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LINCOLNSHIRE

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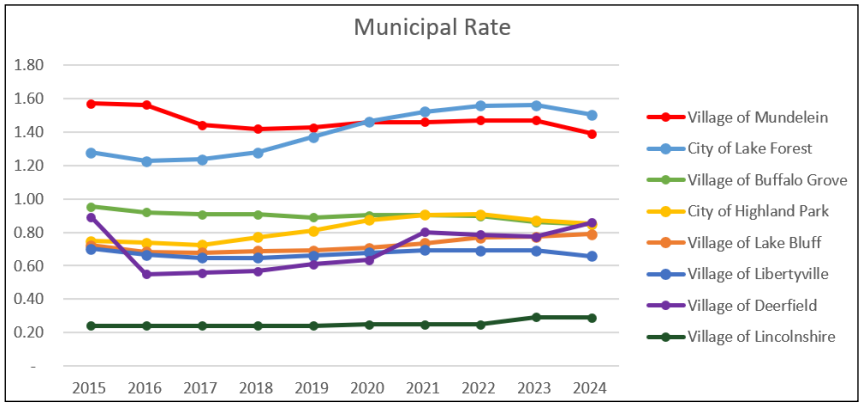
Village Board Considers Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Each year, the Village Board and staff collaborate to develop the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Lincolnshire's fiscal year aligns with the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). The Village Board is scheduled to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026) Budget this November. To review a complete copy of the budget, visit the Village website: www.lincolnshireil.gov

Below are highlights from the FY 2026 Budget discussed at the budget workshop on October 16, 2025.

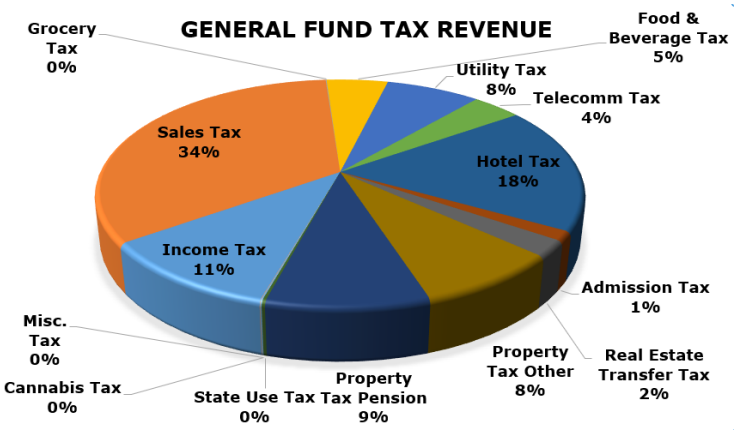
Balanced Budget: The FY 2026 Budget is balanced with the use of reserve funds to pay for needed capital expenses.

Property Taxes: The Village of Lincolnshire maintains one of the lowest municipal property tax rates in Lake County. In the current tax year (tax year 2024) the Village of Lincolnshire's property tax rate was 0.29. After receiving the tax year 2025 (fiscal year 2026) estimated equalized assessed value (EAV), the Village Board agreed to **DECREASE** Lincolnshire's property tax rate to 0.28. The rate change is subject to decrease slightly based on Lake County's certification of the Village's final EAV to occur in March 2026. The Village currently receives less than 3% of the total property tax paid by property owners in the community. Above is a graph representing historical property tax rates for the Village's comparable communities. Lincolnshire' property tax rate is significantly less than surrounding Lake County municipalities.

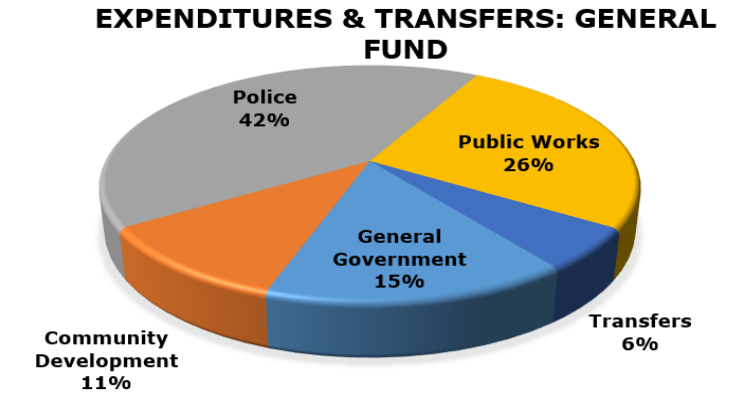


Revenue Trends: The Village has seen a continued growth in many of its primary revenue sources including sales tax, hotel tax, and income tax. However, stagnation in other key revenue sources including food & beverage tax, utilities tax, and telecommunications tax present challenges. The FY 2026 budget reflects an increase of 5.7% compared to the FY 2025 budget. This increase is mainly attributed to recent growth with the Village's sales tax revenue.

Where does the money come from? The draft FY 2026 General Fund budget reflects $15.3 million in revenue from multiple taxing sources including sales tax ($4.5 million), hotel tax ($2.4 million), income tax ($1.4 million), and property tax ($2.3 million). Non-tax revenue includes grants, fees, fines, and other minor sources. The General Fund Tax Revenue chart (right) shows all the Village's tax revenue and what percentage of the total amount it accounts for.



Where does my money go? The Expenditures & Transfers: General Fund chart on the right shows the breakdown of the general fund expenditures related to each Village department. Approximately 70% of General Fund expenditures are dedicated directly to personnel costs.



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Major Infrastructure Plans: The 2026 budget allocates significant funding for capital projects; the largest being stormwater drainage improvements on the southern section of Lincolnshire Drive. The proposed budget includes nearly $12 million for this project, along with an additional $2 million to replace the water main in the same area. Once the work is complete, the affected and nearby roads will be resurfaced at an estimated cost of $700,000. Other capital projects in the 2026 budget include the roof replacement for the three structures at North Park, street sign post replacement, replacement of multiple police and public works vehicles, upgrades and modernization of Village Hall, and the rehabilitation of the Northampton Lift Station.

Water & Sewer Rate Adjustment Coming February 2026

Beginning with the February 2026 bill, the Village of Lincolnshire will implement a 5% increase for water and sanitary sewer rates. This adjustment reflects rising costs from our service providers:

- **Highland Park** raised its rates by 3.5% effective January 1, 2026. This increase is non-negotiable.
- **Lake County** which treats our sanitary sewer flow, raised its rates by 4% effective January 1, 2026. This increase is also non-negotiable.

Currently, revenue from Lincolnshire's water fund covers operating expenses, including water purchase, system maintenance, minor equipment, and utilities to keep the system running. Capital projects such as water main replacements, lift station rehabilitation, and sanitary sewer pipe repairs are funded through transfers from the general fund, not user fees.

The village's long-term goal is to make the water fund self-sustaining, meaning both operating and capital costs will be covered by water and sanitary sewer rates. The upcoming 5% rate adjustment is a key step toward ensuring the financial health of our water system and maintaining reliable service for all residents.

Park To Shop Supermarket Purchases 475 Milwaukee Avenue

Park To Shop recently purchased the existing 24,000-square-foot building at 475 Milwaukee Avenue in the Lincolnshire Marketplace Center, northeast corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Half Day Road (former The Fresh Market site). The grocer anticipates a 12-month buildout and plans opening fall 2026. Park to Shop will feature Chinese, Korean, Thai, and Japanese specialty foods across produce, meat, seafood, dairy, bakery, frozen foods, and packaged liquor sections. A notable feature of the store will be a food court and outdoor dining area. Park To Shop currently operates nine stores in Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan. Park to Shop will join other Lincolnshire Marketplace businesses - Culver's and Taco Bell.

Welcome New Businesses

- New Way Barbershop – 275 Parkway Drive, CityPark
- Chipotle Mexican Grill – relocated to 225 Aptakisic Road, Lincolnshire Commons

Drainage Improvements Coming to Lincolnshire Drive in 2026

Next spring, the Village will undertake one of the largest capital improvement project in its history with the construction of drainage improvements in the Lincolnshire Drive/Wiltshire Drive area.

Improvements were recommended to prevent flooding on Lincolnshire Drive between Spring Lake Park and Londonderry Lane as part of the 2019 Village Wide Drainage Study. New storm sewer up to 60" in diameter is to be installed. This storm sewer will drain Lincolnshire Drive from 82 Lincolnshire Drive to the intersection of Lincolnshire Drive and Londonderry Lane. A pump station will be installed at the southern end of Lincolnshire Drive, near Londonderry Lane, to pump storm water into the Des Plaines River. New watermain will be installed along Lincolnshire Drive, the entirety of Wiltshire Drive, and on Londonderry Lane to replace aging infrastructure dating to the 1960s. All impacted roadways will be resurfaced with new asphalt after drainage work is completed.

The Village's current response is to deploy mobile pumps at the intersections of Lincolnshire Drive and Londonderry Lane, as well as Lincolnshire Drive and Wiltshire during flood events. This project eliminates the need for these temporary measures. The new drainage system will alleviate flooding concerns for residents and make flood response efforts quicker and safer for Public Works staff. For decades, Public works crews have worked tirelessly to pump floodwater off of Lincolnshire Drive to maintain road access and prevent resident's homes from flooding.

Parking restrictions, road closures, and changes to access will persist in the work area throughout 2026. Additionally, construction will require the relocation of the Village's annual Red, White, and Boom parade and 5k race. The Village will share more details about the event to residents in the coming months.

The Village appreciates everyone's patience and understanding as we work to deliver this much needed improvement to the neighborhood.

Scan the QR code to stay connected to this project and other Lincolnshire projects.

How We Get Ahead of Winter Weather

Public Works treats neighborhood streets with a pet-friendly, salt-based liquid called brine before snow events. This anti-icing liquid helps stop snow and ice from sticking to the road. Brine works better than regular rock salt and is effective enough to reduce salt use by 30%. Less salt application helps protect the environment and keeps streets safer.

Prepare Your Mailbox for Winter

Residents should check their mailboxes to ensure they are sturdy and installed per USPS guidelines. A properly installed mailbox is less likely to be damaged by snow or snowplows. If your mailbox is damaged by Village of Lincolnshire snow removal equipment, please contact Public Works at 847-913-2380 or submit a service request through the Village website - search "mailbox".

Plan Ahead for Winter Projects

Planning to install an emergency generator, upgrade your furnace, or finish your basement this winter? Many seasonal projects require a Village permit and applying online at lincolnshireil.gov is fast and easy. Call the Building Division at 847-913-2313 with any questions. We are here to help you get it right the first time.

Who Plows That Road?

Lincolnshire does not provide plowing or salting services on State, County, or Township roads in the Village. To report concerns, contact the following agencies:

Road	Agency	Contact Info
• **Village residential and corporate streets** • **Unincorporated parts of Hotz Road, Indian Creek Road, Olsen Court, and Old Mill Road**	Lincolnshire Public Works Department	847-913-2380 or Online Service Request at www.lincolnshireil.gov
• **Milwaukee Ave** • **Route 22 (Half Day Road)** • **Olde Half Day Road**	Illinois Department of Transportation	847-244-0034
• **Riverwoods Road** • **Everett Road** • **Aptakisic Road** • **Duffy Lane**	Lake County Department of Transportation	847-377-7400
• **Elm Road** • **Port Clinton Road**	Vernon Township Highway Department	847-634-4600 After-Hours Emergency Phone: 847-634-8764
• **I-94 and ramps from IL 22 to and from I- 94**	Illinois Tollway Authority	Dial *999

Winter Reminder: Redirect Sump Pump Flow

Did you know Village code requires residents to disconnect sump pump discharges that flow into the street? Between November 1 and April 1, sump pump water must be redirected onto your property. This helps prevent ice from forming on streets, which can create dangerous conditions for drivers and pedestrians. If you have questions about how to redirect your sump pump, please contact Public Works at 847-913-2380.

When It Snows: Facts, Figures, and Reminders

SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES: Public Works aims to clear streets within six hours of snowfall events end, and clear paths afterward. The Village prioritizes paths used for school access, and paths through parks are not plowed.

Village Code prohibits street parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and/or after a snow accumulation of 1" or more.

Miles of Road Lanes Plowed by the Village: 40 Miles

Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances. Residents may complete an overnight street parking request online or contact the Lincolnshire Police Department at 847-883-9900.

Village Code prohibits private snow removal services from pushing snow into streets.

Place refuse containers behind the curb – not the street to ensure they do not get hit by plows.

For a map showing IDOT roads vs. County roads, scan the QR code.

Lincolnshire Lights Returns with Dazzling Drone Show & Holiday Fun!

Join us Friday, December 5, for an evening that brings the spirit of the season to life! From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Village Green, the Village of Lincolnshire invites everyone to celebrate the holidays with neighbors, friends, and family. Festivities will include live performances from local schools choirs and bands, tree lighting, and a fantastic drone show.

Lincolnshire Rotary will be collecting items to support local families in need.

Most Needed: canned proteins, soups, boxed mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, and pasta sauce.

Your donation will make a huge difference for those in need during the holiday season.

Home for the Holidays: Shop, Dine & Shine in Lincolnshire

This holiday season, support Lincolnshire businesses and our community by choosing to dine and shop locally With 30 restaurants and unique shops, there's something for all tastes and interests. In Lincolnshire, add entertainment to your itinerary with live shows at the acclaimed Marriott Theatre, offering top-tier entertainment right in our backyard. Celebrate the holidays close to home - shop, dine, and enjoy the magic of the season in Lincolnshire!

LRS Holiday Tree Collection

Holiday tree collection takes place every Wednesday during the month of January. Place your trees at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on Wednesday to ensure collection. Artificial trees are considered a bulk item and can be collected year-round through LRS' regular bulk item program. For more information, visit the Village's website using the QR code:

Frozen Fun for Everyone: Lincolnshire's Winter Skating Spots

Winter does not stop the fun in Lincolnshire! Residents can enjoy ice skating at the following park locations, weather permitting.

Spring Lake Park - Skating is allowed from dawn to dusk. Signs are posted at the beach advising users when it is unsafe for skating. A minimum of 6" of ice is required for ice skating.

North Park – Skating is allowed from sunrise to 10 p.m. daily. Signs are posted if the ice rink is closed; if conditions are not favorable for skating.

Village Calendar

December Events

Lincolnshire Lights
December 5, 5:30 p.m. at Village Green

Regular Village Board/ Committee of the Whole
December 8, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board Meeting
December 9, 7 p.m.

Riverside Foundation Holiday House Walk
December 11

Hanukkah Begins
December 14

Park Board Meeting
December 15, 7 p.m.

Architectural Review Board
December 16, 7 p.m.

Hanukkah Ends
December 22

Christmas Eve
December 24 - Village Hall closed

Christmas Day
December 25 - Village Hall closed

January Events

New Year's Day
January 1 - Village Hall closed

Regular Village Board/ Committee of the Whole
January 12, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board Meeting
January 13, 7 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19 - Village Hall closed

Architectural Review Board
January 20, 7 p.m.

Park Board Meeting
January 21 (Wednesday), 7 p.m.

Regular Village Board/ Committee of the Whole
January 26, 7 p.m.

February Events

Regular Village Board/ Committee of the Whole
February 9, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board Meeting
February 10, 7 p.m.

President's Day
February 16 - Village Hall closed

Architectural Review Board
February 17, 7 p.m.

Park Board Meeting
February 18 (Wednesday), 7 p.m.

Regular Village Board/ Committee of the Whole
February 23, 7 p.m.

Spread Joy This Season: Donate to Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots brings hope and happiness to less fortunate children each Christmas, and since 1947 have fulfilled the holiday dreams of seven million annually. Help us spread warmth and joy this season by donating new, unwrapped toys at Village Hall now until December 8 or at Lincolnshire Lights at Village Green on December 5, 5:30 p.m. Our small act of giving can mean the word to children in need. Donate a toy, spread joy, and be a part of something truly meaningful.

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The Right Call: How to Decide Between 911 and Non-Emergency

Lincolnshire Police Department contracts with the Deerfield Police Department for dispatching. Dispatch services operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

It is important to call the number appropriate for your situation. 9-1-1 is a phone number for emergencies. Calls received through 9-1-1 are prioritized over those received on the Police Department's non-emergency line. 9-1-1 should be used for life-threatening or in-progress crimes.

For non-emergency situations, use 847-883-9900. Use this number for delayed reports, incidents not currently in progress, nuisance concerns such as construction outside permitted hours, ongoing dog barking, and parking-related questions. All residents are encouraged to save the non-emergency number in your phone contacts so it is readily available.

Remember, the Police Department also allows for non-emergency reports by using the Village website via *online reporting* found on the Police Department page. Online reporting allows you to attach videos and photographs, which may assist an officer with following up on your case. Online reporting is not monitored 24/7 like emergency phone lines. Once an online report is received, it is forwarded to an officer who will call the complainant back to address the matter.

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