

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GERALD C. TURRY BOARD ROOM
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

Call to Order

Mayor Patel called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:47 P.M., Wednesday, February 18, 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.

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

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

PRESENT REMOTELY: Trustee Martel

ABSENT: None

Trustee Martel joined the meeting remotely. The board acknowledged and raised no objection to remote participation under board rules.

A quorum was present.

Also present: Village Attorney Steve Elrod, Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura, Police Chief Jay Parrott, Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb, Public Works Director John Welch, and Human Relations Manager Lamar Jones.

Approval of Minutes

The February 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Trustee Klatzco seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Regular Business

1. Vehicle Stickers

Presenter: Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb

Background:

Director Holleb presented recommendations to improve vehicle license compliance and update enforcement procedures before launching the 2026–2027 licensing season.

Key points:

- Current Vehicle License Program:
 - Annual cycle: July 1 – June 30.
 - Revenue: \$420,000 in FY2025, covering ~16% of the \$2.6M Public Works street maintenance operating budget.
 - Compliance rate: 62.4% (7,697 stickers issued vs. 12,340 registered vehicles).
- Current Code Issues:
 - Language references residency, business operation, and vehicle use on village streets, creating enforcement challenges.
 - Examples: Vehicles registered in Lincolnwood but located elsewhere (e.g., trucking fleets, college students, second homes).
- Proposed Code Amendment:
 - Simplified requirement:
“Owner of a vehicle registered with the State of Illinois to an address within Lincolnwood must obtain a village license for that vehicle.”
 - Removes ambiguity and eases enforcement.
- Enforcement Timeline:
 - March 16: Code amendment for Board approval.
 - May–June: Newsletter outreach and application mailings.
 - July 1: Current licenses expire.
 - Late Fees: \$25 after July 15; \$50 after Sept 1.
 - September: Second mailing to non-compliant addresses with warning of administrative hearing.
 - October–December: Issue summons for code violations.
- Special Cases:
 - Businesses & Fleets: Enforcement impractical for employee vehicles; consider addressing via business license fees.
 - Trucking Companies & Hotels: Vehicles registered to Lincolnwood addresses would require stickers under new language.
 - Auto Dealers: Current code silent; staff recommends separate language or alternative approach (e.g., fee tied to dealer plates or business license).

Board Discussion:

- General Agreement:
 - Enforcement posture will shift from reactive to proactive.
 - Messaging must emphasize this is not a new requirement, only stricter enforcement.
- Auto Dealers:
 - Complex scenarios (loaner cars, dealer plates, inventory vehicles).
 - Board directed staff to research practices in other communities and consider:

- Separate treatment for dealers and rental fleets.
- Possible inclusion in business license fees for simplicity.
- Communication Strategy:
 - Newsletter articles, social media updates, and clear explanation of how revenue supports street maintenance.
 - Highlight fairness and community responsibility.
- Additional Suggestions:
 - Include late fee timeline on renewal notices.
 - Explore adding pet registration reminders to vehicle license mailings.
 - Consider future review of fleet vehicles and rental car compliance.

Adjournment

Trustee Klatzco moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole at 7:23 P.M., seconded by Trustee Sargon.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sokol Delisi
Village Clerk