

**Village of Manteno
Board Meeting
December 15, 2025
6:00 PM**

Roll Call

Trustee Mike Barry
Trustee CJ Boudreau
Trustee Peggy Vaughn
Absent: Trustee Todd Crockett
Trustee Joel Gesky
Trustee Annette Zimbelman
President Annette LaMore

Also Present:

Chris LaRocque – Village Administrator
Al Swinford – Chief of Police
Michael Cainkar – Village Attorney
Jim Hanley – Supt. Public Works
Jakob Knox – Marketing and Communications Director
Press:

The meeting was called to order by Village President Annette LaMore, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of the Board was made by the Village Clerk.

Motion by Barry, seconded by Zimbelman, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the regular Board Meeting minutes of December 1, 2025, as presented by the Clerk.

Motion approved: 5-0 Crockett absent

Mayor LaMore made a statement before anyone spoke: "You will be given 3 minutes to speak and if you are in the middle of something you will be allowed to finish. Please stay calm and do not attack anyone in the room. We cannot answer questions so stay calm in your demeanor, don't yell, no theatrics and please don't name people or say things that are hurtful."

Public Participation:

Ann Gates
Francine Fatima
Robert Forsythe
Terri King
Bill Barnes
Jane Bugdahl

Reports of Village Officials:

Village President's Report: Mayor LaMore

- Jakob Knox reviewed the activities of Christmas in Manteno which was held on Saturday December 6, 2025. There were 18 participating businesses and thanked them all. It appeared to be a record number as they told businesses to prepare for 500 and there was a great turnout of between 1000 to 2000 people
- The mayor complimented Jim Hanley and public works for the job they have done with the snow and how beautiful the town looks with all the lights
- The mayor thanked Jakob Knox for his hard work he did for Christmas in Manteno

- The mayor thanked Faceless Anonymous for all the donations that they made to the food pantry. Which included food (turkey and fixings), clothes and appliances.
- The mayor thanked Berkot's for all they donated.

Village Administrator Report:

- There have been 31 building permits issued this month
- Domino's is hoping to open on South Creek by the end of the week as they have some power and water issues. The other side of it is still to be rented.
- The empty lot next to Berkot's is just a parking lot for Riverside.

Committee Reports:

Finance - Trustee Barry

- Old Business-None
- New Business- Payment of bills **\$0 (includes TIF #3 bills of \$0)**
- Bills authorized and paid between Board Cycle: **\$44,898.23**

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Tuesday January 20, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Village Board Room

Planning and Zoning- Trustee Boudreau

- Old Business-None
- New Business-None

The next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 14, 2026, at 7:00 am in the Village Board Room. The next Planning Commission meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday January 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Village Board Room

Public Safety and Health- Trustee Vaughn

- Old Business-None
- New Business-None

Sgt. Reynolds from the police department reported that there have been several burglaries to cars with weather colder and people leaving them running.

Next Public Safety & Health meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday December 20, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Village Board Room

Public Works & Utilities- Trustee Crockett absent

- Old Business-None
- New Business-None

The next Finance meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday December 23, 2025, at 7:00 am in the Village Board Room.

Properties and Recreation- Trustee Gesky

- Old Business-None
- New Business-None

The next Properties and Recreation meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday January 14, 2026, at 7:00 am in the Village Board Room.

General Government- Trustee Zimbelman

- Old Business-None
- New Business-None

The next General Government meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at 7:00 am in the Village Board Room.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. CONSIDERATION RE:

A Motion To Approve The 2026 Village Schedule
Of Meetings And The 2026 Village Holiday Schedule

- Motion by Barry seconded by Boudreau to approve 2026 Schedule of Meetings and the 2026 Holiday Schedule.

Motion Approved 5-0 Crockett absent

2. ORDINANCE 25-27

An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Police Regulations, Chapter 1, Misdemeanor Code, Article 4, Offenses Involving Health Safety And Children, By Adding Section 4-1-4-19, Dangerous Intoxicants, Of The Manteno Municipal Code

- Motion by Gesky seconded by Zimbelman to approve Ordinance 25-27.

Motion Approved 5-0 Crockett absent

3. ORDINANCE 25-29

An Ordinance Granting A Variance From Sections 9-13-14 Of The Manteno Municipal Code To Permit Two Premises Signs to be Erected On The Principal Building Located At 310 South Creek Drive, Manteno, Illinois.

- Motion by Barry seconded by Vaughn to approve Ordinance 25-29.

Motion Approved 5-0 Crockett absent

Motion by Barry to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Seconded by Vaughn

Motion approved 5-0 Crockett absent

Minutes respectfully submitted by Allen Pickrel, Village Clerk