



**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
July 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 Dunham, Patty Chybowski, Dawn Suchy, Heath Rosten, and Ron Grace.
 - b. Absent was Trustee Pat Dickson.
 - c. 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 June 8, 2026 and June 22, 2026 were presented for approval.
 - b. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of June 8, 2026 and June 22, 2026 as presented.
 - i. Voice Vote
Aye - 5
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Trustee Dunham read the Treasurer's Report for June 2026. The total for all accounts on June 30, 2026 was \$18,603,583.53.
 - b. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace, to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2026 as read.

- i. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

VI. Bills Presented for Payment

- a. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy, to approve the first set of bills for the month of July presented for payment in the amount of \$852,574.96 for invoices due on or before July 13, 2026.

- i. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0

VII. Board & Staff Reports

- a. Mayor Marturano:

- i. Thank you to all involved with our recent America 250 celebration.
- ii. Attended a special meeting with the CLCJAWA board to:
 - (1) Approve bids for construction.
 - (2) Approve low interest Illinois loans for Lake Zurich to be included in the distribution of Lake Michigan water.
 - (3) Received a note from a resident complementing our Village staff for their support.
 - (4) Thank you to everyone who helped with the recent unexpected Lake Linden fish kill.
 - (a) Welcomes comments from residents during open comments. Please remember the primary focus and purpose of our Lakes are to serve as retention ponds, which are stormwater basins designed to hold a permanent pool of water while accommodating extra runoff during heavy rains. For stormwater mitigation, the Village needs as much run off from yards and streets moving to these retention areas. Everything else is secondary to this primary focus.
 - (b) There is a Lakes Commission meeting next week, where more information will be provided.

- b. Trustee Rosten received positive feedback regarding the America 250 celebration. Thank you to all involved in making it a successful evening.

c. Trustee Dunham:

- i. Received positive feedback about the America 250 concert. Thank you to everyone who came out and participated, and thank you to staff for their work putting this event together.
 - ii. Lindenfest is 4 weeks away on August 7, 8, 9.
- d. Village Administrator Clay Johnson received a note from SWALCO regarding the shoe/textile recycling program. Lindenhurst was second overall in collection in 2025 with 40,795 pounds collected. Thank you to everyone who utilizes these collection bins.

e. Police Chief Melinda Linas:

- i. Second annual National Night Out is set for August 4, 2026. There will be games, giveaways, animal encounter with Stella the Sloth, face painting, and more.
 - ii. Will be conducting 18 interviews in the next couple weeks. Interviews to be completed by July 20, 2026.
- f. Assistant to the Village Administrator Karleen Long:
- i. Food Truck Extravaganza to be held on August 2, 2026.
 - ii. This was the first year the shoe/textile recycling program weighed over 40,000 pounds. This was an increase of 2000 pounds from last year.
 - iii. Our service request system will go live August 3, 2026.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. None.

IX. New Business

- a. Resolution 2026-7-2340R: Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for Community Solar through the NIMEC Bid Process - Solstice Power Technologies, LLC
 - i. Recap:
 - (1) Adam Hoover of the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) attended the Village Board Meeting of February 25, 2026.
 - (2) Mr. Hoover provided information to the Board in relation the participation in the organization's cooperative bid for our sewer and water infrastructure's electric service.

- (3) Mr. Hoover broached the topic of community solar initiatives to gauge interest.
 - (4) The Village Board requested information pertaining to the terms of such an agreement.
 - ii. NIMEC reviewed the market with our water tower, water reservoir, and the water treatment plant in mind. The most competitive bid was provided by Solstice Power Technologies, LLC (Solstice). Solstice would also provide the earliest operational start date of 2026, versus other bids with start dates of 2028. A 10% savings was guaranteed from Solstice for our electric service for the facilities for a twenty year term. This equates to approximately an \$18,000 savings per year to the Village's Water/Sewer Fund.
 - iii. There is an early termination fee should the Village provide 180 days notice; however, if the Village has been in the program for 4+ years, no early termination fee is charged. Solar is required to find a new subscriber upon written cancellation. It should be noted, Mr. Hoover stated no NIMEC customer has cancelled a community solar subscription.
 - iv. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to adopt Resolution 2026-7-2340R: Authorizing the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with Solstice Power Technologies, LLC for the subscription based community solar energy services.
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 5 Trustees Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.
- b. Resolution 2026-7-2341R: Approving an Economic Incentive Agreement with Great American Tire #4, Inc. - 1890 E Grand Avenue - \$20,000
 - i. Emily Shaw, our Economic Development Coordinator has been assisting Great American Tire (GMT) with the Village's LEAP application process. GMT wishes to start a small remodel project consisting of updating their monument sign, exterior garage bay doors, and paving of the parking lot. The parking lot work has previously been completed so is not part of the application. Updating the monument sign and garage doors are eligible expenses and total over \$100,000, which qualifies them for our reimbursement program of \$20,000.
 - ii. Trustee Grace made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt Resolution 2026-7-2341R approving a LEAP economic incentive agreement with Great American Tire #4, LLC at 1890 Grand Avenue
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 5 Trustees Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.

c. Resolution 2026-7-2342R: Approving and Making a Determination on Executive Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings

- i. A semi-annual review of executive session minutes for potential release to the public was conducted. The minutes identified in the resolution are the only executive session minutes recommended for approval of content and release.
- ii. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to adopt Resolution 2026-7-2342R approving and making a determination on certain executive session minutes and verbatim recordings.

(1) Roll Call

Aye - 5 Trustees Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace

Nay - 0

Motion carried.

d. Ordinance 2026-7-2343: Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of Lindenhurst

- i. Village departments have identified pieces of equipment, tools, and other property that is no longer functioning, obsolete, or no longer needed. Items that retain resale value will be sent to auction, while the other items will be destroyed or disposed.
- ii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to adopt Ordinance 2026-7-2343 authorizing the disposal of Village owned surplus property as outlined in Exhibit A of the Ordinance

(1) Roll Call

Aye - 5 Trustees Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace

Nay - 0

Motion carried.

e. Approval: Purchase of a Replacement Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) for Public Works - Currie Motors - \$42,213

- i. Per our vehicle replacement schedule, the Public Works Supervisor's SUV is many years past due for replacement. Decommissioned police SUVs have been utilized in the interim; however, given the condition of the SUVs, replacement of this vehicle has become essential.
- ii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to approve the purchase of a replacement Public Works SUV from Currie Motors in an amount not to exceed \$42,213.

(1) Roll Call

Aye - 5 Trustees Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace

Nay - 0

Motion carried.

- f. Approval: Purchase of a Replacement Public Works Jetter - Brown Equipment Company via Sourcewell - \$93,705.92
 - i. The Public Works' Jetter is past due for replacement. Our current jetter is 23 years old and the average life span is 15-20 years. An estimated cost of \$98,880 was included in our FY 2027 budget. After reviewing submitted quotes, Public Works is recommending a 545 Trailer (Mounted) Jetter from the Brown Equipment Company via the cooperative purchasing company. Although the initial cost came back at \$101,205.92, after trade-in rebates and discounts, the cost will be \$93,705.92.
 - ii. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to approve the purchase of a replacement Public Works Jetter from Brown Equipment Company in an amount not to exceed \$93,705.92.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 5 Trustees Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- g. Discussion: Possible Temporary Signage Code Amendments
 - i. A discussion was held at our March 23, 2026 Village Board Meeting regarding temporary sign regulations.
 - ii. Subsequent to this March 23rd meeting, additional changes include:
 - (1) A provision extending the regulations for special events and civic organizations to all non-profits.
 - (2) Language changes to ensure the uniform placement and size of temporary signage.
 - (3) An allowance for temporary signs to be erected for two, non-consecutive periods of 30 days per calendar year.
 - (4) Language that provides regulations around sandwich (A-frame) signs.
 - (5) Regulations and definitions of attention getting devices.
 - iii. After discussion, the Village Board wishes to move forward, with the caveat of adjusting the proposed permit fee for non-profit organizations. Also, the Village Board would like the feed back given from businesses over the next 18 months, so as to make adjustments if need be.

X. Public Comment

- a. Overall, residents had the following comments about the recent fish kill on Lake Linden:
 - i. Village built beaches for recreation purposes.
 - ii. Run offs from sewers, which contributes to sludge at bottom of the lake.

- iii. Requests the Village provide funding for more than just maintaining the Lake.
- iv. Village is not taking part in the cleanup.
- v. Felt there was a lack of communication, and the Village did not respond properly.
- vi. A resident asked the Board to make a motion to extend his allotted three minutes of public comments.
- vii. Understands the Village is not frivolously spending tax dollars.
- viii. Lakes Commission Members have no authority to make decisions, which is why comments need to be expressed at Village Board Meeting.
- ix. Level of Lake Linden is down by 1'.
- x. Decline in health of the Lake.
- xi. This will eventually start affecting property values if the Lake is not cleaned up properly.
- xii. Grants need to be explored.
- xiii. Feels residents are willing to help, if asked.
- xiv. Need to make this a priority, as this is an ongoing issue.
- xv. The Lake is a part of the Village, and such, needs to be treated as if it needs attention.
- xvi. Why re-stocking fish in the spring if this is a retention pond and they just die?
- xvii. Weeds make it more difficult for:
 - (1) kids to swim.
 - (2) boating.Weeds in general are an issue.
- xviii. Lake Potomac is dead and Lake Linden is headed in the same direction.
- xix. Algae was treated, which affected the oxygen level.
- xx. In addition to comments relayed at the meeting, a resident wished to have the following included with the Meeting Minutes. Their notes were transcribed verbatim as follows:
 - (1) "Watershed Lake
 - (a) Village Built and need to support
 - (b) Village built beaches, boat launch and other to promote lake activities
 - (c) Lake utilizes drains to lake and causes addition lake pollution
 - (d) Lake beach and launch with boat tag and additional lake services
 - (e) The Village must support with funds and resources to maintain the lake
 - (2) Fish Kill Off and Excess Algae
 - (a) No Communication from Elected Officials
 - (b) Email not returned
 - (c) Staff talk with were good
 - (d) The Village Must Improve Communications
 - (3) City Communications
 - (a) Village Must Put Together and plan to inform residents regarding their Recovery Plans - Yes theirs - Including their response with funds and resources
 - (b) Communication when planned events such as algae spraying will occur
 - (c) Updates on Lake Health
 - (d) NO, THE LAKE COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE NOT

SUFFICIENT BUT DO HELP

- (4) Lake funds for Cleanup Response
 - (a) Funds budgeting to lake cleanup when items such as a fish kill or excessive algae or other event(s)
 - (b) Treat like other needed response - a water main break, storm cleanup, flooding
 - (c) Funds from budgets such as General Fund, Department Budget, Discretionary, or create a new line item
- (5) Lake Stability and Funds
 - (a) The lake is not getting better
 - (b) Lake depth had dropped due to sludge on the bottom
 - (c) The Village is filling the lake with drainage and owns this issue
 - (d) Funds need to be allocated in capital or other budget for aerators, dredging or future needs for sustainability - We the residents want to Village to Stand up and taken responsibility"

b. A resident expressed concerns about the residence located at 2119 Burr Oak:

- i. Reports provided to Village starting over a year ago.
- ii. Disabled truck in front of the property for many weeks.
- iii. Large amounts of construction supplies in garage and on property.
- iv. Up to eight port-a-pots on property, that often need cleaning.
- v. Multiple neighbors have issued complaints.
- vi. Very much an eye sore.

XI. Executive Session

- a. None.

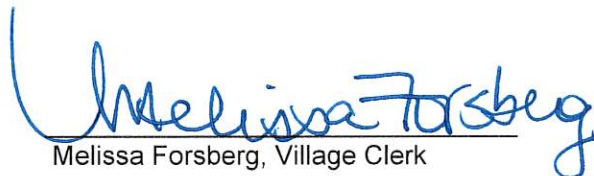
XII. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Voice Vote
 - Aye - 5
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.
 - ii. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Date approved 7.27.26



Dominic Marturano, Mayor


Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

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Village Clerk
Corporate Seal

