VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on September 14, 2026, at 7:02 p.m.

Present for the meeting were President Sondag, Clerk Butler, Trustees Bortell, Schier, Nieuwkoop, and Lacey. Trustees Mattson and Kalhammer were present. Also present were Chief of Police Scott Montgomery, Public Works Director Steve Sondag, and Water clerk Susan Messman.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on a consent agenda: treasurer's report and previous meeting's minutes. Motion to approve by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Second by Trustee Bortell. Motion carries.

WATER REPORT

Trustee Lacey presented the water report for August. Currently 120 delinquent customers owe $5,657.01. August deposits $37,846.51 which are up $8,801.06 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up $2,998.68. Smith Septic has a balance of $130. Burling and Son balance $1,998.

ZONING

Chairman Ken Farnam was not present, Trustee Schier reported in his absence. He reports 5 permits. Tom Woodmancy - 300 N. Washington - front porch, Jeanna Snedden - 209 S. Pollard - above ground pool, Forman Park District - 533 E Sheridan - concession stand, Brent Skaggs - 803 S. Washington - solar panels, Karen Chaney - 404 S. Washington - shed.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Susan Messman reported that many delinquent accounts had been paid up. A few homes have water shut off due to delinquency.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Sondag reported that blower #2 motor was removed and rebalanced but it was still vibrating. They have replaced several parts but are still trying to find the cause. Curbing and drain was installed along Pine Street to the pond and Orange Street. A basin was also installed. The oxygen level of the pond reads 98.5%. Director Sondag stated that oil and chipping of some selected Village streets had been completed. The new spreader that was recently purchased was not working correctly and after the rep looked at it, it was determined that it had a defective motor. The new motor will be installed 9/15/2026. Hydrant flushing will take place on 9/21/2026. New controls at the water tower were installed. The cost will be reimbursed by insurance due to storm damage.

ESDA

Director Kraft reported that the one functional siren worked when tested on 9/8/2026. The new Village siren will be installed on 9/22/2026 and he would like to look into purchasing a generator for the siren.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery reported that the Popcorn Festival seemed to go well from the police departments point of view. Officer Wyant is in week 3 of 16 of training. Chief Montgomery would like to thank Dan Kraft, Josh Moore, and Denny Hayden for helping with blocking the streets during the parade.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

Fred Williams reported that a contract to fix the pool drain has been signed. Cameras have been installed and are up and running at Veterans Park. He stated that he needed some SD cards for memory and presented the board with some options. President Sondag stated that the State of Illinois would like to do a wild life research project in Memorial Park. They will be looking at what mammals are in the area and if they seem to be migrating in or out of the area. Research will begin approximately October or November and go through May of 2027. Fred Williams stated that the Popcorn Festival went well from the Park District's perspective. He also reported that the footings have been poured for the concession stand.

AUDIENCE

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OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Schier reported that a county housing data collection had been done in 2023 in our area.

Trustee Nieuwkoop reported that he has not made progress on the search of an Indian carver.

Trustee Lacey motioned to spend $1175.30 on repairing the motor on blower #2 at the sewer plant. Trustee Nieuwkoop seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Lacey motioned to prepay propane from Manito Oil & Propane at $1.89 per gallon up to 1500# for a total of $2835. Trustee Nieuwkoop seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Revive and Thrive Committee are working on receiving donations for the Chocolate Festival that is planned for February 6, 2027.

Trustee Nieuwkoop reported on behalf of Trustee Kalhammer that she has an appointment at the end of the month to take three more cats to Rescued Heart for spay/neuter. APL building is still closed.

Director Sondag reported that the well for the Adams Street pond is delayed.

President Sondag stated that he would like to see a plan for naming the pond on Adams Street with some possible community involvement.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Schier motioned to pay $100 deposit for the Donseum for the Chocolate Festival from the Revive and Thrive account. Trustee Nieuwkoop seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier motioned to reimburse Julie Grant $182.50 for 1000 pamphlets and flyers for Manito Heritage Day from Revive and Thrive account.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to spend up to $449.98 on SD cards needed for the cameras at Veterans Park. Trustee Schier seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop to accept the bid from Pro Sealers in the amount of $2045 to reseal and fix the cracks in the walking path at Memorial Park and reseal the pad under the bleachers at diamond #1 at Memorial Park. Work will be completed in 2026. Trustee Bortell seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop noted that Brightspeed contractors have not been courteous to property owners, property lines, or the right of way while installing fiber lines in the area. President Sondag will contact the company.

Director Sondag stated that sewer scoping will begin October 5 and $20,000 has been budgeted. Trustee Lacey motioned to expend up to $20,000 on the annual sewer scoping project that will cover the southeast corner of town. Scoping will be completed by A.B. Hunter Company. Trustee Nieuwkoop seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier reported that all property owners have agreed to donate their property to the landbank. Dr. Livingston will come to Manito to get all required signatures.

Trustee Schier motioned to approve an RBEG loan for Roasted owners Brad and Jamie Crum in the amount of $20,000 with a repayment plan for 60 months at an interest rate of 2.5%. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bortell. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to approve JW Hauling for townwide clean up September 24 and 25 at a rate of $575 per box used, $575 for use of rear loading truck, $85 per ton, $2.75 per ton tipping fee, $100 per employee, and rate of fuel will be assessed the day of pick up. A deposit of $1000 is required and an invoice will be sent after clean up day. Motion seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to amend the 2026-2027 Levy Ordinance #26-005. Motion seconded by Trustee Bortell. Motion carries.

Bills were allowed paid on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and second by Trustee Lacey:

General Fund – 41 checks for a total of $71,102.01

Water/Sewer – 21 checks for a total of $19,754.77

MFT – 2 checks for a total of $5,279.50
TIF – 12 checks for a total of $18,904.63

CLOSING REMARKS

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm on a motion by Trustee Lacey and second by Trustee Neiuwkoop.

Approved as presented in the consent agenda on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and second by Trustee Schier at a regular meeting held on October 5, 2026.

Tera Butler, Clerk
Village of Manito

Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito