

**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST ILLINOIS
2301 E. Sand Lake Road**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2019
7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marturano called the Regular Village Board meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Dominic Marturano and Trustees Bill Anderson, Patty Chybowski, Dawn Czarny, and Heath Rosten. Absent were Trustee Pat Dunham, and Dawn Suchy.

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Clay Johnson, Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf, Treasurer Art Neubauer, Operations Director Kevin Klahs, Police Chief Tom Jones, Utility Systems Manager Charles Hernandez, and Village Clerk Jody Stoughtenger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2019 were presented for approval.

Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2019.

VOICE VOTE Ayes - 4, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Trustee Czarny made a motion, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve the first set of June bills presented for payment in the amount of \$1,269,560.03 for invoices due on or before June 10, 2019.

ROLL CALL

Ayes – 4 Trustees Anderson, Chybowski, Czarny, and Rosten
Nays – 0

Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Neubauer read the May 2019 Treasurer’s Report. The total for all accounts on May 31, 2019 was \$8,815,769.06.

Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Czarny, to approve the May 2019 Treasurer’s Report as read.

ROLL CALL

Ayes – 4 Trustees Anderson, Chybowski, Czarny, and Rosten

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

BOARD & STAFF REPORTS

Swearing-In of Elected Officials

Clerk Stoughtenger administered the Oath of Office to Dawn Czarny as the elected Village Trustee.

Recognition of Service: Officer Hugo Robles, 15 Years and Appointment to Lake County Major Crimes Task Force

Police Chief recognized Officer Hugo Robles for 15 years of service with the Village Police Department. Officer Robles was also recognized for his appointment to the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force.

Recognition of Service: Officer Eric Gugel

Police Chief recognized Officer Eric Gugel for his role and commitment to the Mobile Field Force after responding to a state wide call out that required travel to Southern Illinois at short notice to participate in rescue efforts for flood victims.

Mayor Marturano reported that the first Concert in the Park was a success with Bella Cain performing at Lehman Mansion. The summer concerts are scheduled every Wednesday at 7:00pm June through August. The summer concert series is cosponsored by The Village of Lindenhurst, Village of Lake Villa, Lake Villa Township, the Park District, Library, and the Chamber of Commerce. Concert locations are at Lehman Mansion, Parkman Park, or Caboose Park. All concerts are free. Sushi Roll will perform June 12th at Parkman Park.

The Chicago Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (CMAP) published a booklet on the plan to fund roads through 2050. In the booklet, the agency presents data and criteria used to plan funding for roads in the Chicago metropolitan area, including Lindenhurst, through non-local funds. Mayor Marturano encouraged anyone interested to read the brochure. It may be helpful to understand the strategy used in the planning process.

The fireworks show was excellent at Lake Villa’s Celebration of Summer celebration in Lehman Park, Saturday, June 8th.

Mayor Marturano, Administrator Johnson, and Trustee Suchy attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at D’aprile Properties. D’aprile is an existing real estate agency with offices located in the Chicagoland area. Lindenhurst is projected to be a successful area for their business.

Mayor Marturano and Administrator Johnson met with a representative from the Census Bureau. The Bureau is educating the public on the importance of participating in the 2020 census. The more people that participate, the more money there is available to fund programs in our community. Village Board and Staff plan to connect with resources and work together to communicate the benefits of participation in the 2020 census.

Village Administrator Johnson announced the Lakeshore FAU Open House will take place June 27th at 7:00pm at Village Hall. This is one of the final requirements of Phase 1 Engineering to inform the public on the status of the project and impact of the project. Engineers will provide an overview of plans along the project route and provide information on properties that will be impacted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 19-5-2134: Amending the Number of Liquor Licenses by Increasing the Number of Class A-V Licenses by 1 for Grande Jake’s (Tabled 5/13/19)

This item was tabled at the May 13th meeting, pending requests from the Board. The petitioner provided more information on seating and location of the gaming terminals and answered questions from the Board.

Comments and discussion resulted in a consensus from the Board to take no action at this time. The ordinance remains on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Presentation: Public Works Service Zones Program

Operations Director Klahs and Utility Systems Manager Hernandez presented a new pilot program for Public Works. The Service Zones Program divides the Village into eight service zones with the intent of improving service delivery. The zones will directly impact the Village Snow and Ice Control Plan, as well as other daily operations.

C. Approval: Strategic Planning Proposal – Northern Illinois University

Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies presented the Village with a proposal for their services to initiate a comprehensive strategic planning process for the Village of Lindenhurst.

The Center for Governmental Studies at NIU recommends a multi-session participative format that will enable the Village Board and/or staff to gain insight on community views, share perspectives and ideas, and undertake an exploration of goals and priorities all

within the context of current and anticipated environmental dynamics. The end result will be a thorough discussion of leaders and stakeholders' views resulting in the identification of the Village's most critical strategic goals, objectives, and organizational arrangements for both current and future.

Trustee Anderson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Czarny, to approve the strategic planning proposal from the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies in an amount not to exceed \$16,900.

ROLL CALL

Ayes – 4 Trustees Anderson, Chybowski, Czarny, and Rosten

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

D. Discussion: Regulation of Recreational Marijuana

The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (HB 1438) will legalize the sale, possession, and use of marijuana for recreational purposes for adults over 21 beginning on January 1, 2020. The bill has tremendous ramifications on Illinois law, economy, and local governments. While many of the effects of the law are somewhat unknown at this point, it is important to gain some understanding of provisions within the new legislation:

- Illinois residents over age 21 will be allowed to possess up to 30 grams of raw cannabis, 5 grams of cannabis concentrate, or cannabis-infused products up to 500 milligrams of THC.
- Must be purchased in a licensed dispensary and can be consumed on private property away from minors. Consumption is prohibited in "public places." A public place is any place where a person could reasonably be expected to be observed by others excluding private residences.
- Locations prohibiting use include schools, near minors, anywhere prohibited by the Smoke Free Illinois Act.
- Possession is illegal in motor vehicles unless in a proper container and driving under the influence of cannabis is illegal.
- Dispensaries and cultivation centers must be approved by the State, some sites will have to require that the proposed use complies with local zoning ordinances.

Municipalities have authority to prohibit or significantly limit the location of cannabis related businesses through local ordinances. This can be as broad as a general prohibition on these businesses across all zones. It also allows the municipality to allow certain types of cannabis related businesses like cultivation centers while limiting others like dispensaries. Broad authority is also granted to municipalities for consumption on the premises, if allowed within the community.

Along with sales taxes imposed by the state, county, and localities, the state has imposed additional taxes specific to cannabis businesses. Municipalities are authorized to impose a retailer occupation (sales) tax of up to 3% on final sales to consumers. Eight (8) percent of

taxes collected related to cannabis sales to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) will be diverted to funding crime prevention programs and training for law enforcement.

The Board and Staff discussed the potential impact recreational marijuana may have on the community and regulations that may be required for cannabis related businesses in the Village. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that additional information is needed to understand the consequences and unintended consequences of the law. Village Administrator Johnson shared that research is being conducted by Village Staff on the effects in Colorado and Washington. Results will be summarized and presented at a future Village Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident commented that vehicles driving through his neighborhood are not obeying the speed limit and traveling at a high rate of speed. He expressed concern for the safety of families, children, and pets. The resident requested the police department place a mobile speed sign in the area.

Resident also commented he is grateful that Officer Robles is a police officer in Lindenhurst. He praised him for doing a great job for the citizens and the community.

Resident shared comments about how impressed he was with Public Works' new service delivery program.

Resident shared his appreciation for the Board discussion on cannabis, commenting on his concern for the potential for increased crime in the community as a result of legalizing recreational marijuana.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chybowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Czarny, to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE Ayes - 4, Nays - 0

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Date Approved _____