



VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 8, 2026
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Trustee Dunham called the Regular Village Board Meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present were Trustees Pat Dickson, Pat Dunham, Patty Chybowski, Dawn Suchy, Heath Rosten, and Ron Grace.
 - b. Absent was Mayor Dominic Marturano.
 - c. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Clay Johnson, Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Sgt John Rytina, Operations Director Kevin Klahs, Superintendent of Public Works Charles Hernandez, Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Long, and Village Clerk Melissa Forsberg.
- III. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem
 - a. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to appoint Trustee Dunham as Mayor Pro Tem for the Regular Village Board Meeting of June 8, 2026.
 - i. Voice Vote
 - Aye – 6
 - Nay – 0
 - Motion carried.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of May 11, 2026 were presented for approval.

- b. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of May 11, 2026 as presented.

- i. Voice Vote
 - Aye – 5
 - Nay – 0
 - Abstain – 1
 - Motion carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Trustee Suchy read the Treasurer's Report for May 2026. The total for all accounts on May 31, 2026 was \$18,520,101.42.
- b. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2026 as read.

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

VII. Bills Presented for Payment

- a. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the first set of bills for the month of June presented for payment in the amount of \$1,054,109.80 for invoices due on or before June 8, 2026.

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

VIII. Board and Staff Reports

- a. Staff Recognition – Kim McCollum, 20 Years of Service
 - i. Village Administrator Clay Johnson recognized Kim McCollum for her 20 years of service. Thank you to Kim for her willingness in tackling

responsibilities outside of her own, her grace with the community, her professionalism, and above all her sense of humor.

- b. Trustee Suchy attended the first annual Lindenhurst wine walk sponsored by the Chamber. It was a fun event and ran smoothly.
- c. Trustee Dunham shared the following:
 - i. Thank you to the businesses that participated in the Wine Walk. It was a fun event and well attended.
 - ii. Thank you to the Veterans Memorial Commission and Village Staff for their efforts with the Memorial Day Celebration.
 - iii. Attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Lake Villa District Library new outdoor space along with other members of the Board.
 - iv. This weeks Music in the Park will be held on June 10, 2026 at the Parkman Pavillion.
 - v. The Village of Lindenhurst is hosting an event July 1, 2026 at the Lake Villa District Library in celebration of America 250 and the 70th anniversary of the Village of Lindenhurst.
- d. Sgt Rytina provided information about the following:
 - i. Chief Linas has been working closely with Senator Mary Edly-Allen. Due to support from the Senator, the State of Illinois has allocated \$100,000 of the State's upcoming budget for Capital Improvements to the Lindenhurst Police Department. Funds should be available in Spring 2027. More information to follow.
 - ii. The Lindenhurst Police Department participated in this years Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run. The PD will continue its efforts of raising money for this cause through-out the year.

IX. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. None.

X. New Business

a. Approval: Updated Animal Services Agreement with Lake County Health Department

i. The Lake County Health Department informed the Village of requested changes to the Agreement as it pertains to animal control. The Police Department reviewed the requested changes as they are more likely to utilize the services. The changes were found to be inconsequential for our operations.

ii. The two most notable changes are:

1. Lake County Health Department will only respond to residences for issues associated with wild bats. All other issues will be referred to a licensed wildlife operator at the homeowner's expense.
2. Lost/stray animals will only be accepted if space allows and after a 24-hour notice of the lost animal is placed on the Village's social media page.

iii. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to authorize the Village Administrator to execute the updated animal services agreement with Lake County Health Department as presented.

1. Roll Call

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

Nay – 0

Motion carried.

b. Approval: Wastewater Treatment Facility Gate Repair – Illinois Gate Solutions – \$24,995.16

i. The gate at the entrance to the wastewater treatment facility has been non-operational for a few weeks due. Companies which specialize in gate installation and repair were reached out to by Public Works. Three quotes were received. Public Works recommends Illinois Gate Solutions,

as they appeared to present the most comprehensive scope of work, as well as grasped the extent of the required needs.

- ii. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to authorize the Village Administrator to execute a proposal from Illinois Gate Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$24,995.16 to be paid from the Water/Sewer Capital Fund.

1. Roll Call

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

Nay – 0

Motion carried.

- c. Approval: Temporary Authorization to Hire a 17th Sworn Police Officer

- i. Staff is requesting a temporary authorization for a 17th officer for the following reasons:

1. Strain of absences due to:

- a. Disciplinary actions.

- b. Off-duty, non-work related injuries

- ii. Vacant shift assignments have been filled by the following, but is not sustainable for the foreseeable future:

1. Overtime

2. Part-time officers

3. Deferred retirements. Thank you to those officers who have extended the date of their retirement. Their dedication and self-sacrifice is very appreciated.

Without these adjustments our department would have been significantly understaffed.

- iii. Staff is requesting a temporary authorization to increase the amount of sworn officers as a means of avoiding additional overtime expenses and burdening the individual officers.
- iv. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to authorize the Chief of Police to extend a conditional offer of employment to the next eligible candidate for employment in accordance with Board of Police Commissioner rules for the temporary staffing increase to 17 sworn officers to expire 7/31/26.

I. Roll Call

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

Nay – 0

Motion carried.

XI. Public Comment

- a. A resident discussed the condition of buckthorn growing and pushing on a fence line.

XII. Executive Session

- a. Trustee Dunham informed the Board and Public the purpose of the Executive Session was the review of real estate purchase or lease.
- b. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to move into Executive Session to review a real estate purchase or lease pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

i. Roll Call

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

Nay – 0

Motion carried.

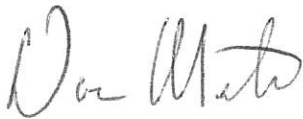
- c. The regular Village Board meeting moved out of regular session at 7:29pm.
- d. The Regular Board meeting reconvened at 8:01pm.

XIII. Adjournment

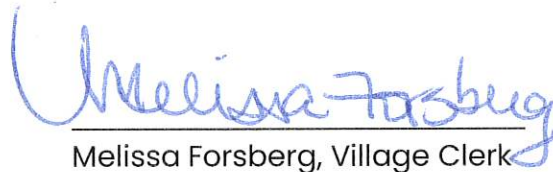
- a. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Voice Vote
Aye – 6
Nay – 0
Motion carried.
 - ii. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Date Approved: _____

6-22-2026



Dominic Marturano, Mayor


Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

