



VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 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, Dawn Suchy, and Heath Rosten.
- b. Absent was Trustee Patty Chybowski and Ron Grace.
- c. Village Administrator Clay Johnson, Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth, 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 March 9, 2026 were presented for approval.
- b. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of March 9, 2026 as presented.
 - i. Voice Vote
 - Aye - 4
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Trustee Dunham read the Treasurer's Report for February 2026. The total for all accounts on February 28, 2026 was \$18,222,753.09.
- b. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2026 as read.
 - i. Roll Call
 - Aye – 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten
 - Nay – 0
 - Motion carried.

VI. 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 March presented for payment in the amount of \$143,437.99 for invoices due on or before March 23, 2026.
 - i. Roll Call
Aye – 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten
Nay – 0
Motion carried.

VII. Board & Staff Reports

- a. Oath of Office - Officer Steve Kueber
 - i. Mayor Marturano administered the Oath of Office to Officer Steve Kueber.
 - ii. Chief Linas discussed Officer Kueber's qualifications and welcomed him to the team.
- b. Trustee Dickson announced the next Adopt-A-Highway clean-up event will be held on March 28, 2026. Meeting place to be Dunkin Donuts at 10:00am. He also discussed there was coordination at the Lakes Commission meeting about some minor changes they are recommending to the Village Code.
- c. Mayor Marturano spoke about the Lake Villa St Patrick's Day parade and thanked those who attended. Additionally, he spoke about an upcoming meeting he will be attending with Lake Villa Mayor James McDonald and Lake Villa Fire District Chief Doug Slazes about space needs of the Fire District.
- d. Village Administrator Clay Johnson spoke about the following:
 - i. Attended our first Glenview JETSB meeting as an official member. Dispatch is currently working on a program to allow texting to 911.
 - ii. Public Comment commenced with the Lake County Council of Mayor's for the call for projects for 2027-2030 projects. The Lake Shore Drive project has been placed on the contingency list. We are in a position to have the project funded, but there are no guarantees at this time.
- e. Police Chief Melinda Linas announced the following:
 - i. WGN honored Chief Linas as the First Responder of the month. This was sponsored by the Mancini Law Group who donated \$1000 to the 100 Club of Illinois in the Chief's name.
 - ii. Will be traveling to Springfield for lobby day.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. None.

IX. New Business

- a. Approval: Amending the Liquor License of Steph's Place - 1854 Grand Avenue
 - i. And updated liquor license application has been received from the Owners of Steph's Place, located at 1854 Grand Avenue. They wish to add additional

- Ownership and request the addition of two gaming machines. They currently hold an A-V license and operate four video gaming terminals. No concerns were noted with the background check of the proposed new owners.
- ii. Steph's Place is located in the commercial building between Antioch Pizza and a vacant space formerly held by Coldwell Banker Realty (1850 Grand). Antioch Pizza had previously received Village Board approval to expand into the vacant space and absorb Steph's Place. However, that plan fell through, and Antioch Pizza is not part of this request.
 - iii. Steph's Place requests they be allowed to expand into a portion of the vacant space. This would enable them to expand the bar, seating, and gaming area. While the front section of 1850 would remain vacant, the lessors are considering subleasing options.
 - iv. The expansion would accommodate up to 74 seats. The additional space would also allow the Owners to purchase a commercial air fryer, which would provide new food options.
 - v. The applicant is responsible for meeting the burden of the Village Code so as to not be considered a "video gaming café," as they are prohibited within the Village.
 - vi. The following is up for consideration:
 - (1) the addition of the new owners to the application
 - (2) the expansion of the current facility.
 - vii. Should the expansion not receive Village approval, this will not revoke the current liquor license.
 - viii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to approve an amendment to the Class A-V license held by Steph's Place at 1854 Grand Avenue for additional ownership and to add 1850 Grand Avenue, while allowing video gaming to remain at 4 machines.
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten
 - Nay - 0Motion carried.
- b. Resolution 2026-3-2335R: Supporting Municipal Housing Authority
- i. "Building Up Illinois Developments" (BUILD) is a set of proposals Governor Pritzker laid out at the most recent State of the State Address to help housing needs and challenges. These proposals would set statewide standards for zoning, including:
 - (1) lot sizes
 - (2) density allowances
 - (3) legalization of accessory dwelling units (ADUs)
 - (4) authorization of third-party plan reviewers/building inspectors
 - ii. Issues that have been established and administered at the local level would be preempted by many of these proposals. Unfortunately, besides impinging on municipal authority, these proposals do not:
 - (1) make accommodations for stormwater challenges
 - (2) staffing needs that may be necessary to meet review requirements
 - (3) community interests, as many uses will permit certain residential developments by right
 - iii. The Village of Lindenhurst wishes to establish our position by indicating the land use proposals negatively impact this community. Should the Resolution pass,

copies will be forwarded to our statewide elected legislators and the Illinois Municipal League.

- iv. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adopt Resolution 2026-3-2335R: Supporting Municipal Housing Authority.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- c. Approval: Confirmation of Execution of an Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plant and Village-owned Streetlight Electric Service - Dynegy
 - i. Bids were solicited for electric service to our wastewater treatment plan and streetlights. Our current contract expires in May, and had a three year term. As a means of receiving the best market rates, we joined with approximately 80 municipalities. Dynegy provided the best rates of the four companies who responded.
 - ii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rosten to confirm the execution of an agreement with Dynegy for electric service for the wastewater treatment plant and Village-owned streetlights for a period of three years.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- d. Approval: Omnibus Action on FY 2026-2027 Vendor Bids, Quotes, and Proposals
 - i. As a continued means of improving efficiency and transparency, a master list of vendors the Village Board may consider containing bids, quotes, and proposals has been updated.
 - ii. Many vendors are holding their pricing from the previous fiscal year, while other vendors have inflationary increases.
 - iii. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to approve the FY 2026-2027 master list for solicited bids, quotes, and proposals as presented, and authorize the Village Administrator to execute service agreements with listed vendors as needed.
 - (1) Roll Call
Aye - 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten
Nay - 0
Motion carried.
- e. Approval: Electrical Engineering Design for Grand Avenue Streetscape Improvements - Christopher C. Burke Engineering (CBBEL) - \$23,400
 - i. Per the January 12, 2026 direction by the Village Board, staff has spoken with CBBEL pertaining to the scope of work for electricity install of signage and seasonal lighting along Grand Avenue medians. Electrical design for the identity signage and four receptacles in close proximity to each sign for holiday lighting is included in the scope of work. Once completed, Teska will be provided with a set of drawings for the full plan, which includes landscaping and signage. This will then be submitted to IDOT.
 - ii. The cost of improvements is to be included in the CIP within Community Capital for FY 2026-2027.

- iii. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to authorize the Village Administrator to execute a proposal with Christopher B. Burke Engineering for electrical design for Grand Avenue streetscape elements at a cost not to exceed \$23,400.
 - (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten
 - Nay - 0

Motion carried.

f. Approval: Online Service Request System Transition to SeeClickFix - \$8,473.81

- i. A web-based service request system has been available to the public for quite some time. This system has allowed the public to inform staff of issues that need addressing. In 2022, the Village purchased Beehive Asset Management software (E311). This software package came with an online service request system. This system tied directly into our asset management software. This allowed:

- (1) staff could assign work to be completed on a specific asset.
- (2) the type of work completed was tracked.
- (3) status updates could be provided to residents.

- ii. Beehive was purchased in 2025 by Civic Plus. With the acquisition, CivicPlus intended to push clients to the "Beehive 2.0" platform. This upgrade eliminates the functionality of our current E311 platform. CivicPlus has offered their E311 solution, SeeClickFix as a replacement.

- iii. After negotiations, staff was able to obtain a reduction to the introductory price of Beehive and SeeClixFix. Implementation is expected to be completed within 14 weeks.

- iv. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham to authorize the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with CivicPlus/SeeClickFix for an online service request system at a cost not to exceed \$8,473.81.

- (1) Roll Call
 - Aye - 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten
 - Nay - 0

Motion carried.

g. Discussion: Temporary Sign Regulations

- i. The current Village Code relating to temporary signage was discussed. Due to the volume of new businesses, staff requested feedback on the regulation of temporary signs. Additionally, they asked for parameters, if any, the Board wished to have established.

h. Discussion: 2024-2026 Strategic Plan Progress Update

- i. Staff provided an update of the status of action items.

X. Public Comment

- a. None.

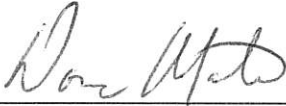
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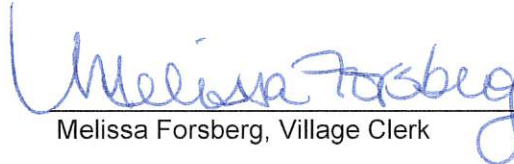
- a. None.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Voice Vote
 - Aye - 4
 - Nay - 0
 - Motion carried.
 - ii. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Date approved 4-13-2026


Dominic Marturano, Mayor


Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

