, 2026 at 10:00am.
- b. Mayor Marturano spoke about attending a legislative breakfast meeting in Woodstock (McHenry County). The main topic of conversation was the Governor's proposed Building Up Illinois Developments (BUILD) Act. Additionally, expressed condolences to Village Administrator Johnson and his family for the loss of their family member.
- c. Village Administrator Clay Johnson announced the following:
 - i. Lake Villa District Library Grand Opening of the Outdoor Space Plan, the Great Lawn will be held June 7, 2026 at 1:00pm.
 - ii. Trustees can turn in their budget binders to be upcycled for the next fiscal year budget.
- d. Police Chief Melinda Linas spoke about the following:
 - i. Hosted Lakes Community High School for Government Day.
 - ii. Cop on a Roof top will be held on May 15, 2026. Officers will be at the Dunkin Donuts at 45 and Sand Lake Road from 5:00am to 12:00pm. Proceeds benefit the Special Olympics.
 - iii. Cops and Bobbers Fishing Derby to be held on May 16, 2026 from 9:00am to 10:30am. This years event will be held at Waterford Lake.
 - iv. Will be in Springfield, IL on May 7, 2026 for the Illinois Police Memorial Ceremony honoring fallen officers.
 - v. In light of the recent event in Chicago, please keep the officers, their families, and department in your thoughts and prayers.

- e. Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Long and Zach Turner attended the Park District Earth Day event. They were able to pass out 25 free trees supplied with a ComEd Grant.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. None.

IX. New Business

- a. Ordinance 26-4-2335: Amending the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)
 - i. The Board of Directors of SWALCO recently reviewed the governing intergovernmental agreement. Their recommended changes are as follows:
 - (1) Most significant change amends the qualifications of the person(s) who can serve as Alternate Directors to the Board. The change eliminates the requirement the alternate be an executive level, full-time employee. Now, the alternate can be a part or full-time employee.
 - (2) Additional changes relate to officers, and future amendments to the agreement, which now requires 2/3rds of members' adoption within 90 days of proposed change.
 - ii. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to adopt Ordinance 26-4-2335 amending the intergovernmental agreement with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- b. Ordinance 26-4-2336: Amending the Lindenhurst Comprehensive Fee Schedule for Water, Sewer, Refuse, and Recycling Fees
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Water/Sewer increases can also be attributed to the following:
 - (1) Personnel costs
 - (2) Significant increases of material costs
 - (3) CLCJAWA 5% water cost increase
 - iii. Although Village ordinance allows for water/sewer increases of 3% without any action, the Village has only adjusted rates when necessary.
 - iv. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to adopt Ordinance 26-4-2336 amending the Lindenhurst Comprehensive Fee Schedule for 3% increases to water, sewer, and refuse fees.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 26-4-2337: Adopting the FY 2026-2027 Village of Lindenhurst Budget
 - i. Village Administrator Johnson summarized the Draft FY 2026-2027 Budget during the Public Hearing. 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.
 - ii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt Ordinance 26-4-2337 adopting the FY 2026-2027 Village of Lindenhurst budget.
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.
- d. Approval: Compensation Adjustment for the Village Administrator
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to approve a 4% compensation adjustment for the Village Administrator for an annual salary of \$194,904.86.
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.
- e. Approval: Compensation Adjustment for the Sergeant Position
 - i. The Village Administrator is authorized to provide employee merit raises up to 5% per the Village classification system. Anything above or beyond requires review by the Village Board.
 - ii. Currently, a 6% increase is requested with the following considerations:
 - (1) Maintain a separation in base pay between the top paid officer within the FOP pay scale and the supervising sergeant's position.
 - (2) At the moment, our lowest paid sergeant is compensated at a slightly higher rate than officers within the top step of the FOP wage table.
 - (3) Village Administration Johnson and Police Chief Linas feel a higher than usual rate is appropriate for the following:
 - (a) Recognition of employee's performance.
 - (b) Greater separation between positions.
 - (c) No new sergeant's compensation will bypass those with a longer tenure.
 - iii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to approve a 6% compensation adjustment for the lowest base wage of Sergeant to an annual wage of \$124,020.
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.

f. Approval: Rose Tree Outfall Repair Project – Pay Application #2 – V3 - \$339,183.49

- i. Pay application #2 was received by V3 for the Rose Tree Outfall Restoration Project. The project is largely complete.
- ii. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to approve Pay Application #2 to V3 in the amount of \$339,183.49.

(1) Roll Call

Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace

Nay - 0

Motion carried.

X. Public Comment

- a. None.

XI. Executive Session

- a. None.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Voice Vote
 - Aye - 6
 - Nay - 0Motion carried.
 - ii. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Date approved

5/08/26



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



~~Melissa Forsberg~~, Village Clerk

Keneen Long

- Deputy ATVA