



VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 04, 2025

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on August 4, 2025, at 7:03 p.m.

Present for the meeting were President Sondag, Trustees Baker, Schier, Nieuwkoop, Mattson, Lacey, Kalhammer, and Clerk Butler. Also present were Chief of Police Scott Montgomery, Public Works Director Steve Sondag, Zoning Director Ken Farnam, and ESDA Dan Kraft.

PREVIOUS MONTH MINUTES

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented in a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Nieuwkoop.

TREASURERS REPORT

Trustee Mattson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Trustee Kalhammer and approved. (Attached)

WATER REPORT

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented the water report for July. Currently 68 delinquent customers owe \$4,594.54. June deposits \$33,771.74. Deposits were up \$680.56 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up \$1,747.16. Smith Septic balance is \$4,345. Burling and Son balance \$1,890.

ZONING

Chairman Farnam reported two permits were requested. Caleb Turnquist - 401 N. Broadway - fence. Scott Kalhammer - 701 N. Meadow Lawn - fence.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Water will be shut off 8/5/2025 for delinquent accounts. Auditors picked up the books 7/24/2025. Susan and Megan are requesting new blinds for the board room.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Spray patch done and 10 tons of asphalt put down. PWD is looking for any low spots that hold water. If any spots are noticed, citizens are asked to call the Village Hall and report them. Sheridan Street sidewalk project has been completed.

ESDA

Director Kraft reported that the south siren was repaired - a transformer had gone bad. Next test will be 8/5/2025.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery thanked Mayor Sondag for stripping and rewaxing the floors in the police department.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

Josh Harbourn, FPD president, reported that the 2025/2026 Budget has been approved. New security cameras will be installed at the Forman Center.

AUDIENCE

Comments from audience: John Austin stated that the planned location of the scoreboard install will burden the disc golf course. He suggested moving the board 40' south. He will meet with Park Board members to discuss. Paula Charlton would like to thank the Village Board for a successful pond liner install. John Bernshausen stated that opening the hydrant to put some water in the pond caused some issues with the water at Lee's Family Restaurant. President Sondag apologized for the lack of communication.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Nieuwkoop stated that the carver is looking for a large log to start the new Indian carving project.

Trustee Kalhammer stated that there is a location in Bloomington that will spay/neuter stray cats, but their cages must be rented.

President Sondag stated that downtown properties were awaiting asbestos report, which was verbally reported as there is asbestos in some of the floors. Once the official report is received, a removal plan will be made. Theinert Construction will begin after Popcorn Festival with the Sarff property first.

Pond line was rolled out and Guy Mattson would like to thank the approximate 61 people that came out to help. He stated that there was liner pieces left over. He suggested that it be sold for \$.45/sqft.

Trustee Kalhammer reported that gutter work will continue and motioned for the following bids to be accepted: Main Street gutters - \$9,234. N. Timberlane to Adams on north side - \$13,140. Crosswalk and ADA on North Street - \$1,900. Mason Street on north side of road from Adams St to Broadway - \$9,500. Pine Street on both sides - \$17,250.

Revive and Thrive Committee reports that flower planters are in place and will be filled with flowers from Meyer's. Daleigh stated that 15 banners are on order and will be installed by Andy Dill before Labor Day weekend. Josh Harbourn reported that the Infrastructure Committee

would like to hold a special meeting for land banks. They are also going to look at developing walking paths around the community with grant money. Trustee Mattson will discuss a new TIF with Village attorney. The consensus of the board is to further discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

President Sondag stated that the Mason County Animal Control Agreement was signed and sent to Mason County.

Trustee Mattson motioned to adopt Ordinance 25-002 - Appropriations. Seconded by Trustee Schier Trustee Mattson motioned to adopt Ordinance 25-003 - Levy. Seconded by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Motions carries.

Jeff Neikirk requested that Broadway Street from Market Street to State Street be shut down for the street party on 8/30/2025 from 5pm until midnight. Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to have barricades placed at both ends of Broadway Street as per the request. Seconded by Trustee Schier. Trustee Schier motioned for an offsite liquor license for Laurie's Gaming Bar. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Motions carries.

Josh Harbourn stated concern for water drainage problems and requested that the storm drain at the corner of Broadway and Mason Street be cleaned out.

John Bernshausen requested State Street closure on behalf of Popcorn Festival Committee from Washington Street to Harrison Street from 4pm 8/29/2025 until 5pm 8/31/2025. Parade route will be from 10am until 11am 8/30/2025 from Midwest Central High School to Hawk's Grove Inn, North on Washington Street, West on State Street, North on Broadway Street, East on Market Street. Road closures motioned by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Seconded by Trustee Lacey. Motion carries.

JD Proehl spoke on behalf of Forman Park District in regards to concession stand at Memorial Park. He stated that there is a request in to FVFC and Mason County Windmill Foundation. The park district is asking for a total of \$80,000 from the Village with half upfront to begin work. Trustee Mattson motioned to commit \$15,000 that is budgeted for park district. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Trustee Nieuwkoop posed the question is there a need for a lift station and if the sewage in place will work. JD Proehl stated that septic can be installed. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier motioned that a gift card in the amount of \$100 be presented to Shannon Flairty for her time designing the banners. Trustee Mattson seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned for \$400 to be spent on new blinds for the board room. Trustee Lacey seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Mattson motioned to sell excess pond liner for \$.45/sqft. Seconded by Trustee Baker. Motion carries.

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

General Fund – 25 checks for a total of \$55,681.05

General Fund (HNB) - 3 checks for a total of \$9,020.97

Water/Sewer – 13 checks for a total of \$14,812.62

TIF – 3 checks for a total of \$1,887.50

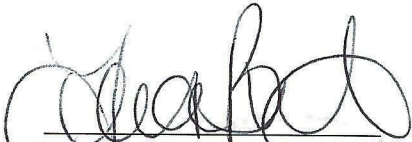
MFT – 3 checks for a total of \$7,960.16

CLOSING REMARKS

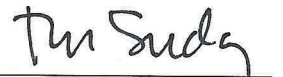
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Lacey.

Approved/corrected as presented on a motion by Trustee Schier and second by Trustee Baker at a regular meeting held on September 8, 2025.



Tera Butler, Clerk
Village of Manito



Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito

