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Village of Lindenhurst Adds New Efforts to Provide Economic Relief to Residents and Businesses

Lindenhurst, Illinois – The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are devastating and far-reaching. The toll that this public health crisis has taken on populations across the world cannot be understated. It seems as if every facet of life and livelihood has been impacted in some way by COVID-19 over the past nine months. The Village of Lindenhurst’s Mayor and Trustees recognize the difficulties extended to our local businesses and residents in these unprecedented times, and are continuously seeking ways to be supportive of our community.

Previously, the Village Board authorized a total of \$85,000 toward the Restaurant Expense Reimbursement Grant program. This grant assisted Lindenhurst restaurants and bars that incurred certain expenses since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. In addition to the grant program, the Village Board has also approved a 0% inflationary property tax increase for 2021. Therefore, there will be no increase to the Village portion of next year’s property tax bills.

Last week, the Village Board took additional steps to provide more economic relief for residents and businesses alike. Specifically for our business community, the Village will waive business license renewal fees for the upcoming year. All Lindenhurst license fees will be waived, with the exception of liquor licenses. Renewal letters for business licenses will be distributed in March 2021.

In addition, the Village will not increase water or sewer rates, which would normally increase on May 1, 2021. After a review of anticipated expenses and advanced payment of outstanding debt, the Village will be able to hold water and sewer rates flat for another year without sacrificing the quality of service we are able to provide our community.

“With these measures, it is our goal to provide support to as many residents and businesses as we can,” says Mayor Dominic Marturano. “We have not lost sight of the fact that this pandemic has affected every part of our community in some way, and we hope that this relief will remove

at least some worry from the minds of our business owners and residents during these difficult times.”

The Village has been reinvesting the Lake County-distributed Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding back into our community, to help everyone through the pandemic. “Our first reaction when we learned of the CARES Act funding was to figure out how we could best put that money to work to help Lindenhurst as a whole,” said Patrick Dunham, Trustee and chair of the Village’s Finance Committee. To date, the Village has committed just over \$500,000 through various actions to help support this community-wide relief. Although vaccinations represent a light at the end of this dark tunnel, the Village will continue to monitor the severity of the pandemic and the condition of our local economy to determine if further actions are necessary.

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