



VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MAY 4, 2026

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on May 4, 2026, at 7:03 p.m.

Present for the meeting were President Sondag, Clerk Butler, Trustees Schier, Nieuwkoop, Lacey, Mattson, and Kalhammer. Trustee Baker has resigned as of April 9, 2026. 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, and operating budget for FY 26-27. Motion to approve by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Second by Trustee Mattson. Motion carries.

WATER REPORT

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented the water report for April. Currently 85 delinquent customers owe \$4,521.11. April deposits \$23,007.34. Deposits were down \$3,798.03 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up \$9,370. Smith Septic has a balance of \$800. Burling and Son balance \$744.

ZONING

Chairman Ken Farnam reported two permits were issued: 205 W. Market for a shed, and 408 S. Broadway for a room addition.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Water clerk Susan Messman stated that several customers have registered for online billing and alerts. She wanted to make the public aware that the notification calls and texts will come from a New York number. We will be using it soon for communications. New phones have been installed and have proven to be user friendly. There seems to be an issue with the roll over of the police line which we will contact CASSCOMM about on the next business day.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Sondag stated that during the storms, the Village Hall lost a tree in the back which has been cleaned up. The public works department spent over a week cleaning up storm destruction. We had 6 dumpsters full from the town wide clean up. There was a no parking sign hit on Southmoor by the high school that has since been fixed. The aerator at the Adams Street pond was not working, but the problem was that the GFCI was tripped. Andy Dill will take care of a damaged tree on Meadow Lawn. The PW department has put down 8 tons of asphalt. There was a tree near the water tower that damaged Courtright house.

ESDA

Director Kraft stated that the sirens tested well and proved to work during several storms. The Village is looking into an insurance claim for the siren that was damaged in January after a car accident caused a transformer to blow.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery thanked Dan Kraft and the Public Works department during the storm and downed power lines. They worked together to keep everyone safe. He addressed the board about an issue of e-scooters.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

President Josh Harbourn stated that the pool was being revamped and the motors were being rebuilt. He gave an update that the current treasurer, Patrick Butler, resigned. He posted 2 vacancies and will be filling those spots at the next regular park district meeting. Mr. Harbourn asked what needed to be done to move forward with the building of a concession stand at Memorial Park. Trustee Nieuwkoop stated that new blue prints and bids would be needed since it was over \$20,000.

AUDIENCE

Amanda Spicer advised the board of a change to the 250th celebration on July 3rd. The festival will take place at the Library lot. The Library will be renting the Forman Center, having vendors, crafts, and a possible car show. She asked for a donation of \$500.

Dan Sarff addressed mowing bids.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Schier motioned for landbank dues to be paid in the amount \$4368.

Feral cat update - Trustee Kalhammer stated that APL in Springfield is back up and going and she has taken a few more cats.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Butler opened and read all bids that were delivered to the Village Hall. Trustee Schier motioned to accept the bid presented by the Forman Park District in the amount of \$19,500. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

Trustee Kalhammer motioned to accept resolution 26-002 - FY 26-27 Motor Fuel Tax. Seconded by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

Trustee Kalhammer motioned to accept Village health insurance renewal. Seconded by Trustee Mattson. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop stated that the concession stand will be discussed at the next park board meeting. The issue will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to accept the bid from GTSi for a new storm siren on State Street up to the amount of \$30,000. Seconded by Trustee Mattson. Motion carries.

Director Sondag asked to table the jetting and cleaning of storm drains until the next regular board meeting due to roots in the drains.

Trustee Schier motioned to pay \$4,368 for 2026 dues to Prairie Hills Landbank. This amount is based on population. Seconded by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

Trustee Schier gave an update on code enforcement officer from landbank.

Trustee Schier is going to look into blending International Code with our own building ordinance.

Trustee Schier stated that Prairie Hills landbank accepted the downtown project. He will get more information at the next meeting at WIU on 5/20/2026.

Trustee Schier, Clerk Butler, and Sara Hayden will work together to update the Ordinance book and will provide periodic updates.

Trustee Kalhammer motioned for curb repair on North Street in the amount of \$14,450, Jefferson Street from Orange Street to South Street in the amount of \$10,088, Jefferson Street from Pine Street to Orange Street in the amount of \$10,365, and south side of Main Street from Adams Street to Broadway Street in the amount of \$8,295. All money will be paid from TIF Fund. Second by Trustee Mattson. Motion carries.

Trustee Kalhammer stated that she would like to contact Herman Brothers Fisheries for a consultation and guidance on proceeding with fish in the Adams Street pond. She motioned to expend \$500 for a consultation fee. Second by Trustee Schier. Motion carries.

Trustee Kalhammer stated that there was a recommendation of bluegill and minnows to be placed into the pond. She motioned to expend up to \$650 for fish and delivery of said fish. Second by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Motion carries.

Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to expend \$500 from grant funds for Forman Valley Library 250th celebration of America. Second by Trustee Kalhammer. Motion carries.

Dan Sarff asked if paint for Memorial Park had been budgeted. He also had asked if there was further discussion of a sidewalk in Memorial Park in the east part of the parking lot. He had received a quote from Gerald Cox in the amount of \$9000. The board will follow up in June.

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


General Fund – 24 checks for a total of \$30,031.85
Water/Sewer – 10 checks for a total of \$8,766.13
TIF - 4 checks for a total of \$12,760.75

CLOSING REMARKS


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The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Lacey.

Approved as presented in the consent agenda on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Nieuwkoop at a regular meeting held on June 1, 2026.



Tera Butler, Clerk
Village of Manito



Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito