



VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on February 2, 2026, at 7:02 p.m.

Present for the meeting were President Sondag, Clerk Butler, Trustees Schier, Nieuwkoop, Lacey, and Baker. Trustee Mattson and Trustee Kalhammer 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 and previous meeting's minute. Motion made by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Second by Trustee Schier. Motion carried.

WATER REPORT

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented the water report for January. Currently 111 delinquent customers owe \$10,687. January deposits \$28,716.65. Deposits were down \$1,109.59 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up \$4,411.62. Smith Septic has a balance of \$1,040. Burling and Son balance \$1,284.

ZONING

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Water clerk Susan Messman reported that there will be a Cross Connect Survey coming out soon. She also stated that notices for past due water accounts will be posted soon with a note on them that they can be paid via credit card. The new water billing system El Darado has had no issues this far.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Sondag reports that valve on the bottom of water tank was leaking. He also reported that he cannot install "no parking" signs on Southmoor Street because the ground was frozen, but will be installed as soon as possible.

ESDA

Director Kraft was not present but submitted a report to President Sondag. The siren at Casey's was not working. They replaced 3 fuses and will test on 2/3/2026.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery reported that the new "no parking" signs will be enforceable beginning 2/4/2026. He also gave information on a newly requested squad car. He stated that he would like a judicial meeting to speak about potentially hiring a new officer, either part time or full time.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

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AUDIENCE

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OLD BUSINESS

Revive and Thrive Committee - Tourism Committee reported that they will be meeting the week of 2/9/2026 and discussing a Farmer's Market - "Manito Market" on 7/26/2026 at Memorial Park.

Feral cat update - 10 more cats were taken to Springfield - 5 male and 5 female. Anyone can assist in taking the cats to Springfield as it is one cat per day per person.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Lacey presented a motion to purchase a black 2026 Dodge Durango from Princeton Auto Group for \$40,200 plus \$15,500 estimated in additional accessories necessary for a squad car. Motion seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented a motion to expend \$80 per quarter to Genesis Pest Control. Seconded by Trustee Baker. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented a motion to purchase an aerator for the pond project not to exceed \$500. Trustee Schier seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier discussed landbanks meeting that he attended in Macomb. The Village can utilize the landbank program for the Broadway Downtown project. He plans to attend the next landbank meeting on 3/26/26.

Trustee Schier asked to table the golf cart ordinance until the next regular board meeting in March.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to payout 2025 PTO time to employees S. Sondag, J. Sondag, and K. McMillion. Seconded by Trustee Lacey. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier motioned to authorize Manito Market. Trustee Baker seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Baker motioned to expend not more than \$250 on a basket donation for MC Athletic Boosters. Trustee Schier seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Lacey motioned to expend \$17,000 for Hometown Consultants to do a 12 year extension on the Village's existing TIF district. Trustee Nieuwkoop seconded. Motion carries.

Bills were allowed paid on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and second by Trustee Lacey:
General Fund – 28 checks for a total of \$20,098.20
Water/Sewer – 12 checks for a total of \$10,347.93
TIF - 1 check for a total of \$39.96

CLOSING REMARKS

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop 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 March 2, 2026.

Tera Butler, Clerk
Village of Manito

Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito