

**Village of Manteno Board Meeting  
Monday, February 2, 2026 — 6:00 P.M.  
Village Board Room  
Leo T. Hassett**

**Mayor Annette LaMore – present  
Trustee Mik Barry – present  
Trustee CJ Boudreau - present  
Trustee Peggy Vaughn – present  
Trustee Todd Crockett – present  
Trustee Joel Gesky – present  
Trustee Annette Zimbelman – not present**

**Attendees Present**

**Village Administrator – Chris LaRocque  
Village Chief of Police – Al Swinford  
Village Public Works – Jim Hanley  
Marketing & Communication – Jakob Knox  
Village Attorney – Joe Cankar**

**1 . CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor LaMore called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**2 . PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3 . OPENING INVOCATION**

- Rev. Werner

**4 . Roll Call 5 present 1 absent**

**5. READING OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS – DELETIONS**

- None

**6. READING OF MINUTES - CHANGES CORRECTIONS APPROVAL:**

**Regular Meeting Minutes:                      January 20, 2026**

- Mayor LaMore announced that a couple of corrections needed mad to the minutes so they would be brought back to vote on them at the Tuesday February 17 meeting.

**7 . PUBLIC PARTICIAPATION**

- Francine Fatima – Denise Nicholson – Ann Gates

## 8. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

All reports will be ORAL

### A) VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 1) **Presentations**
- 2) **Appointments**
- 3) **Proclamations**
- 4) **Requests**
- 5) **Announcements**

- **Mayor LaMore with the help of Jakob Knox is putting together a committee to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of The United States. She would like citizens to join them in planning some events leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**
- **Last week Mayor LaMore visited Harbor House, and they are inviting public officials to come see the services that they offer to people that are victims of domestic violence. They are working on a \$5 million dollar project for a larger building, and they have received a \$2 million dollar grant. So far, they have raised \$1.5 million dollars on their own and are looking for help from other people in the county.**
- **Mayor LaMore along with Jakob Knox will be going to Heritage Woods this week to speak with the residents.**

- 6) **Discussion**
- 7) **Old Business**
- 8) **New Business**

### B) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- 1) **Presentations**
- 2) **Upcoming Events**
- 3) **Updates**

**Administrator LaRocque announced that tomorrow the entrance to Eagles Landing off County Highway 9 will be closed tomorrow for the installation of the storm sewer.**

- 4) **Discussion Items**

### C) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) **Finance (Trustee Barry)**
  - a) **Old Business on Agenda: None**
  - b) **New Business on Agenda:**
    - **Payment of Bills: \$31,797.41 (includes TIF #3-\$0)**
- c) **Bills Authorized and Paid between Board Cycle \$48,929.45**
- d) **Finance Committee Meeting Report:**
- e) **NEXT Finance Committee Meeting:**

• **Tues. 02/ 17/26, 5:00pm, Village Board Room**

2) **Planning & Zoning (Trustee Boudreau)**

- a) **Old Business on Agenda: None**
- b) **New Business on Agenda: None**
- c) **Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Report:**
- d) **Next Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting:**
  - **Wed. - 02/18/26, 7:00 am, Village Board Room**
- e) **NEXT Plan Commission Meeting: Tues. 02/10/26, 6:00 pm  
(MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED)**

3) **Public Safety & Health (Trustee Vaughn)**

- a) **Old Business on Agenda: None**
- b) **New Business on Agenda: None**
- c) **Public Safety Committee Report:**

**Officer ben Elzinga reminded everyone of the cold and being outside too long. When it is cold the Leo Hassett Center is a Warming Center for residents.**

- d) **NEXT Public Safety & Health Committee Meeting:**
  - **Tues. - 02/ 17 /26, 5:00pm, Village Board Room**

4) **Public Works & Utilities (Trustee Crockett)**

- a) **Old Business on Agenda: None**
- b) **New Business on Agenda: None**
- c) **Public Works Committee Meeting Report:**
  - **Notes from committee meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> Trustee Crockett referred to Public Works Director Jim Hanley; Storm sewer update that the project on Jeffery was going to be started this week, Leahy Circle needed just a couple connections to be made.**
  - **Discussed Main Street to how to add more handicap parking and this will continue.**
  - **Discussed walking trails and maintenance of them and the cost.**
- d) **NEXT Public Works Committee Meeting:**
  - **, Tues. - 02/24/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room**

5) **Properties and Recreation (Trustee Gesky)**

- a) **Old Business on Agenda: None**
- b) **New Business on Agenda: None**
- c) **Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting Report:**

- Trustee Gesky reported that they will be discussing the wall of fame.
  - Asked Jim Hanley if the fee that is going to be voted on has to do with the turf nothing to do with the rest room in which Jim Hanley responded that is correct.
- d) **NEXT Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting:**
- **Wed- 02/18/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room**
- 6) **General Government (Trustee Zimbelman)**
- a) **Old Business on Agenda: None**
- b) **New Business on Agenda: None**
- c) **General Government Committee Meeting Report:**
- d) **NEXT General Government Committee Meeting:**
- **Tues-02/24/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room**

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) **ORDINANCE 25-34**  
**An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Business Regulations, Chapter 9, Liquor, Section 3-9-4, Fee, and Section 3-9-14, Limitation, and by Amending Title 4, Police Regulations, Chapter 1 Misdemeanor Code, Article 6, Offenses Involving Morality, Section 4-1-6-12, Gambling, of the Village of Manteno Municipal Code**
- **This is for a liquor license for Tru Golf**  
**Motion by Gesky 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boudreau**  
**5 yays – 0 nays**
- B) **ORDINANCE 25-35**  
**An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Business Regulations, Chapter 9, Liquor, Section 3-9-14, Limitation, of the Village of Manteno Municipal Code.**
- **This is to allow a liquor license and gaming at the old bank building On Division,**  
  
**Motion Crockett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vaughn**  
**Yays 2 nays 3**  
**Nayes Crocket – Gesky – Boudreau**  
**Yays LaMore - Barry – Vaughn**  
**“MOTION FAILED”**
- C) **RESOLUTION 25-06**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Commonly Known as 409 South Oak Street, Manteno, Kankakee County Illinois**

**Motion by Trustee Gesky 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Boudreau**

**3 yays 3 nays**

**Yays Crockett – Gesky – Boudreau**

**Nays LaMore -Barry – Vaughn**

**“MOTION FAILED”**

**D) RESOLUTION 25-07**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Being a Vacant Lot on Main Street and Cook Street, Manteno, Kankakee County, Illinois**

- **Property where brush pile use to be and it has been cleared out**

**Motion by Trustee Boudreau 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Gesky**

**5 yays 0 Nays**

**E) ORDINANCE 25-36**

**An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of an Unimproved Street East of and Parallel to North Cypress Street South of Marquette Drive, in the Village of Manteno, Kankakee County, Illinois**

**Motion by Trustee Barry 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Gesky**

**5 Yays 0 Nays**

**F) CONSIDERATION:**

**Motion to Approve a Lease Agreement Between The Village of Manteno and Manteno Youth Baseball Softball League**

**Motion by Trustee Crockett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Gesky**

**5 yays 0 Nays**

**G) CONSIDERATION:**

**A Motion to Approve an Estimate from LT Turf Pros, Peotone, IL in the Amount of \$86,218.00 to install Turf at the Square on Second.**

**Motion by Trustee Boudreau 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Crockett**

**3 Yays 3 Nays**

**Yays Boudreau – Crockett – Boudreau**

**Nays LaMore - Barry – Vaughn**

**“MOTION FAILED”**

- H) **CONSIDERATION:**  
**MOTION to approve PAYMENT OF BILLS in the amount of \$31,797.41**  
**(Including: TIF #3-\$0).**

**Motion by Trustee Barry 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Boudreau**

**5 yays 0 nays**

### 11 . COMMENTS

**Comments and additional information of general interest to Village residents.**

- **Trustee Barry expressed concern that he cannot understand why a new business wants to come in at a property empty for 2 years and it was voted down**
- **Trustee Boudreau visited another establishment that this company owns but when he visited it was a gaming establishment 1<sup>st</sup> and a wine/whisky bar 2<sup>nd</sup> they didn't have a menu even for food.**
- **Trustee Vaughn stated that the Village needs to have a spending freeze**
- **Trustee Crockett said he agreed with the Mayor and Trustee Vaughn asked everyone to go to the January 14 planning and zoning where the Mayor stated we have enough gaming machines in a town this size and we don't want to become another Reno. Families can't support their families because of their addictions.**
- **Trustee Crockett stated at this same January 14 meeting that Trustee Vaughn stated that if your food is good and managed right then it should be able to survive without gaming.**
- **Trustee Gesky said this is the 4<sup>th</sup> time they have come to the board and the 2<sup>nd</sup> location. He can agree to liquor license and if they survive for 6 months as a restaurant they can come back and the Board can look at it again.**
- **Mayor LaMore is disappointed that the Board cannot work together.**

### 12 . EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Executive session requested to discuss personnel.**

**13 . ADJOURNMENT 6:54pm**

**14 . MOTION By Trustee Barry 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Crockett 5 yays 0 nays**