

Committee of the Whole Meeting
General Government
August 26, 2025 – 7:57 a.m.
Village Board Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Annette LaMore, Mayor	X
Mike Barry, Trustee	
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Annette Zimbelman, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Peggy Vaughn, Trustee	X
CJ Boudreau, Trustee	
Other Attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	X
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Jakob Knox, Marketing Dir	x
Melissa Gay, deputy clerk	x
Bruce Hill, HR Green Engineering	X

Trustee Zimbelman opened the meeting at 7:57 a.m.

No General Government meeting minutes were approved.

Public Participation: None

Discussion Items:

- **RVSRA Discussion-** They sent a letter stating they don't want a donation. Trustee Gesky suggests we subsidized them like we do with Splash Valley and the dog park whatever their increased cost is, they can submit it in for a reimbursement. Put it up on the web page and social media. Take the form that was used for Splash Valley subsidy and modify it, they can come in and fill out that document so it can be verified. Trustee Zimbelman will pass that information on to RVSRA.
- **Community soup dinners-** The Huckleberry's Snack Shack Asked if they could hold once a month Soup dinner At the Community Center. There are some concerns that the soup kitchen at the Community Center could bring some unforeseen problems. The Manteno Village does already help with the food pantry. LaRocque will send her a letter to tell her, we don't have a big enough need for this in Manteno at the time. All agreed
- **Community Center Rules-** Give everyone some time to think it through talk about at next committee meeting.

- **Recording Committee Meetings-** Currently Mike Hill records Monday meetings, him and his family volunteer for free and for a very long time. Trustee Boudreau Suggested having them video record all the committee meetings. Waiting to hear back from Mike Hill if this is something him and his family would be interested in doing. LaRocque suggested a compensation for their time. Especially if they're going to step up and do all the committee meetings. If we hear nothing back from him then LaRocque will contact Pathfinder and get a quote as well.
- **Oktoberfest Sponsorship-** Jacob Knox Discussing how sponsorships are a bit down while prices are rising and that they need a dedicated sponsor. Would like to secure a sponsor for 2nd Street Stage which is a key part to the festival. Request that the Village consider making a sponsorship donation toward this year's October fest the support would help ensure that we can continue to provide the level of quality and programs. They are \$7000 down in sponsorship. Jacob is asking the board to consider the Titanium sponsor level, which is 5,000.

Other discussion- Trustee Crockett asked why the minutes were not approved for July 22nd 2022 Trustee Gatsky replied, there was a communication gap with the clerk and the deputy clerk. Mayor LaMore took the minutes. Trustee Crockett Questioned if the clerk is up for task.

A motion by Trustee Gesky, seconded by Trustee Crockett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays. Motion approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Gay