



VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 6, 2026

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on March 2, 2026, at 7:01 p.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on a consent agenda: treasurer's report, previous meeting's minutes, issuance of class A liquor licenses to Fergie's Pub, Hawk's Grove Inn, Hap's Honkeytonk Bar & Grill, Forman Park District, and Laurie's, issuance of Class B liquor licenses to Casey's and Country General, gaming license to Fergie's Pub, Hap's Honkeytonk, and Laurie's. Motion made by Trustee Mattson. Second by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

WATER REPORT

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented the water report for March. Currently 57 delinquent customers owe \$2,888.82. March deposits \$32,834.38. Deposits were up \$4,567.06 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up \$9,370. Smith Septic has a balance of \$3,140. Burling and Son balance \$1,251.

ZONING

Chairman Ken Farnam reported two permits were issued: 307 S. East Ave for a shed, and 403 S. East Ave for a fence.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Chairman Farnam reported that the board met on April 6, 2026 to hear the variance requested by Jake Reagan. Upon input from the board and the audience, the variance was denied 4-0.

WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Water clerk Susan Messman stated that notes were hung on doors for delinquent water accounts. El Dorado portal is up and running. She stated that the portal can be used to send out alerts but customers need to check that their phone numbers and email addresses are up to date in the system.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Sondag stated that hydrant flushing was completed in one day. The PW department filled in holes with asphalt. He also reported that the aerator on the pond was not working, but would check in on the warranty the next business day. Gerald Cox started work on Mason Street from Adams St, to Broadway St. Due to family emergencies and weather, work was not completed last Fall. Money was approved in Fall.

ESDA

Director Kraft stated that last month's testing went well, Casey's location is still down and is a known issue, as that motor is still down. The next test will be April 7, 2026.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery reported that after the last storms, there was some minor hail damage to the squad cars.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

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AUDIENCE

Jeff Neikirk thanked the Village for the use of the live traps, but needed them again due to another raccoon in the ceiling.

Jake Reagan asked about his denied permit and was directed to speak to Zoning Board Chairman Ken Farnam.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Schier asked if there was an update to Woiwode trusses at the building on Park Ave or if there was an update on Connie's Clock. There has been no update to either item.

Revive and Thrive Committee - Trustee Schier motioned for \$4400 for banner holders that will be fabricated by Nostaw. Trustee Mattson seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier motioned for the Infrastructure Committee to work on updating ordinances. Motion withdrawn.

Feral cat update - Trustee Kalhammer stated that APL in Springfield has her on a call list to bring more cats down to spay or neuter.

NEW BUSINESS

Casey French, President of CASSCOM, and Chad, CEO CASSCOM, recognized Manito as a "Smart Rural Community." CASSCOM presented the Village with signs that can be posted within the Village.

Trustee Mattson motioned to swap phone system providers from Brightspeed to CASSCOM. Replacement would take place FY27. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Trustee Neiuwkoop motioned to change payroll provider from PayChex to the Village of Manito Accountant, Phillips Salmi and Associates. Seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

JD Proehl presented the board with Memorial Park concession stand information and details. He stated that they were awarded grant money from FVCF and Mason County windmill grants. He would like the Village to pledge \$40,000. Trustee Kalhammer motioned to budget \$40,000 for FY27. Seconded by Trustee Schier. There are concerns from board members about the blue prints. Motion carries.

Trustee Baker presented the mowing and maintenance contracts for FY27 for the Forman Park District. Discussion on both was tabled until the May meeting. The Village must put out for bids the mowing of properties.

Trustee Mattson motioned to adopt updated Golf Cart Ordinance 026-002. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

ESDA Director Kraft stated that parts are obsolete for the siren repair. He stated that the sirens are to be heard while outdoors. He is asking for \$30,000 for a new siren which would be 120v, 3 phase. This will be added to the FY27 budget.

Trustee Kalhammer motioned to accept all bids for sidewalk repairs for \$16,325 for eleven locations. Money will be from 26/27 MFT funds. Motion seconded by Trustee Mattson. Motion carries.

PW Director Sondag stated that tar and chipping of roads as follows: Harrison Street - High Street to Meadow Lawn, Market Street - Adams Street to Park Avenue, State Street - Broadway Street to Washington Street. The entire project would cost \$91,313.79. Trustee Kalhammer motioned for road tar and chip repairs to be done at Harrison Street and State Street in the amount of \$71,479.02. Seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

PW Director Sondag stated that the blowers were functional but noisy. Blower #2 vibrated and had bearings replaced. Blower #3 has a bad bearing.

Trustee Kalhammer motioned to expend \$17,205 on guttering for both the North and South side of Pine St. from Broadway to Adams St. Seconded by Trustee Mattson. Motion carries.

Trustee Mattson stated that the liner needed to be cut down and add rock to the ledge on the south side of the pond. He motioned to expend TIF funds to finish pond install and secure liner with 6' boulders by BEB Excavation. Trustee Kalhammer seconded. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier gave a landbank update. There will be a meeting on 3/26/2026 and they will work with Hometown Consultants and will retain a code enforcer.

Trustee Neiuwkoop motioned to retain JW Hauling at the presented rates of \$575 per box used, \$575 for the use of rear loading garbage truck, \$85 per ton per box, \$2.75 per ton Illinois tipping fee, \$100 per employee, waive the \$25 Illinois dumping fee per box and fuel price will be

assessed day of dumping. \$1000 deposit due upon contract agreement before the event. Motion seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to expend not more than \$200 for seasonal inspection of A/C units of Village Hall to McCamy's. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

John Waller spoke on tree removal and vehicle damage by an open gate.

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

General Fund – 24 checks for a total of \$11,426.67

Water/Sewer – 17 checks for a total of \$10,11.54

TIF - 3 checks for a total of \$5,792.53

CLOSING REMARKS

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Baker.

Approved as presented in the consent agenda on a motion by Trustee _____ and second by Trustee _____ at a regular meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Tera Butler, Clerk
Village of Manito

Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito