



VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 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 Kurt Asprooth, Police Chief Melinda Linas, Operations Director 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 July 27, 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 July 27, 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 bills for the month of July presented for payment in the amount of \$1,053.231.01 for invoices due on or before August 24, 2026.
 - i. Roll Call
Aye – 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0

VI. Board & Staff Reports

- a. America 250: House Decorating Contest Winners
 - i. Winners were announced for the best:
 - (1) Yard Display - 2313 Valley Drive
 - (2) Light Show - 301 High Point Drive
 - (3) Decorated Porch - 2390 Egret Court
- b. Trustee Dunham discussed this years Lindenfest and thanked all those who helped make it a successful event.
- c. Mayor Marturano spoke on the following:
 - i. Thank you to everyone who put together the 4th annual Food Truck Extravaganza.
 - ii. Attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Pit Shop.
 - iii. We had a good turn out for National Night out and Lindenfest.
 - iv. Attended a ground breaking ceremony on August 7 in Lake Zurich for their intake facility to receive Lake Michigan water.
 - v. Spoke with a potential buyer of the Lindenhurst Center.
 - vi. Lakes Community High School Home Coming Parade is coming up on September 30 at 5:30pm.
 - vii. Congratulations to our 2026 Lindenhurst Queens:
 - (1) Miss Lindenhurst - Paige Laughman
 - (2) Junior Miss Lindenhurst - Ayanna Roy
 - (3) Little Miss Lindenhurst - Madelyn Sawchuk
- d. Village Administrator Clay Johnson provided information about this years Citizens Academy, which is set to begin September 9, 2026.
- e. Chief Melinda Linas discussed the following:
 - i. We are three weeks into our partnership with the Lake County Sheriff's office for our overnight shift. She continues to review their calls for service and proactive calls. Residents have noticed the increase of their presence as they have utilized our building for report filings and they continue to patrol the blocks and subdivisions.
 - ii. Anticipates having a new Officer on September 8. Also, we are hoping to have 1-2 new spots in the Police Academy starting in January 2027.
- f. Operations Director Kevin Klahs spoke about the oxygen levels being back in the positive in Lake Linden. McCloud feels they can start once again treating the Lake should the Lakes Commission feel this is the direction they wish to take.

VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. None.

VIII. New Business

- a. Presentation and Possible Discussion: Municipal Complex Space Needs Analysis and Facility Condition Assessment - FGM Architects

- i. FGM Architects was contracted to perform a facility assessment and space needs analysis of our current municipal complex. The complex consists of Village Hall and the Police Station.
 - ii. An assessment of the condition of our facilities, as well as interviews of administrative and police staff were performed.
 - iii. A representative of FGM provided an in-depth overview of the findings. After the presentation, and feedback from the Village Board, FGM will provide a final report. This report will be used for future discussions, in which the Village Board will consider proceeding with the design phase.
- b. Ordinance 26-8-2345: Appointing a Director and Alternate Director to Represent the Village of Lindenhurst on the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA)
 - i. A director and alternate director must be determined with an Ordinance passed for the CLCJAWA board of directors. The term will end April 30, 2027.
 - ii. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to adopt Ordinance 26-8-2345 appointing Mayor Marturano as Director and Trustee Suchy as alternate board members to the CLCJAWA Board of Directors for a term ending April 30, 2027.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 6 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Chybowski, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay - 0
Motion carried.

IX. Public Comment

- a. Residents had the following comments about the recent fish kill and clean up on Lake Linden:
 - i. Thanked the Village for the work that has been done to date.
 - ii. There is now no wildlife, boaters, or swimmers in the water.
 - iii. Feels we now need to re-treat the Lake with chemicals to help control the weeds.
 - iv. Need an agenda moving forward to help protect the Lakes.
 - v. Need a budget for maintenance and apply for grants.
 - vi. The residents would like a timeline of when we are going to talk about the Lakes more extensively.
- b. Residents had the following comments about the partnership with the Lake County Sheriff's office for the overnight shift:
 - i. Is concerned it is not Lindenhurst Officers patrolling the area.
 - ii. Do not feel the Sheriff's Office can respond as quickly as a Lindenhurst Officer.
 - iii. Does not understand how we can have enough funds to expand our facility, but not to staff our overnight officers.
 - iv. Feels this is unsafe.
 - v. Concerned about burglaries.
 - vi. Focus needs to be on getting back local protection.
 - vii. Suggestions for new and existing officers:
 - (1) After attending the academy, discuss officers talents as a way to keep them involved and engaged.

- (2) Hold quarterly meetings to keep staff interested.
- c. A resident had the following feedback about the expansion project:
 - i. Encourages the focus to be on useable square footage, not a garage.
 - ii. Would like a good visual when driving down Grand Avenue.
 - iii. Focus on providing a building that will be relevant for the next 40-50 years.

X. Executive Session

- a. Mayor Marturano informed the Board and Public that the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). No formal action will be taken when the Regular Board Meeting reconvenes. Any recommendations will be addressed at a subsequent Board Meeting.
- b. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to move into Executive Session to discuss 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 8:05pm.
- d. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 8:31 pm.

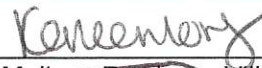
XI. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chybowski to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Voice Vote
Aye - 6
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
 - ii. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Date approved _____



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk Deputy / ATVA
Karleen Long