Village Continues Balanced Budget Approach for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019

The Village Board recently reviewed the draft budget for fiscal year 2018 - 2019 (May 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019), which is balanced in all major operating funds for the tenth consecutive year.

Spending in the Village’s General Fund, which pays for general municipal services like police protection, street maintenance, right-of-way maintenance, and building and construction inspections, is up $43,398 from last year, and is projected to operate at a surplus.

In addition, the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget includes a number of major infrastructure improvements throughout the community.

**Highlights include:**

- New funding for storm water projects along Federal Parkway and Longmeadow Drive
- Funding for street resurfacing, as part of a 2-Year Schedule
- Sanitary sewer lift station replacement and upgrades
- Funding for Millburn Bypass and Grand Avenue Reconstruction Projects
- Community survey and comprehensive plan updates
- Continuing funding for road patching and sidewalk repairs

2017 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Notification

Please go to [www.lindenhurstil.org/2017waterreport](http://www.lindenhurstil.org/2017waterreport) to view your 2017 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2017.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2017 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call the Village Hall at (847) 356-8252.
From the Mayor’s Desk

As you are hopefully aware, the Village Board meets twice per month (2nd and 4th Mondays) to conduct Village business in public.

In May 2017, the Village Board passed Village Ordinance 17-5-2075, which set the rules for Public Comment during Village Board meetings. Under these rules, the Village will provide two separate opportunities for public comment during Board meetings. The first opportunity is to comment on agenda items just prior to those agenda items (typically under “New Business), and the second opportunity is to comment on general items at the conclusion of the business portion of the Board meeting.

The Village Board has a responsibility to conduct the business of the Village in an orderly and efficient manner. The mayor, as chair of the meeting, is responsible for ensuring the orderly conduct of the meeting and will rule on the appropriateness of any public comment issues that may arise.

The specific rules that follow below are intended to maintain the orderly conduct and ensure fairness to those who wish to address the Board:

1. Anyone interested in speaking publicly at a Board meeting is welcome. Individuals are asked to sign in with the Village Clerk just prior to the start of the Board meeting.
2. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes per person during either of the 2 public comment portions of the meeting. The total time for the public comment periods will be 30 minutes, unless a majority of the Board votes to extend the public comment period.
3. Any person who is not allowed to make remarks during public comment shall be permitted to submit written comment to the Board either before or after the time for public comment with the Village Clerk.
4. Only 1 person may speak at a time during any public comment period.
5. No person may assign their time to any other person.
6. The Chair may deny a person who has previously addressed the Board the opportunity to speak again during the same meeting on the same topic.
7. No person may address the Board or engage in public comment except during one of the two defined public comment periods, and when recognized by the Chair.
8. During any public comment period, Board members may ask questions of the speaker while he/she is speaking, if recognized by the Chair. However, the Board need not answer questions from a speaker during any public comment period. If a person has a question for the Board, they may be asked (and are recommended) to submit the question in writing.
9. All comments must be civil in nature. Any person who engages in threatening, slanderous, or disorderly behavior when addressing the Board, or who speaks out of turn or disrupts the Board meeting, shall be deemed out-of-order by the Chair. Repeated or extraordinary occurrences of disorderly conduct shall be grounds for the Chair to cause the violator to be removed from the meeting. The Chair will rule on whether remarks made are in violation of this policy.
10. The Board has the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in this policy and not inconsistent with this policy.

As I’ve commented in the Board meetings since this policy, you don’t have to wait for a Board meeting to ask the Board or staff a question. You can email us anytime. Those of you who have emailed me know that either I or staff will respond back to you. If you need to discuss a matter with me or staff, know that I and Village staff will always make time for you.

Remember that the above policy was implemented so that the Village Board can conduct business in an orderly and efficient manner. We did not implement this policy to suppress your comments. Ultimately, the Village Board and employees work for you. We encourage and appreciate your comments and feedback. And as your elected official, I appreciate the opportunity to represent and serve you!

Where do my property taxes go?

As depicted in this picture, the Village of Lindenhurst receives less than 3% of your total tax bill.

A $250,000 home pays an average annual tax bill of approximately $11,049 (Millburn School District) and $9,751 (Lake Villa School District), with just $275 of that going to the Village.

Additional information on the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Budget can be found on the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org.
Linden Notes

Landscape Collection
Spring is here, and so is the start of landscape waste collection with the Village’s contracted waste hauler, Groot. Landscape service begins April 2 and runs through November 26. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds. Sticker service: Each sticker is $3.25 and one must be affixed to each 32-gallon container or Kraft bag placed curbside each week. There is no limit to the number of containers that may be placed curbside with sticker service. Subscription service: This service is $150 annually. Residents may place up to four 32-gallon containers or Kraft style bags curbside each week; any additional containers would require a sticker. Stickers can be purchased at the following locations: Groot’s website (www.groot.com), at Walgreen’s (399 S. Rte. 45), or Butera Finer Foods (1500 W. Grand Avenue). For more information, please contact Groot at (847) 693-2700.

Tree Replacement Program
The Village offers a program to assist residents who wish to plant a tree. Under this 50/50 tree replacement program, the Village will reimburse residents who wish to purchase a new tree for their property or parkway area. The program parameters are as follows:
- Residents will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of a single, acceptable tree, excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc. up to $200.
- Program dollars would be dispersed by the Village to the homeowner after the purchase and planting of a new tree.
- Households could participate once per year.
- Residents can submit a receipt to Village Hall for reimbursement.

Shoreline Stabilization Program
The Village offers a lake shore stabilization program for residents who own lake shore property. Through this program, the Village will reimburse residents who plant acceptable shrubs and plantings that help to preserve the shoreline and water quality of the lakes. The list of acceptable plantings is taken from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. This list is also located at www.lindenhurstlakes.com. Other guidelines include the following:
- First come, first serve basis as budgeted funds are available.
- Eligible residents may be reimbursed 50% of their expenditure up to $100.
- Residents must submit a receipt to Village Hall that itemizes the acceptable purchase.
- A list of acceptable plantings is available on the Village website www.lindenhurstil.org.

Utility Bill Payment Options
Residents can take advantage of the Village’s on-line utility bill system, at no additional cost. Residents can use the My Utility Account to pay their utility bill, view the bill or receive paperless billing through the e-bill program. To register, visit www.lindenhurstil.org and select the link “pay utilities” on the homepage. Visa, Mastercard and Discover credit cards are all accepted.
Or, residents can download the Village of Lindenhurst app on iTunes or Google Play. Please contact Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 if you have any questions about on-line utility bill payments.

SPRING CLEANING TIPS - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE REMINDERS

Landscaping
Grass should not exceed 8 inches in height, and weeds are not permitted. The burning of yard waste is not permitted.
Shrubbery and trees should not encroach over public sidewalks, nor block the line-of-sight for roadway traffic.

Vehicles
No vehicle may be parked on the front lawn or obstruct a public sidewalk. Boats, RVs, and trailers have size and parking restrictions. All vehicles shall be operable, with current plates displayed. 2 AM to 6 AM street parking is prohibited.

Garage Sales
Only 2 garage sales are permitted within a calendar year, and may not exceed 4 consecutive days in duration.
Signs can not be affixed to lamp posts, fences, mailboxes, electric lights, utility poles, street signs, or public buildings.

Structure Maintenance
Display reflective address numbers, a minimum of 4-inches high, using a color contrasting with its background.
Keep trim and wall exteriors free from chipping/peeling paint and rotting wood. Maintain hand and guard rails.

Storage/Debris
All garbage must be sealed in a tight-fitting container, and may not be stored in front of the house. Receptacles, yard waste, and other items can be placed roadside after 6 PM the night before a scheduled pick-up, and must be removed by 8 PM the day of pick-up.
The Village of Lindenhurst is pleased to recognize the following business anniversaries from April to July:

Advanced Chiropractic & Acupuncture Center (18 years); All Suburban Driving School (9 years); BP Amoco (18 years); Brainstorm (15 years); Chase Bank (11 years); Cruise Planners (5 years); Grace Cleaners (24 years); Great American Tire (19 years); Linden Liquors (7 years); Nino's Gyros (6 years); North Suburban Physical Therapy (8 years); Red Sun, (12 years); Richard's Building Supply (9 years); RJ’s Eatery (37 years); Rosati’s Pizza (22 years); Sindy’s Signature Hair Salon (13 years); Studio One Photography (12 years); and Tiger Tae Kwon Do (6 years).

Thank you for your contributions to the Village!

A message from your

Lakes Commission

Now that the warmer weather is here, are you thinking of finally getting back out on the lakes? Whether you are considering fishing, boating, landscaping or making improvements to your shorelines, we think it is important that you be aware of the Village ordinances pertaining to these activities and improvements. A link for these Lake Regulations (95.50 - 95.59) can be found on the Village website www.lindenhurstil.org. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with these regulations before you engage in any shoreline improvements, or add docks or piers.

The Lindenhurst Lakes Commission is composed of a group of Village-appointed volunteers who support a comprehensive program that incorporates both protection and restoration activities to improve and maintain the quality of our four Village lakes. The Lakes Commission’s public meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every other month in the Village Hall (i.e., January, March, May, July, September and November). If you haven’t already done so, we encourage you to visit our website at www.lindenhurstlakes.com so that you may acquaint yourself with some of the activities with which we have been involved. We invite you to attend some of our public meetings, as well.

Finally, the Lakes Commission invites you to register to receive email notifications of important lake events. Examples of notifications we intend to send to those who register includes reports on fish stocking; new lakes commission recommendations; water quality reports; shoreline stabilization incentives or any developments in which lakeshore property owners may be interested. In order to sign up to receive these email notices, please email us at lakescommission@lindenhurstil.org with a request to receive lake updates.

In the meantime, the Lakes Commission encourages you to join us in our efforts to maintain and improve our lakes. You can begin to contribute by familiarizing yourselves with the ordinances, and attending our scheduled meetings at the Village Hall. We hope to hear from you!

Village Board meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road. Please visit www.lindenhurstil.org for more information.