



VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
Regular Village Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2026
7:00 p.m.

- 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, Heath Rosten, and Ron Grace.
 - b. Absent was Trustee Patty Chybowski.
 - c. Also in attendance were 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 27, 2026 were presented for approval.
 - b. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dunham, to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board Meeting of April 27, 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 April 2026. The total for all accounts on April 30, 2026 was \$17,870,256.55.
- b. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2026 as read.
 - i. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried

VI. Bills Presented for Payment

- a. Voucher Register #1 – April 28 through April 30
 - i. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the set of bills for April 28, 2026 through April 30, 2026 (end of FY26) as presented for payment in the amount of \$480,652.11 for invoices due on or before April 30, 2026.
 - ii. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried
- b. Voucher Register #2 – May 1, 2026 through May 11, 2026
 - i. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson, to approve the first set of bills for May 1, 2026 through May 11, 2026 (start of FY27) as presented for payment in the amount of \$626,181.35 for invoices due on or before May 11, 2026.
 - ii. Roll Call
Aye – 5 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Rosten, Grace
Nay – 0
Motion carried

VII. Board and Staff Reports

- a. Trustee Dunham noted the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held May 25, 2025 at 10:00am.
- b. Mayor Marturano discussed the following:
 - i. Board members who have not filled out the bio's for the America 250/Lindenhurst 70, please make sure to fill out soon.
 - ii. Thank you to St Mark Lutheran Church for honoring our First Responders on Sunday, May 4, 2026. Chief Linas, as well as Lindenhurst Officers and members of the Lake Villa Fire Protection District were able to attend.
 - iii. Traveled to Springfield, IL with Fox Lake Mayor, Donny Schmit to attend a press conference organized by the City of Chicago. The press conference discussed the ongoing struggle municipalities are having in receiving funds owed from the legislative general distribution fund (LGDF). Approximately 26 local Mayor's attended and had discussions with the House and Senate.
 - iv. Lake Villa District Library has completed Phase I of their outdoor project. A ribbon ceremony is scheduled for June 7, 2026 at 1:00pm.
 - v. Provided information to the Board pertaining to the Governor's Build Act, which would remove control of zoning by the local municipality. The Illinois Municipal League (IML) responded with the Real Act, and provided a set of bills, one each for the House and Senate. This Act provides an alternative to the Build Act, which would keep control of zoning at the local level. Additionally, local municipalities have provided information to the State outlining steps taken to combat the housing shortage.
 - vi. Attended the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus meeting in North Chicago, IL. Inquiries were made as to if Lindenhurst would be available to hold an upcoming meeting. Unfortunately, we had to decline, as we do not have the technology necessary for the participants that attend remotely.

- vii. A member of the Lake Villa Fire Protection district reached out to provide information about an accident involving a rescue squad on May 10, 2026. A patient was being transported to the hospital, when the rescue vehicle was hit at the intersection of Route 45 and Peterson. The driver of the other vehicle ran a red light and hit the ambulance. The two paramedics had to be admitted to the hospital overnight for their injuries.
 - viii. It is National Police Week. Thank you to our police officers for all their hard work!
 - ix. Liaisons are to be appointed this evening. The main function of a liaison is to act "as a bridge to facilitate communication, coordination, and cooperation between the various parties." Please be mindful of overextending your roll and undertaking more than the communication roll allows.
- c. Police Chief Linas provided information about the following:
- i. Officer White recently escorted the Honor Flight.
 - ii. Last week was the Illinois Police Memorial in Springfield, IL.
 - iii. This week is National Police Memorial in Washington, DC.
 - iv. Cop on a Rooftop will be Friday, May 15, 2026 from 5:00am until 12:00pm. Officers will be at the Dunkin Donuts on Route 45 and Sand Lake Road.
 - v. Cops and Bobbers to be held Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Waterford Lake from 9:00-10:30am.
 - vi. Friday, May 15, 2026, is scheduled to be on a panel in Naperville for the Legacy Project Conference. A conference for women with positions in local government.
 - vii. Thank you to St Mark Lutheran Church for honoring First Responders. Everyone appreciates all the time they spend putting this event together.

- viii. Was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. Will serve a two-year term.

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. None.

IX. New Business

- a. Presentation: Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) - Municipal Aggregation Renewal Options – MC²

- i. Please see below, as presentation works in conjunction with item b.

Trustee Rosten stepped out at 7:25pm.

- b. Discussion and Possible Action: Ordinance 26-5-2339: Authorizing the Renewal of Aggregation Program for Electric Load

- i. Adam Hoover of NIMEC provided an overview of the proposed 6-year renewal with our current supplier, MC Squared Energy Services (MC²) for our residential electric aggregation program.

- 1. NIMEC suggests we continue with the existing Price Match Guarantee program, which would ensure residents do not pay more than the default rate.
 - 2. Traditional ComEd bills will still be received by residents.
 - 3. The Price Match Guarantee program would continue to offer a civic contribution to the Village.
 - 4. Entering into a six-year renewal versus a one or two-year renewal:

- a. Would ensure:

- i. The program follows the default rate.
 - ii. Solidifies the annual civic contribution.

- iii. Reduces the frequency of mailings to residents about the program. One would be sent this year with a six-year renewal.
 - b. Residents can opt out at any time without penalty.
 - c. The proposal can be terminated by the Village after an initial two-year cycle.
 - d. There is no direct cost savings with the six-year versus the one or two-year renewal; however, there would be an administrative cost savings by extending the renewal cycle.
- ii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to adopt Ordinance 26-5-2339 authorizing the renewal of the electric aggregation program with MC².
- 1. Roll Call
 - Aye – 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Grace
 - Nay – 0
 - Motion carried.
- c. Advise and Consent: Mayoral Appointments
- i. Mayor Marturano recommended all officer, commission, committee appointments and reappointments for FY 2026 as presented.
 - ii. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dickson to approve the Mayoral appointments to Village Boards and Commissions as presented.
 - 1. Roll Call
 - Aye – 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Grace
 - Nay – 0
 - Motion carried.

d. Proclamation: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month

- i. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), or "Lou Gehrig's Disease" is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that destroys the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord. Currently, there is no known cure.
- ii. Attention is drawn to this cause in the month of May. This attention helps increase awareness and raise funds in support of research.
- iii. Trustee Dickson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to proclaim May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month.

1. Roll Call

Aye – 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Grace

Nay – 0

Motion carried.

e. Resolution 26-5-2338R: Authorization to Transfer Funds

- i. The Village Board will transfer excess cash from Operational Funds to Capital Project Funds, which allows the Village to fund new capital projects and initiatives.
- ii. Trustee Dunham made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to adopt Resolution 26-5-2338R, authorizing the various interfund transfers as presented.

1. Roll Call

Aye – 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Grace

Nay – 0

Motion carried.

f. Approval: Community Survey Preparation Services – ETC Institute – \$19,500

- i. Community surveys are conducted every four years, and was last performed in 2022 by NuStats. The survey provides perceptions of:

1. Staff.

2. Services.

3. Initiatives.

- ii. Additionally, survey results help guide our management approach as the findings contribute to the direction of our strategic plan, which affects how the Village allocates resources.
- iii. NuStats has since ceased operations. ETC Institute (ETC) has been identified as a potential replacement. They specialize in market research and community surveys, and conducts municipal surveys nationwide.
- iv. Trustee Suchy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grace to authorize the Village Administrator to execute a proposal with ETC Institute for the development of a community wide survey instrument at a cost not-to-exceed \$19,500.

1. Roll Call

Aye – 4 Trustees Dickson, Dunham, Suchy, Grace

Nay – 0

Motion carried.

X. Public Comment

- a. Kelly Goodman, a resident of Lindenhurst thanked the Board for passing the ALS Proclamation. Kelly has become an ALS Advocate since the passing of her husband three years ago. She works along side I AM ALS helping to support families and communities. Please visit iamals.org for additional information.

XI. Executive Session

- a. None.

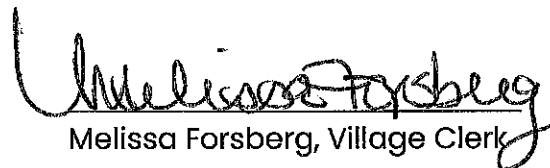
XII. Adjournment

- a. Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Suchy to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Voice Vote
Aye – 4
Nay – 0
Motion carried.
 - ii. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Date Approved: 06/08/26



Dominic Marturano, Mayor



Melissa Forsberg, Village Clerk

