VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

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Village Board Approves 2021 Budget

The Village of Lincolnshire Board of Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY '21) budget during the December 14, 2020, Regular Village Board meeting. Lincolnshire's fiscal year aligns with the calendar year (January 1 – December 31), and residents can view the budget by visiting www.lincolnshireil.gov,clicking on the "Transparency" button at the top of the page, and navigating to the "Finance" section of the webpage before selecting "Budgets".

Impact of COVID-19 - The Village prides itself on maintaining a balanced budget to ensure fiscal stewardship of taxpayer funds and mitigate the need for debt. Working on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget proved a difficult task given the uncertainty of the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the economy. Many of Lincolnshire's key revenues have been dramatically affected as a result of the pandemic, including: loss of room tax due to reduced business travel; reduced admission tax at local theaters; and reductions in sales tax and food and beverage tax revenue.

Earlier this year, the Village took swift action to mitigate the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific projects, events, and other expenditures were either canceled or delayed during FY '20 to address the economic impact and save the Village more than $2.7 million. While there is not yet a clear understanding of how the pandemic will affect long-term financial planning and stability at the local, state, and federal levels, the Village will still meet its Fund Balance Policy (i.e., 75% of operating expenses placed in reserves) for FY '21. Additionally, General Fund operating revenues are expected to exceed General Fund operating expenditures through FY '25.

To address the economic impact of COVID-19, Village officials took a conservative approach while developing the FY '21 budget and proposed expenditure reductions. Some of these actions include, but are not limited to:

- Implemented a hiring freeze and keeping existing vacancies in full-time positions unfilled.
- Eliminating wage increases for all non-union Village staff.
- Cut seasonal positions and eliminate lifeguards at Spring Lake Beach.
- Reduce professional service expenses related to outside engineering.
- Postpone non-essential capital projects and equipment purchases.

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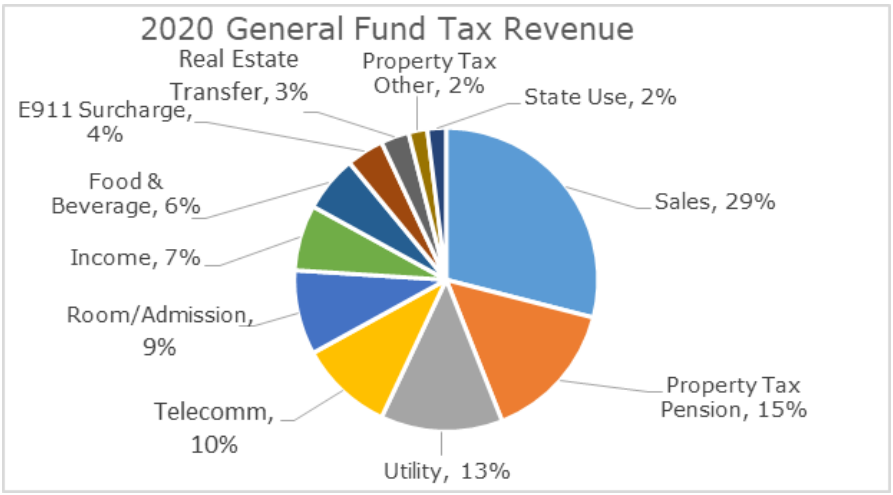
Fiscal Year 2021 Budget - The Village has a tradition of keeping the Village's portion of property taxes low, and relying on other taxes like room/admission, food & beverage, and sales to fund Village operating expenses. This approach takes most of the tax burden off of property owners. See the "2020 General Fund Tax Revenue" chart to understand a full breakdown of General Fund tax revenue:



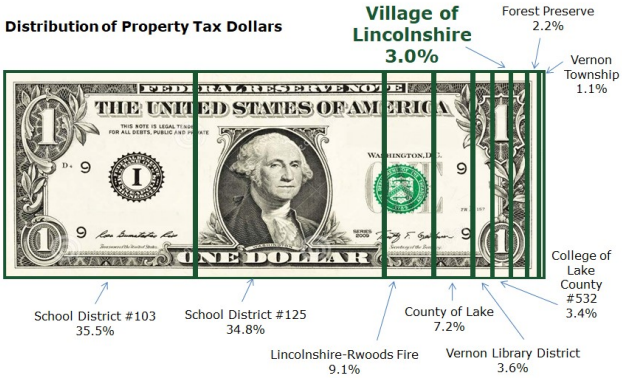
The FY '21 budget has a number of important projects planned to better the lives of residents, keep our Village looking pristine, and allow Village operations to run more efficiently. Some major projects include:

- Video equipment and software for police officer body and in-car cameras.
- $4.5 million in sanitary sewer improvements, as well as water and sewer capital improvements on the final phases of the Crosstown Water Main project. The project will affect Half Day Road to Duffy Lane with cross connections at Buckingham Place and Yorkshire Drive, as well as Half Day Road to Brampton Lane. All construction will occur on the east side of Riverwoods Road and will bring increased water pressure to northern portions of the Village.
- 1.5 miles of road resurfacing on Marriott Drive, Oakwood, Cedar, Hickory, and Elmwood Lanes.
- Road reconstruction in South Village Green to excavate the paver-brick road and replace it with asphalt due to the poor condition of the bricks and the ease of maintaining asphalt.
- $125,000 to replace the North Park athletic court currently in disrepair. (The Village Board and Park Board have not decided what the court will be replaced with at the time this article was written.)
- Replacement of three Police Department squad cars, and one 1-ton Public Works dump truck.

Residents can expect minor increases to their utility bill. The Village purchases water from the City of Highland Park and sends sewer waste to Lake County for processing. Water and sewer charges will increase 5%, which will result in an increase of $0.67/1,000 gallons of water used. For the average household that uses 15,000 gallons of water per month, this represents a monthly increase of $10.05.

Finally, Lincolnshire's property tax rate – which was not increased for eight consecutive years – will experience a modest increase of 3.73%, raising the tax rate from 0.241 to 0.250 per $100 assessed valuation. The property tax bill for a $500,000 market value home in Lincolnshire will increase by $15 annually. Property taxes collected in Lincolnshire fund a portion of police protection services and the Village's share of pension contributions. According to tax year 2019, an increase in tax rate to 0.250 ranks Lincolnshire as the fourth lowest tax rate out of 12 surrounding communities.

Comparatively, for every $1,000 a Lincolnshire resident pays in property taxes, only 3.0%, or $30.40, is collected by the Village. The remaining $969.60 is distributed in the following ways:



Fraud Alert! Don't Be a Victim

Victim of a fake unemployment scam? With an influx of Illinois residents filing for unemployment benefits due to COVID-19, law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Illinois, including the Lincolnshire Police Department, have seen an increase in unemployment insurance fraud. If you are a victim of unemployment fraud file a police report online at www.frontlinepss.com/lincolnshire.

After filing a police report, make sure to contact the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

For further information, go to www.illinois.gov/ides and www.ftc.gov

Ruse Burglaries

What is it?	What should I do?
Ruse burglars operate in teams and pretend to be Village/utility employees or contractors. While one person takes you outside and causes a distraction, the other sneaks in and targets your valuables.	1. Don't let anyone you weren't expecting into your home 2. Talk through a locked door to anyone you weren't expecting 3. Never exit your home with people posing as a Village/utility employee or contactor 4. Verify employment by calling the agency they claim to work for 5. Call 911 to report any suspicious activity

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Waste Management will pick-up Christmas Trees on regularly scheduled pick-up days through January. For additional questions regarding this program, please visit home.wm.com/Lincolnshire or contact Waste Management at 800-964-8988

Go Figure... Skate!

* **Spring Lake Park -** Open skating is allowed from dawn to dusk when safe conditions allow. Signs will be posted on the beach end of the lake advising users when it is unsafe for skating.
* **North Park -** Ice skating is allowed from sunrise to 11 p.m. daily.
* **Temporary Ice Rinks –** Temporary ice rinks are permitted without a Building Permit as long as there is no permanent foundation. Please be sure the ice rink is not located beyond the front of the home and is at least 10 feet from the side and rear property lines. If you need assistance determining a suitable location on your property or have questions, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 847-883-8600.

Fire Hydrant Visibility

There are 800 fire hydrants in the Village. Removing snow around fire hydrants is a crucial part of fire safety. You can do your part to assist firefighters by clearing snow in front of a hydrant to help provide easier access to locate hydrants. The Village is requesting your assistance by clearing snow from fire hydrants . When clearing a fire hydrant, please try to keep a clear pathway of three feet around the hydrant to allow access. Thank you for doing your part to protect our community!

Disconnect Your Sump Pump Discharge

Village Code requires residents to disconnect sump pump discharges that flow to the street and redirect the flow onto their property from November 1 through April 1. The restriction is to prevent the potential for ice buildup in streets creating hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians. Please contact Public Works at 847-913-2380 if you have questions about re-directing your sump pump.

Prevent Water Lines From Freezing with These 5 Tips

In cold winter conditions, water service lines can freeze. Frozen underground and indoor pipes can cause low pressure, total pressure loss, or burst a pipe. To prevent frozen pipes consider the following five useful tips:

1. Keep the heat on – maintain home temperatures above 55° Fahrenheit.
2. Allow faucets to drip – if you're afraid a pipe will freeze, allow faucets to drip slightly to relieve pressure in the system.
3. Keep interior doors open – heat from the rest of your home can keep pipes warm if cabinet doors are open.
4. Seal cracks and holes near pipes – sealing cracks and holes can help keep the cold air outside and the warm air inside.
5. Add extra insulation – Pipes located in areas without proper insulation may need extra insulation to prevent freezing.

Winter Tips and News

Public Works staff are busy preparing equipment, training drivers, and planning snow removal response teams for the upcoming winter season. When driving in snow and ice, share the road with snowplow vehicles. Public Works regularly pre-treats residential roads before snowfall begins with a pet-friendly, sodium-based liquid brine, and does not stop working until Village streets are safe for normal traffic.

Snow Plow Facts and Figures

- Miles of road lanes plowed by the village: 40 Miles
- Number of snow plow routes: 12 Routes
- Village Code prohibits street parking after a snow accumulation of 1 inch or more
- Village Code prohibits private snow removal services from pushing snow into streets
- The Village's goal is to clear the streets within 6 hours after snowfall ends, and clear paths afterward
- The Village plows unincorporated parts of Hotz Road and Old Mill Road
- **Route 22** and **Milwaukee Avenue** are plowed by the **Illinois Department of Transportation**
- **Riverwoods Road** and **Everett Road** are plowed by the **Lake County Division of Transportation**
- Elm Road, Indian Creek Road, and Port Clinton Road are plowed by **Vernon Township Highway Commission**.

Winter Weather Mailbox Inspection

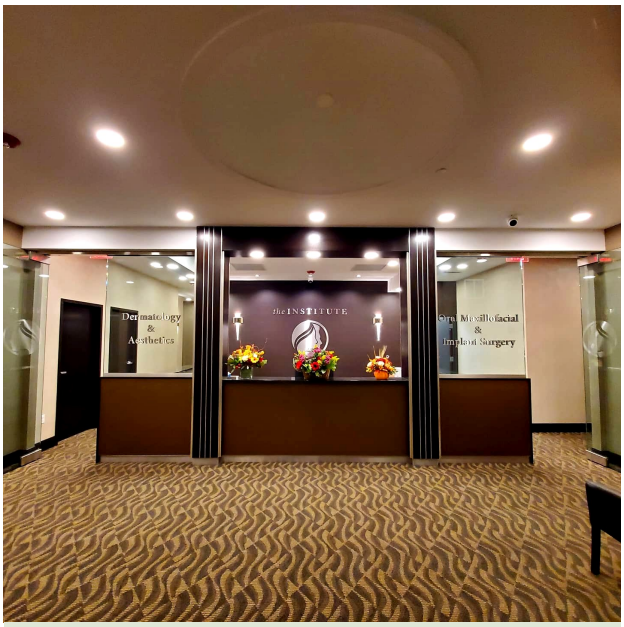
Residents should inspect mailboxes to ensure they are in good condition and properly installed six to eight inches from the curb. Mailboxes properly installed are less likely to be damaged by snow, or snow plows. If you notice damage to your property that appears to have been caused by the Village's snow removal equipment, please notify the Public Works Department at 847-913-2380. Public Works will inspect the damage and will contact you to make arrangements for repairs.

Right of Way Obstructions

The first 15 feet of land from the back of the curb toward your house is the public-owned property known as Right of Way (ROW). Right of Way is designed to be the location for roadway and various utilities. According to Village Code, residents are not permitted to place any obstructions in the ROW, except electric dog fences and underground sprinkler systems. Mailboxes and driveways typically are not considered to be obstructions and are permitted to be placed within the ROW. Boulders, landscape gardens, fences, and other fixtures within the public ROW are considered obstructions, and the Village may require those items to be removed as they can present a hazard.

Please contact the Lincolnshire Public Works Department at 847-913-2380 with any questions.

Welcome New Businesses!



The Institute of Maxillofacial and Implant Surgery

- **The Institute of Dermatology & Aesthetics** – 231 Olde Half Day Road; 847-303-8900
- **City Flatts**, a home healthcare company – 275 Parkway Drive; 847-325-5555
- **Replient**, a software development company – 105 Schelter Road; 224-475-732
- **The Institute of Maxillofacial and Implant Surgery** - 231 Olde Half Day Road; 847-279-5200. Village and Chamber of Commerce representatives celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the 5,000-square-foot building at 231 Olde Half Day Road in November. Dr. Alexander Katsnelson, a board-certified oral & maxillofacial surgeon, and Dr. Julia Katsnelson, a board-certified dermatologist, recently completed construction on the medical clinic with the vision to provide personalized medical services for dual practices. The husband-wife team chose to set up their medical practices in Lincolnshire because they value our business-friendly climate, accessible location, and enviable demographics and amenities. They are now accepting new patients (oral surgery: 847-279-5200; dermatology: 847-303-8900).

Support Small! Shop Local, Shop Lincolnshire

Now more than ever, Lincolnshire businesses need your help. The impacts of COVID-19 have dramatically impacted local businesses, and it's critical that we rally together and see them through the end of the pandemic. Local businesses generate 70% more local economic activity per square foot than big box retail; do your part to keep businesses alive and give back to your community. With over 30 unique restaurants, stores, banquet and entertainment venues, and studios, you are bound to find something on your holiday gift list. Purchase gift cards, order carryout, and take advantage of the innovative ways businesses have responded to doing things differently during the pandemic. Let the Lincolnshire Virtual Mall, available on the Village website, be your guide to shopping local.

Back Row: Trustee Harms Muth, Trustee Grujanac, Trustee Leider, and Village Clerk Mastandrea

Front Row: Trustee Raizin, Mayor Brandt, Trustee Pantelis (Trustee Hancock not pictured)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Board
January 19 - 7 p.m.
February 16 - 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees/Committee of the Whole
January 11 - 7 p.m.
January 25 - 7 p.m.
February 8 - 7 p.m.
February 22 - 7 p.m.

Park Board
January 20 - 7 p.m. (Wed. due to Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday)
February 17 - 7 p.m. (Wed. due to President's Day)

Police Pension
February 9 - 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Board
January 12 - 7 p.m.
February 9 - 7 p.m.

Call to Serve Lincolnshire Advisory Board Openings

The Village needs residents to serve on the Architectural Review Board and Park Board. The ARB has vacancies for one regular member and one alternate member. The Park Board has a vacancy for one alternate member. The Park Board and ARB generally meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday and third Tuesday of the month, respectively. Consider applying if you have experience in architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, planning, construction, or related disciplines. Contact Leslie Cole, administrative assistant, for more information (lcole@lincolnshireil.gov or 847-913-2336).

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