



VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

JUNE 1, 2026

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on June 1, 2026, at 7:05 p.m.

Present for the meeting were President Sondag, Clerk Butler, Trustees Schier, Nieuwkoop, Lacey, Mattson, and Kalhammer. 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, previous meeting's minutes, Appropriation 26/27 Ordinance 26-004, Levy 26/27 Ordinance 26-005, and Mason County Civic Authority Executive Order 26-001. Motion to approve by Trustee Mattson. Second by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Motion carries.

WATER REPORT

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented the water report for May. Currently 89 delinquent customers owe \$4,902.47. May deposits \$23,914.27. Deposits were up \$363.34 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up \$363.34. Smith Septic has a balance of \$1,202.50. Burling and Son balance \$726.

ZONING

Chairman Ken Farnam reported one permit - Nick Carlton, 201 S. Washington - pool deck.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Water clerk Susan Messman stated that there is now hold music on the new phone system. Audit will begin around July 20, 2026. Auditors will take over payroll - there will be a \$500 set up fee and \$450 per month charge. This is cheaper than our current accounting system. All employees must go to direct deposit. There are forms available in the office.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Sondag stated that electricity at the lift station was installed. There has been 10 more tons of asphalt laid. The Village started tree trimming. The Village of Forest City offered to allow us to borrow their dump truck. It was the consensus of the board to allow Public Works to utilize the dump truck. Caleb Turnquist requested a children at play sign on North Broadway. Director Sondag also reported that there was a problem tree on Arthur Street. There will be a letter sent in regards to the tree.

ESDA

Director Kraft was not present, but had reported that everything had checked out and tested well. The down sirens are still a known issue and are a work in progress.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery reported that the new squad car was ready to enter into service after it was striped. The PD would be selling one of the older police vehicles.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

President Josh Harbourn stated that the parks had some storm damage in April and an insurance adjuster would be working on coverage.

AUDIENCE

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OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Schier reported the next landbank meeting would be June 18.

Trustee Nieuwkoop reported that there were 3 bids for the concession stand and stated that the Village would like to be involved with the process. He was going to discuss with the Park committee and compare insurances. There was concern that we are paying double. Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to allocate up to \$40,000 for the construction of a concession stand at Memorial Park. Trustee Kalhammer seconded the motion. Zoning director Ken Farnam will grant a permit. Motion carries.

Revive & Thrive Infrastructure - Sara Hayden mentioned hiring Illinois Codification Services for \$8,000. This will be presented at the next board meeting.

Revive & Thrive Tourism - flower pots have been planted along the highway. Banner hangers have been finished and they need to be picked up and stored until they can be installed. There will be a farmer's market on July 26 (11am-4pm) and have 20+ vendors already signed up. Jordan Himmel will play live music at Memorial Park. There is a chocolate festival in the works and discussion about what plants will thrive around the pond.

Feral cat update - Trustee Kalhammer stated that she has taken 12 cats in the month of May - 5 female and 7 male. We are now at 40 cats that have been vetted.

Trustee Mattson reported that Talbot's Tree farm donated 9 trees for the pond to start the bedding process. Director Sondag hauled in more rock around the edge of the pond and more liner was cut away and tucked into the ground. Brent Breedlove helped set and added large rock. Trustee Mattson will be getting bids for a sand point well.

NEW BUSINESS

President Sondag called for a 10 minute recess at 742pm.

Reconvened at 750pm.

Clerk Butler swore in newly appointed trustee Toni Bortell. President Sondag read resolution 26-002 - Appointment of Trustee Toni Bortell to Fill Vacancy.

Roger Warner accepted the Village of Manito's Appreciation Certificate for over 50 years of business and service to the community..

Director Sondag stated that Blower #3 and Blower #2 need to be repaired. Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to expend an amount not to exceed \$6,289.63 for blower repairs. Trustee Schier seconded. Motion carries.

Director Sondag requested that jetting and cleaning of storm drains be tabled until the next meeting.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to purchase 48 water meters in the amount of \$8,544. Seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

Police Chief Montgomery spoke of a desire to hire a School Resource Officer for school functions. He will put a plan together and will work with President Sondag to present the plan.

American Legion Auxiliary member April Ramme presented a parade route for America's 250th celebration on July 3, 2026. The route will start at Midwest Central High School on Washington Street, proceed down Washington, turning East on to Orange Street, turning North on to Harrison Street and ending in front of the Library. Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to close the side streets starting at 830am and for the use of Washington Street for the parade route. Trustee Schier seconded. Motion carries.

Director Sondag asked to table the broken valve issue until the July meeting. He will begin some tests to see if water needs to be shut off to that area.

Trustee Kalhammer motioned to accept the bid for street projects for Market Street from Adams Street to Park Avenue, State Street, from railroad tracks to Park Avenue, and Harrison Street from Meadow Lawn to High Street in the amount of \$81,430.60. Seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

Trustee Mattson motioned to purchase four (4) life rings to place around the pond. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

Director Sondag asked to table the discussion of a second aerator for pond until a later time.

Issue brought forth by Shaun Taylor was passed as Mr. Taylor was not present.

Trustee Schier motioned to rescind Ordinance 020-004 Face Coverings. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

Trustee Kalhammer stated that Butch Gilroy would like to donate a case of Manito memorabilia to the Village Hall. It was the consensus of the board to accept the donation.

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

General Fund – 26 checks for a total of \$101,471.65

Water/Sewer – 11 checks for a total of \$8,257.77

TIF - 2 checks for a total of \$675.00

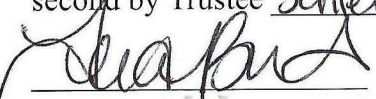
MFT – 1 check for a total of \$264.24

CLOSING REMARKS

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Lacey.

Approved as presented in the consent agenda on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and second by Trustee Schier at a regular meeting held on July 6, 2026.



Tera Butler, Clerk
Village of Manito



Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito