VILLAGE OF
LINCOLNSHIRE

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
October 12, 2026

Present:

Mayor Brandt	Trustee Grujanac
Trustee Kelly	Trustee Mitchell
Trustee Munger	Trustee Pantelis
Trustee Raizin	~~Village Clerk Mastandrea~~
Village Attorney Simon	Village Manager Burke
Chief of Police Leonas	Village Treasurer/Finance Director Rossi
Public Works Director Woodbury	Assistant Village Manager/CED Director Davies

1.0 ROLL CALL

Mayor Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m., and Deputy Village Clerk Burke called the roll.

2.0 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Planning, Zoning, and Land Use

2.2 Finance and Administration

2.21 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – Consideration of the Estimated Amount to be Raised by Ad Valorem Taxes for the 2026 Tax Levy to be Collected in Fiscal Year 2027 (Village of Lincolnshire)

Finance Director Matt Rossi reported the preliminary 2026 EAV is $847 million, with a likely final range of $813–$838 million after county processing.

Staff proposed reducing the levy rate from 0.28 to 0.27, resulting in an estimated $2.215 million levy, about 1% above the current levy.

Based on historical activity, staff believes the EAV will land right around $820 million, which is about a 3% decrease from the current estimate.

In Lincolnshire, the average sale price of a single-family home over the past year has been about $850,000. So, in the current year, a home with that valuation would have a total property tax bill of $23,823. Of that, $777 will come to the village of Lincolnshire, which is about 3% of the total. If the village opts to decrease our rate to 0.27 in tax year 2026, the amount the village would collect on a home valued at $850,000 would be $749, which is $28 less than the current year.

Staff requested feedback from the village board or any input on alternative options for the 2026 levy.

Mayor Brandt requested a chart for the budget meeting showing property tax rate comparisons.

Village Attorney Simon added the approved levy in the fall is the highest the Village can collect. At this time, the levy can be reduced but not increased.

Trustee Munger asked if the process of changing the levy is a simple process.

Village Manager Brad Burke advised the Village typically has about half a day to send a levy number to the county.

Mayor Brandt referenced increases by other agencies in the county using the high EAV to increase taxes. Mayor Brandt expressed concerns about Lincolnshire residents' ability to sell their homes due to buyers being reluctant to accept the high tax bills.

Village Manager Brad Burke added the total EAV for the Village last year reached 2010 levels for the first time since the recession and added in some years the Village faced double digit reductions in assessed valuations.

Mayor Brandt expressed support in decreasing the property tax rate to 0.27 or lower and added the taxes are used to fund pensions and public safety and that it is not necessary to have a huge surplus.

Trustee Kelly said the new police contract may impact budget discussions.

Mayor Brandt emphasized the Village receives just below 3% of the tax bill.

Mayor Brandt and Finance Director Matt Rossi discussed EAV estimates based on Lake County patterns in recent years.

Finance Director Matt Rossi said a 3% decrease from the current estimate is anticipated.

Mayor Brandt asked about variations in tax increases, referencing homes with increases as high as 14% and other home with increases as low as 3-4%.

Finance Director Matt Rossi listed several possible factors including increases in value, loss of exemptions, and commercial valuation changes.

2.3 Public Works

2.31 Consideration of Approval of a Contract with Yellowstone Landscape, of Wauconda, Illinois for Contractual Tree Acquisition and Planting Services (Village of Lincolnshire)

Public Works Director Brad Woodbury said staff opened bids for the

contractual tree acquisition and planting services on October 5. This is the contract used for all right-of-way tree plantings throughout the year. There were three bids received. Yellowstone Landscaping of Wauconda submitted the lowest responsible bid. The bid cost includes the procurement of the trees, planting, and a one-year replacement warranty. Yellowstone has contracted with the Village for the past three years and meets all contractual obligations. Staff recommends approval of a contract.

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on the Consent Agenda for approval at the next Regular Village Board meeting.

2.4 Public Safety

2.41 Consideration of Approval of a Fully Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory (NIRCL) (Village of Lincolnshire)

Police Chief Joseph Leonas said staff is requesting to continue its membership with NIRCL, the crime lab. The Village has been a member for almost 40 years, since its inception. The lab is moving to Lake Forest to increase their footprint there. NIRCL is requesting the Village to cover its share of the costs associated with the relocation in addition to the annual service costs.

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on the Consent Agenda for approval at the next Regular Village Board meeting.

2.5 Parks and Recreation

2.6 Judiciary and Personnel

3.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Executive Session Pertaining to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining

5.2 Executive Session Pertaining to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Performance of Specific Employees

Trustee Grujanac moved and Trustee Kelly seconded a motion to go into Executive Session pertaining to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Performance of Specific Employees.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Grujanac, Kelly, Munger, Raizin, Mitchell, Pantelis
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Brandt declared the motion carried and the Board went into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. The Village Board returned from Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Grujanac moved, and Trustee Pantelis seconded the motion to adjourn. The voice vote was unanimous, and Mayor Brandt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Bradly J. Burke
Deputy Village Clerk