

MANTENO VILLAGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

Village Board Room
Leo T. Hassett Community Center
211 North Main St.

Attendance

Annette LaMore, Mayor - present

Mike Barry, Trustee - present

CJ Boudreau, Trustee - present

Peggy Vaughn, Trustee - present

Todd Crockett, Trustee – not present

Joel Gesky – Trustee

Annette Zimbelman – not present

Other attendees

Chris LaRocque – Village Administrator - present

Jim Hanley – Supt. of Public Works - present

Al Swinford – Chief of Police - present

Allen Pickrel – Village Clerk - present

Sheila Martin – Village Treasurer – not present

Jakob Knox – Community Relations Dir. - present

Melissa Gay – Deputy Village Clerk – not present

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor LaMore Called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING INVOCATION by Rev. Jack McCormick

ROLL CALL – 4 Trustees present plus the Mayor

READING OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS – DELETIONS - None

READING OF MINUTES – CHANGES, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL:

Regular Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2025

Motion by Trustee Barry – 2nd by Trustee Boudreau 4 ayes – 0 nays

PUBLIC PARTICIAPATION

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| Andrew Wheeler | Sandy Chiz |
| Tim Finnegan | Terry Daily |
| Ann Gates | Bob Forsyth |
| Fransine Patima | Faith Spivey |
| David Bengdahl | |

VILLAGE MAYORS REPORT

- No old business

- **Comments:**

- Mayor LaMore stated she would be attending the Gotion meeting on Thursday January 8

- Mayor LaMore has been invited to the Mayor's Association dinner in late January.
- Mayor LaMore found out in late January that if anyone has old paint they need to get rid of you can take it to Sherwin Williams. It must be in original containers, in good condition and a label so they know what is inside the can. This is something that you cannot throw in your garbage.

- **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Village Administrator Chris LaRocque stated he did receive a letter from Fire District Chief Peterson that everything on the original report has been completed and approved. The tanks were inspected and approved, and BNF will be reviewing the videos of them today. The BDA inspection, which is the communication system, is up for reinspection on the 13th. Kankakee County Fire Department went through the system on December 23 and came back with 6 items that need to be addressed, so they hope to have these inspected again and certified on the 13th.
- There is a meeting Thursday to address the Fire Brigade and what the Fire Department will accept and what Gotion is willing to do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Finance (Trustee Barry)

Old Business on Agenda: None

New Business on Agenda:

Payment of Bills: \$ (includes TIF #3-0) \$247,506.10

Bills Authorized and Paid between Board Cycle \$481,456.66
(includes TIF #3 \$2,200.00)

The bills were a little higher this cycle due to insurance and also workman's comp.

Finance Committee Meeting Report:

NEXT Finance Committee Meeting:

Tues. – 01/20/26, 5:00pm, Village Board Room

2) Planning & Zoning (Trustee Boudreau)

Old Business on Agenda: None

New Business on Agenda:

Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Report:

Ordinance 25 – 30 is dedicating a parcel of land so that it may be sold off to homeowner adjacent to the property. It has its own parcel number so it needed to be done this way to sell to the homeowner.

Next Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting:

Wed. - 01/14/26, 7:00 am, Village Board Room

3) Public Safety & Health (Trustee Vaughn)

Old Business on Agenda: None

New Business on Agenda: none

Public Safety Committee Report:

Officer Ben Elzinga reported that there have been 87 case Reports – 749 incidents – 21 arrests – 111 tickets. This time of year there are a lot of scammers. The public needs to slow

down as companies are not going to ask for personal information, bank accounts over email or phone.
No company is going to ask for payment via gift card,
Also don't trust numbers and people that you don't know.
Trustee Boudreau reminded everyone that the Village does a \$100.00 rebate on camera purchases.

NEXT Public Safety & Health Committee Meeting:
Tuesday – 01/20/26, 5:00pm, Village Board Room

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

Old Business on Agenda: None
New Business on Agenda: None
Public Works Committee Meeting Report:

NEXT Public Works Committee Meeting:
Tues. – 01/27/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room

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

Old Business on Agenda: None
New Business on Agenda: None

Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting Report:

Trustee Gesky asked if the Village Attorney if the is a written Agreement with Gotion that states they have to adhere to all agreements that have been set before them so going into the future in case they decide to do something different that was not agreed upon when they came and if there was a new Board this would be in place.

Joe (attorney) said he would work on something And bring it to the Board.

NEXT Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting:

- Wed- 01/14/26, 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-01/27/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A) ORDINANCE 25-30:

AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING A DEDICATION OF AN UNIMPROVED PARCEL OF LAND EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO NORTH CYPRESS STREET SOUTH OF MARQUETTE DRIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF MANTENO, KANKAKEE

COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY – Motion by
Trustee Barry 2nd Trustee Gesky 4 ayes - 0 nays

B) CONSIDERATION RE:

MOTION to approve PAYMENT OF BILLS in the amount of **\$247,506.10**
(Including: TIF #3-\$0). There is a \$2200.00

Motion by Trustee Barry – 2nd by Trustee Gesky 4 ayes – 0 nays

Motion by Trustee Barry – 2nd by Trustee Boudreau to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm

Respectfully submitted

Allen Pickrel

Village Clerk