

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
GERALD C. TURRY VILLAGE BOARD ROOM  
JANUARY 20, 2026**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Patel called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:42 P.M. Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

**Pledge to the Flag**

Trustee Klatzco led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call**

On roll call by Village Clerk Sokol Delisi, the following were:

Present: Mayor Patel, Trustees Klatzco, Diaz Herrera, Sargon, Ikezoe-Halevi, Gussis, Martel

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Village Attorney Hart Passman, Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura, Assistant Village Manager Madeline Farrell, Police Chief Jay Parrott, Public Works Director John Welch, Human Relations Manager Lamar Jones

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 6, 2026 Village Board meeting were presented for Village Board approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 Village Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Diaz Herrera. On a voice vote, the minutes were approved.

**Warrant Approval**

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$550,273.46. Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the warrants as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Diaz Herrera, Sargon, Ikezoe-Halevi, Gussis, Martel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

## **President's Report**

### 1. Art Show

Mayor Patel announced that the current art exhibit at Lincolnwood Village Hall features works by artist Phil Gayter, who has painted throughout his life from the UK to Chicago. The display will remain through the end of February.

### 2. Traffic Commission and Economic Development Commission Resumes

Mayor Patel announced that the Village is seeking residents to serve on Boards and Commissions. There are currently two openings on the Traffic Commission and one on the Economic Development Commission. Application details and protocol are available on the Village website's Boards and Commissions page.

### 3. Evanston Vet Center "Veteran Coffee Collective"

Mayor Patel shared information about the Evanston Vet Center's new monthly "Coffee Collective" for veterans, focused on camaraderie and conversation. The first session will be held Friday, January 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 1901 Howard St., Evanston, with parking available behind the building. Veterans can register by calling 847-332-1019.

### 4. Congrats to Indiana University

Mayor Patel congratulated the Chicago Bears on making the playoffs, noting Sunday's game was close but fell short. He also congratulated fellow Hoosiers on Indiana University winning the National Title.

## **Village Trustees' Report**

Trustee Klatzco noted that the blood supply is critically low this time of year and urged residents to donate. He emphasized that one pint of blood can save three lives, despite the cold weather.

Trustee Sargon reminded residents that there is a PC/ZBA meeting here at Village Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 21 for those who are interested in attending.

## **Village Clerk's Report**

Clerk Delisi reminded residents that the primary election will be held on March 17, 2026. Residents are encouraged to register to vote during regular business hours. For those unable to do so, Clerk Delisi offered personal assistance and noted that two forms of identification are required. The last day to register to vote with the Clerk's office is February 17, 2026. Questions can be directed to [sdelisi@lwd.org](mailto:sdelisi@lwd.org).

## **Village Manager's Report**

None.

## **Public Forum**

None.

## **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of a Resolution to Approve a Calendar Year 2026 Contribution in the Amount of \$544,875 to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency and Use of Excess Surplus Funds
2. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Purchase and Installation of LED Light Fixtures for the Village Lighting Retrofit Project by Verde Energy Efficiency Experts in the Amount of \$71,343.96 as part of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
3. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 7-2-12 (Prohibited Parking) of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood
4. Approval of a Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving the Purchase of Water Meters and Meter Transmission Units from Midwest Meter, Inc., of Edinburg, Illinois
5. Approval of a Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving an Agreement with BS&A Software, LLC, of Bath, Michigan, for an Enterprise Resource Planning System
6. Approval of a Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving an Agreement with Paylocity Corporation for Human Resources and Payroll Software Services
7. Approval of a Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving a Second Amendment to an Agreement with Baecore Group, Inc., for Additional ERP Software Assessment and Selection Services

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Diaz Herrera, Sargon, Ikezoe-Halevi, Gussis, Martel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

## **Regular Business**

8. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Provisions of Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of Lincolnwood to Impose Restrictions on the Sale of Flavored Liquid Nicotine Products

Presenter: Assistant Village Manager Madeline Farrell

### *Background:*

- The Village Board previously explored restrictions on:
  - Unregulated intoxicating substances (Delta-8 THC, Delta-10 THC, Kratom).
  - Flavored liquid nicotine products (vapes).
- Initial ordinance addressed both topics, but the Board later bifurcated them.

- Tonight’s ordinance focuses only on flavored liquid nicotine products.
- Ordinance details:
  - Effective date initially proposed as 10 days after adoption.
  - Applies to all current and future businesses (no grandfathering).
  - Exempts menthol-flavored vapes.
  - Penalties: fines up to \$2,500 per violation, with potential license suspension or revocation.
  - Enforcement: annual compliance checks and complaint-based inspections.
- Neighboring communities:
  - Chicago & Evanston: banned flavored vapes without menthol exemption.
  - Skokie: banned flavored vapes but exempted menthol.
  - Implementation windows ranged from 1 month (Skokie) to 4 months (Evanston).
- Financial context:
  - Tobacco/vape shops generated \$163,000 in sales tax revenue in 2024.
  - For Jan–Aug 2025, revenue was just under \$100,000.

*Public Forum:*

The following individuals spoke against the proposed ordinance:

1. Alan Oraham – Non-Resident. Lincolnwood Business Owner
2. Nino Hermes – Non-Resident. Lincolnwood Business Owner
3. Gayda Khater – Non-Resident. Lincolnwood Business Owner
4. Moe Yaqub – Non-Resident. Lincolnwood Business Owner
5. Sufyan – Non-Resident. Lincolnwood Business Owner
6. Khaleel Mosleh – Non-Resident. Lincolnwood Business Owner
7. Jordan Riheund – Non-Resident. Lincolnwood Business Owner

*Board Discussion:*

- Implementation Timeline Concerns:
  - Trustees questioned whether 10 days was sufficient for businesses to comply.
  - Comparisons made to neighboring communities’ timelines (1–4 months).
  - Suggestions ranged from 3 months to 4 months, with consensus leaning toward May 1, 2026, for fairness and consistency.
- Health and Youth Protection:
  - Trustees emphasized flavored vapes as a gateway for youth vaping.
  - Anecdotes shared by Trustees:
    - Observed minors vaping fruity flavors, which appear designed to attract children.
    - Compared flavored vapes to candy cigarettes, banned for similar reasons.
  - Noted lack of definitive medical research but cited growing evidence that vaping is harmful.
  - Framed the ban as a proactive measure, similar to historical bans on leaded gasoline and lead paint.
- Community Standards and Image:

- Trustees raised concerns about vape shop operations:
  - Bright signage and late-night hours (open until midnight or later) negatively impact community perception.
  - Suggested future discussions on regulating hours and aesthetics.
- Trustees acknowledged the need to balance public health with business interests.
- **Business Impact and Fairness:**
  - Trustees expressed empathy for business owners:
    - Recognized existing leases and investments.
    - Supported providing adequate time for compliance and inventory adjustments.
  - Discussion included whether alternatives to a ban could address concerns:
    - Enhanced security measures.
    - Stricter enforcement of age restrictions (21+).
    - Limiting store hours and signage.
    - Ultimately, consensus was that flavored vape products pose unique risks that justify prohibition.
- **Revenue Considerations:**
  - Trustees noted sales tax contributions but agreed public health outweighs revenue concerns.
- **Public Forum and Legal Input:**
  - Village Manager clarified neighboring communities' timelines and effective dates.
  - Legal counsel confirmed ordinance language allows flexibility for implementation date changes.

Motion made by Trustee Klatzco to approve an Ordinance Amending Provisions of Chapter 10 of Municipal Code of Lincolnwood to Impose Restrictions on the Sale of Flavored Nicotine Products, to take effect on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, second by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Diaz Herrera, Sargon, Gussis, Ikezoe-Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

**Closed Session**

Motion made by Trustee Martel to move into Closed Session to discuss closed session minutes of the Village for approval or semi-annual review per section 2(c)(21) seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Diaz Herrera, Sargon, Gussis, Ikezoe-Halevi, Martel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

**Reconvene**

The Village Board was reconvened at 8:35 pm.

**Adjournment**

At 8:36 P.M., Mayor Patel called for adjournment of the Regular Village Board meeting.

Trustee Sargon moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Diaz Herrera. The meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sokol Delisi", written over a horizontal line.

Sokol Delisi  
Village Clerk