



VILLAGE OF MANITO

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 08, 2025

The Village of Manito Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at the Village Hall on September 8, 2025, at 6:59 p.m.

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

PREVIOUS MONTH MINUTES

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented in a motion by Trustee Scheir and second by Trustee Baker.

TREASURERS REPORT

Trustee Mattson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Trustee Kalhammer and approved. (Attached)

WATER REPORT

Trustee Nieuwkoop presented the water report for August. Currently 77 delinquent customers owe \$4,391.25. August deposits \$29,045.45. Deposits were up \$605.02 compared to one year ago. Year to date income is up \$2,352.18. Smith Septic balance is \$4,915. Burling and Son balance \$858. It was also reported that the first round of real estate taxes and late payments have been paid to the Village.

ZONING

Chairman Farnam reported one permit was requested. Glen Holtslaw - 208 S. Park Ave - solar.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Zoning board met 9/8/2025. Derrick Duncan requested a variance for a roof to extend over the deck which will be 9.5 feet from the lot line. 10 feet is what is allowed. There was no response from area property owners, and the board approved the request 5-0. Trustee Schier motioned to accept the variance, Trustee Nieuwkoop seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WATER COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Auditors picked up the books 7/24/2025, but no update on progress. Susan Messman has requested two new laptops - one for the front desk and one for Steve Sondag.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Spray patch work has been an ongoing project. CoxCrete began curb work on 9/8/2025 There was a water main leak on South Adams that was fixed. Director Steve Sondag stated that he was not contacted about fiber install throughout the Village. This proves to be a challenge when trying to fix water lines. Mayor Sondag will contact the company for a resolution.

ESDA

Director Kraft reported that the sirens tested good on 9/2/2025.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Montgomery spoke on Saf-T-Act. He stated that they were looking for part time officers, and informed audience that the academy was 11 months long.

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

Josh Harbourn, FPD president, reported that the last day for Manito Aquatic Center pool was 8/3/2025. He mentioned that there were 22 parties over the Summer. The park brick fundraiser is still ongoing and the date was extended. He also stated that the park district was awarded \$90,000 for a concession stand to be built at Memorial Park, as long as other funding was put in place.

AUDIENCE

Dan Sarff stated that a new score board was going up at the lighted diamond (diamond 1) at Memorial Park, and the old score board would be moved to diamond 2 (behind diamond 1). Renita Holtslaw stated that she submitted an invoice for \$1200 of the \$2000 allowed for flowers and maintenance. The flowers that died by the Village signs were replaced. She also stated that she would be interested in any leftover liner from the pond install.

Trustee Mattson motioned to sell the leftover liner to Renita Holtslaw for \$.25/sqft. Trustee Schier seconded, motion carried.

Jeff Niekirk mentioned that there are a few light poles in the business district on Broadway that are upheaved and the cement is a trip hazard.

OLD BUSINESS

Action on downtown properties - Laurie's was unaccepting of insurance policy and stated they wanted to be listed on the certificate. The coverage was for \$2M. Information was sent to Mark Rossi - Village Attorney. Ameren was moving power from Warner property the week of 9/8/2025.

Pond update - water rising with rain and one full water tower. When it rains, it is creating small ditches. Will work on a resolution. Excess liner pieces will be cut off 9/9/2025.

Gutter update - Gutter work in progress. Trustee Kalhammer brought up the sidewalk from high school to grade school in very bad shape. It is an asphalt sidewalk, and needs to be repaired or repaved.

Revive and Thrive update - Jen Julius met with Shawn Park on business development for ideas on a grocery store in town. Josh Cackowski stated that flower pots have been set and banners have been hung. Infrastructure meeting on 9/22/2025 from 6-7pm to discuss land banks.

Trustee Baker gave a copy of the park district budget to all board members.

Trustee Schier asked if the gift card could be a general card (previously approved for Shannon Flarty).

Trustee Nieuwkoop stated that the Village currently has a \$745.51 credit with Manito Oil & Propane. Previous year we spent \$3500 on fuel. He requested that we prepay \$2500. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Nieuwkoop said there was no Indian carving update.

NEW BUSINESS

President Sondag, Clerk Butler, and Village Trustees would like to congratulate Country General on 50 years of service and dedication to our community. Country General was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Trustee Mattson moved to amend the total amount of the 2025/2026 levy to \$166,098.00 to eliminate the road and bridge amount levied by the township. Trustee Schier seconded. Motion carried.

Director Sondag stated that hydrant flushing would take place 9/15/2025. Public Works will begin on the East side of tracks and flush as normal. They will flush the West side of tracks to the pond. Director Sondag replaced light bulbs downtown with LED bulbs.

Location for dumpsters for townwide clean up would be placed near the water tower behind Forman Center. Town wide clean up would be September 25 and 26, 2025. JW Hauling submitted a proposal for pricing of dumpsters as follows: \$550 per box set, \$550 for use of rear loading garbage truck, \$80 per ton per box, \$2.25 per ton for Illinois tipping fee, \$20 per box Illinois dumping fee will be waived, \$100 per employee, and \$1000 deposit. Final bill will be assessed after all refuse has been dumped. Trustee Nieuwkoop motioned to accept the proposal. Trustee Schier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Connie's Clock update - AmeriClock out of St. Louis gave a proposal totaling close to \$15,000 to repair the clock. This would include a 2 year warranty, travel, parts, and labor. Discussion was asked if there was an extended warranty. Follow up will be made with AmeriClock for more clarifying information. Also, grants and fundraisers will be researched.

Jen Julius, president of the newly reformed American Legion Auxiliary Unit #561 (reestablished May 2025) presented future plans for the Unit. In July 2026 they are planning an Independence Day celebration for the 250th anniversary of the country. Some ideas they presented were a 5k,

fishing at the pond, and food. More information to follow. It is the consensus of the board to carry on with plans.

Trustee Kalhammer presented a feral cat update. Springfield Animal Protection League will spay/neuter/deworm/clip ears of each cat for \$30 per cat. There is only one cat at a time per person allowed. The Village is seeking to borrow live traps to capture the cats. Members of the audience stated that this will not take care of the feces problem. Trustee Kalhammer motioned for 20 cats to be taken to be spayed/neutered. Trustee Schier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Mattson motioned for an allowance of up to \$1000 for purchase of signage for around the pond for safety reasons. Trustee Nieuwkoop seconded. Motion carried.

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

General Fund – 29 checks for a total of \$32,982.70

General Fund (HNB) - 1 check for a total of \$960.00 (PD Grant)

Water/Sewer – 21 checks for a total of \$22,025.23

TIF – 5 checks for a total of \$4,698.80

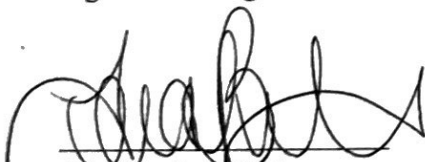
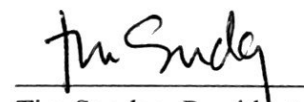
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CLOSING REMARKS

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm on a motion by Trustee Mattson and second by Trustee Schier.

Approved/corrected as presented on a motion by Trustee Scheir and second by Trustee Baker at a regular meeting held on October 6, 2025.


Tera Butler, Clerk
Village of Manito
Tim Sondag, President
Village of Manito