



VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on November 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

PREVIOUS MONTH MINUTES

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

TREASURERS REPORT

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

WATER REPORT

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented the water report for October. Currently 84 delinquent customers owe \$5,736.53. October deposits \$30,787.37. Deposits were up \$4,228.95 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up \$5,996.41. Smith Septic balance is \$285. Burling and Son balance \$1,386.

ZONING

Chairman Farnam reported three permits were requested. Grethy Rose - 351 Southmoor - new structure (late permit). Ann Garlisch - 309 S. Washington - shed. Brody Bernshausen - 202 S. Madison - solar.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Audit has been completed. Shut off notices are being prepared for those who have unpaid balances. Computers are being updated.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Sondag thanked the board for securing a new service truck. Tree trimming is proceeding without difficulty. Lights along Broadway have been changed. Updates to the sewage lagoon are scheduled for November 13, 2025. Cross walk on State Street for Donseum has been completed.

ESDA

Director Kraft reported that the siren test in October was successful. Next test will be November 4, 2025.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery reported the need for new part-time officers. There were 3 applicants for the job, but all withdrew their application when they discovered the required training involved. The Chief suggested that in order to cover all shifts needed, another full time officer needs to be hired. The lack of applicants has created a shortage in officers. In Mason County, Bath, San Jose, and Easton do not have any officers.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

Dan Sarff reported they are seeking bids for painting the surfaces on the tennis courts and basketball courts at Veteran's Park. Plans to install a gate in the outfield fence to allow disc golfers to retrieve errant discs. A defective electrical box was discovered and replaced at Memorial Park.

AUDIENCE

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OLD BUSINESS

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and seconded by Trustee Schier to spend not more than \$10,600 to remove the bubble in the retention pond at the sewer plant by company CEC and not more than \$4,000 per day for Laverdier Company to patch and repair liner in sewer lagoon.

Trustee Mattson presented a sample sign to be posted at the Adams Street Pond. It was approved on a motion made by Trustee Mattson with a second by Trustee Schier to purchase the signs for Adams Street Pond for not more than \$75 per sign.

NEW BUSINESS

The difficulty of pushing strollers and wheelchairs across Veteran's Park alley was discussed but no solution was made. The matter was tabled until alternatives can be presented.

Revive and Thrive: There has been contact with a Bradley University group that as made an offer to participate in the use of the Village of Manito website as part of a student project. A liaison from the board will be needed and no changes to the site will be made without the Village Board's agreement. President Sondag volunteered to be the Board liaison.

Revive and Thrive: The Department of Recreation and Sports of the University of Illinois has expressed interest in being involved in the development of the Adams Street pond and the area surrounding it as a student project.

Revive and Thrive: Among the plans for the 2026 be the Tourism Committee is to secure more and larger banners to display along the roads throughout the Village.

Revive and Thrive: Business Development plans are proceeding to determine how to attract a grocery store or equivalent business.

Trustee Kalhammer reported that 4 additional feral cats have been captured and have been neutered for a total of 9. The veterinary service located in Springfield charges \$30 per cat for spay/neuter, 1 year rabies shot, and deworm treatment.

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Mattson and seconded by Trustee Schier for amending Ordinance 1-2-11 "Rules of the Board" "Order of Business" to replace Section A by Ordinance 24-004 "Order of Business."

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Mattson seconded by Trustee Scheir to renew the insurance policy of the Illinois Municipal Insurance League Insurance.

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and seconded on a motion by Trustee Schier to reimburse the Popcorn Festival Committee \$428.64 for replacement light bulbs.

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Mattson and seconded by Trustee Schier to pay for a water line in the amount of \$1,316.75 to be extended to the Village sign on TN&W property on the condition that a 25 year agreement to keep the line available.

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and seconded by Trustee Kalhammer that Ordinance 021-006 ARPA Funds for Coronavirus be rescinded.

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and seconded by Trustee Kalhammer to donate \$250 to each Emmanuel's Warehouse and the American Legion Post #561.

Trustee Mattson briefed the board on details and requirements concerning the TIF district.

Bids had been sought to repair the walking path between the high school and grade school. The only estimate brought was for \$27,000 from City Coal and Ice. No action was taken, any expense exceeding \$20,000 must be subject to a public bidding process.

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Schier and seconded by Trustee Mattson to proceed with securing an agreement with the Prairie Hills Land Bank Authority.

It was approved on a motion by Trustee Schier and seconded by Trustee Nieuwkoop to establish a new bank account at Havana National Bank for the use of Internet Advertising and Garage Sales advertisement.

A representative from the Peoria Economic and Development Council explained details about the process of becoming part of the Mason County Group.

Andy Dill, a member of the audience, registered complaints about the process used to hire a service to trim trees which obstructed wires or presented potential for falling into roadways.

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

General Fund – 26 checks for a total of \$78,713.14

Water/Sewer – 11 checks for a total of \$73,362.55

TIF - 7 checks for a total of \$24,146.57

MFT – 1 check for a total of \$19,996.65

CLOSING REMARKS

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Kalhammer.

Approved/corrected as presented on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Schier at a regular meeting held on December 1, 2025.

Kenneth A. Lacey, Acting Clerk
Village of Manito

Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito