



VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

JULY 6, 2026

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on July 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Present for the meeting were President Sondag, Clerk Butler, Trustees Schier, Nieuwkoop, Lacey, and Kalhammer. Trustee Mattson and Bortell were absent. 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, approve corrected resolution number for MFT 2026-27 FY plan to 26-001 adopted May 2026 meeting which read 26-002 in error, and 2026 Mid-term Mayoral Appointments. Motion to approve by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Second by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

WATER REPORT

Trustee Lacey presented the water report for June. Currently 86 delinquent customers owe \$6,534.99. June deposits \$26,848.23. Deposits were down \$2,717.04 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is down \$2,383.10. Smith Septic has a balance of \$1,665. Burling and Son balance \$1,278.

ZONING

Chairman Ken Farnam reported no permits.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Water clerk Susan Messman reported that the annual audit will begin the week of July 13.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Sondag stated that 8 ton of asphalt has been installed. Lee Cherry from OSHA stated that a recent storm took out power and the storm siren at the water tower. EPA would be conducting a walk through inspection on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 9am. Blower #3 has a cracked bearing and needs to be replaced. Public Works department unhooked blower #2 to repair it.

ESDA

Director Kraft reported that everything had checked out and tested well in June. The down sirens are still a known issue and are a work in progress.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery reported that the old squad car was sold to Mason County Sheriff's Office for \$8000. He wanted to thank Mackinaw Solar for their donation to the police department in the amount of \$1000. Chief Montgomery thanked Ken Lacey for serving as the judiciary chairman for the past few years. Chief Montgomery reported that there were 3 applicants, with one in the process of being hired. He also wants the public to be aware of scams and to check your bank accounts frequently. Recently phone numbers have been spoofed, including Tazewell County Sheriff's Office. He also presented the newest Illinois State e-bike laws.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

AUDIENCE

Susan Messman thanked Charlene Null for making the Village Hall festive for the past holiday. She also thanked Megan Emmons, John Sondag, Steve Sondag, Eric Cheney, and Bryan Emmons for the organization and delivery of the case of Manito memorabilia.

John Waller spoke on an issue with cutting down a tree.

Sara Hayden filed the document with the county for the Civic Authority and stated that the committee has not met yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Sara Hayden reported on ordinances.

Revive and Thrive Tourism Committee reported 30+ vendors for the July 26 vendor event at Memorial Park. Julie Grant is working on getting permission to utilize the lot behind Manito Community Bank for Heritage Days. A Chocolate Festival is being planned with a fundraiser.

Trustee Kalhammer stated that feral cat intake is on hold due to the facility being hit by a tornado in June. She has been in touch with Rescued Heart in Pekin, but the cost will be \$55 per cat instead of \$30.

Adams Street Pond had blue gill and minnows installed on June 22. There will be pea gravel installed before Spring. There is to be no fishing for at least 12-24 months. Trustee Kalhammer motioned for the purchase of four (4) "No Fishing" signs. Trustee Schier seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Kalhammer motioned for a sand point well to be drilled with amount not to exceed \$2500. Trustee Lacey seconded. Motion carries.

Director Sondag is going to price aerators for Adams Street pond.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Schier motioned to repeal Ordinance # 010-001 FOIA due to being out of date. Seconded by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier motioned to adopt Ordinance # 026-006 FOIA. Seconded by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Motion carries.

Trustee Lacey motioned to approve Hunter Services to jet and clean storm and sewer drains in the amount of \$1385. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

Director Sondag will be shutting off water on Lincoln Avenue from Sheridan Street to Southmoor Street to repair a broken valve the week of July 13.

Director Sondag will be submitting a bid for curbing on Sunset Drive on the East side before the next board meeting.

Dan Sarff requested to have the old curb removed at the corner of State Street and Pollard Avenue since it is damaged and in disrepair. Director Sondag will check into how extensive the work will be.

Fred Williams presented a request to have cameras installed at Veterans Park. Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to spend not more than \$2500 for the purchase and installation of 8 cameras at Veterans Park. Seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

Trustee Kalhammer motioned to hire Gabe Wyant as a full time officer at the rate \$22 per hour during a probationary period contingent on passing the power test that will be administered by Chief Montgomery. If candidate fails, the Village Board would be called for an emergency meeting to discuss the police department moving on to the next candidate at the same rate. Seconded by Trustee Lacey. Motion carries.

Parking continues to be an issue at Memorial Park. The consensus of the board is to put up no parking signs.

Frisbee golf course needs a cross walk installed from hole #1 to hole #2.

Trustee Schier asked if the Landbank Authority can contact our lawyer. The consensus of the board is that yes, our lawyer can be contacted.

Patia Picken presented a request on behalf of Mike Lane for road closures for the Car Show during the Manito Popcorn Festival.

Manito Popcorn Festival committee requested road closures for the weekend of the festival. State Street and Mason Street from Washington Street to Harrison Street requested to be closed from Wednesday September 2 thru Monday September 7. Washington Street from Southmoor Street to Market Street, to include Broadway Street in front of downtown businesses from 8 am until the parade concludes.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motions to allow the use of the playground area for vendors during the weekend of the Manito Popcorn Festival. Trustee Kalhammer seconds the motion. Motion carries.

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

General Fund – 30 checks for a total of \$41,812.16

Water/Sewer – 21 checks for a total of \$20,515.43

TIF - 3 checks for a total of \$5,808.75

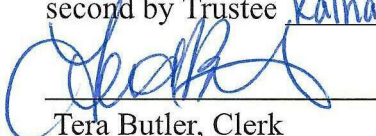
MFT – 6 checks for a total of \$28,330.32

CLOSING REMARKS

NTR

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and second by Trustee Kalhammer.

Approved as presented in the consent agenda on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Kalhammer at a regular meeting held on August 3, 2026.


Tera Butler, Clerk
Village of Manito


Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito

