



# VILLAGE OF MANITO

## REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

**MARCH 2, 2026**

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

Present for the meeting were President Sondag, Clerk Butler, Trustees Schier, Nieuwkoop, Lacey, Mattson and Kalhammer. Trustee Baker was absent. 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, TCI-Lawn Irrigation maintenance agreement, and Golf Green Contracts for parks and Village. Motion made by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Second by Trustee Schier. Motion carried.

### **WATER REPORT**

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented the water report for February. Currently 80 delinquent customers owe \$8,983.89. February deposits \$25,795.33. Deposits were up \$221.78 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up \$4,633.30. Smith Septic has a balance of \$1,730. Burling and Son balance \$771.

### **ZONING**

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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

NTR

## **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 have been mailed and posted. She is working with El Dorado to implement the alerts and notifications via phone and email. Residents are encouraged to make sure they have up to date contact information with the Village Water Department.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Director Sondag reports that while using street sweeper, a spring broke and is on order. They are looking to sell the old service truck. Aerator at Adams Street pond is up and running. The public works department will be setting up a permanent spot to run electricity from for the aerator.

## **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. Next test will be March 3, 2026.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Montgomery reported that a power test for possible employees would take place on Saturday, March 7, 2026. Three possible candidates. He also presented the February 2026 activity report.

## **PARK DISTRICT REPORT**

Dan Sarff stated that the park maintenance budget needed to be increased. They will present it at the next board meeting. Tennis/basketball courts needed to be painted. Sidewalk at east parking

lot by pickleball courts has a quote of \$9000 and \$3000 for turfis. He stated that their meetings were the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

## **AUDIENCE**

NTR

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Revive and Thrive Committee - Tourism Committee reported that they are looking into poles to attach to flower pots for 4' banners. R&T is looking into a "Manito Heritage Day" with Chris and Sarah Jebb on October 17, 2026. More information to come.

Feral cat update - The Village has currently taken care of 26 cats. The facility that the Village has been using is not taking walk-ins at this time due to staffing issues.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Lacey presented a motion to hire Sarkis Doueihi at the rate of \$22/hour. Seconded by Trustee Mattson. Motion carries.

Director Sondag spoke on the water tower valve replacement. Discussion to be tabled until the next regular board meeting.

Ordinance book updates - at this time there are no updates.

ESDA Director Dan Kraft spoke about the Village's tornado sirens. It was suggested to move the current location of the northern most siren further North within Village limits. Further discussion of the purchase of new sirens needs to be added to the 2026 Budget.

Several sidewalks throughout the Village are in need of repair or replacement along with new curbing in many areas. The public works department will prioritize projects.

Trustee Schier stated that the next landbank meeting will be 3/26/2026 and will update at the next regular board meeting.

Trustee Mattson intends on having a meeting to discuss finishing the Adams Street Pond project.

Cole McDaniel updated the board on TIF information. Trustee Mattson motioned to participate in the Strong Communities Initiative Project (SCI Project) with Hometown Consultants.

Amanda Spicer presented a plan for Forman Valley Library's celebration of America's 250th birthday. Forman Valley Library intends on having speakers, crafts, lawn games, and other activities. Forman Valley Library has requested the use of Veteran's Park on July 3, 2026 from 9am to 2pm. She requested a \$500 donation. Trustee Kalhammer motioned for the Forman Valley Library to utilize Veteran's Park on July 3, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Shier. Motion carries.

Trustee Mattson motioned to donate \$300 to Midwest Central After Prom Committee. Seconded by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Motion carries.

Clerk Butler presented a letter on behalf of Suzi Palmer for "Path for a Cure MSA 5k". Trustee Mattson motioned to allow a 5K to be held on March 28, 2026 at 8am at Memorial Park and surrounding roads. Seconded by Trustee Nieuwkoop. Motion carries.

Bills were allowed paid on a motion by Trustee Nieuwkoop and second by Trustee Lacey:  
General Fund – 24 checks for a total of \$16,877.13  
Water/Sewer – 12 checks for a total of \$10,514.46  
TIF - 4 checks for a total of \$47,945.18

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

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

Approved as presented in the consent agenda on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Kalhammer at a regular meeting held on April 6, 2026.

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Tera Butler, Clerk  
Village of Manito

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Tim Sondag, President  
Village of Manito