

MANTENO VILLAGE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 2, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.

Village Board Room

Leo T. Hassett Community Center 211 North Main St.

Mayor – Annette LaMore – present

Trustee – Mike Barry – present

Trustee – CJ Boudreau – present

Trustee – Peggy Vaughn – present

Trustee – Todd Crockett – present

Trustee – Joel Gesky – present

Trustee – Annette Zimelman – not present

Attendees

Village Administrator – Chris LaRocque

Chief of Police – Al Swinford

Public Works Director – Jim Hanley

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. Lana Robyne

4. ROLL CALL: 5 present 1 absent

5. READING OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS DELETIONS: None

6. READING OF MINUTES - CHANGES, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL: Regular Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2026

Motion by Trustee Boudreau 2nd Trustee Vaughn 4 yays -Trustee Gesky abstain

7. PUBLIC PARTICIAPATION

Andrew Wheeler Ana Gates

Francine Fatima Jake Smith

George Reichardt Bob Forsyth

Dolly Carlson Emily Hermann

David Bergdahl

8. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

All reports will be ORAL

A) VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1) *Presentations*

• Harbor House

Jenny Shoenwetter from Safe Harbor spoke on how important having

Safe Harbor House is to the community and all the free services that they provide ranging from a 24 hour hot line , counseling for adults and children and the emergency shelter for domestic violence victims to stay.

Domestic violence is the number 1 crime in Kankakee County.

Police Chief Swinford reported that Manteno Police have responded to just in January and February, last year they responded to 184.

Safe Harbor House is expanding with a new 12,000 ft, facility. This is a \$4.5 million dollar project, they received \$2 million DCEO grant, There is \$500,000 coming from their reserves , \$2 million out of their capital campaign and have raised over \$1.5 million so almost there.

But they are approaching communities to try and get to their goal. They would like the Village of Manteno to consider contributing \$4 per resident in the community which would be about \$36,840

Mayor LaMore said this would be brought before the next finance committee meeting.

- 2) Appointments
- 3) Proclamations
- 4) Requests
- 5) Announcements: Mayor LaMore announced that the forensic audit is very close to being completed and expecting it in about 2 weeks.

Mayor LaMore asked that the Trustees maybe consider meeting all be moved to the evening as some of the committees have to adjourn before being done in the morning meetings as Trustees need to leave for work.

Trustee Gesky stated that is why he wanted the ability to have Zoom meeting as it allows for any Trustee to participate,

Village Attorney Cainkar stated that you would still have to have a quorum present in person to even do a Zoom

- 6) Discussion
 - Board Participation
- 7) Old Business
- 8) New Business

B) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- 1) *Presentations*
- 2) Upcoming Events
- 3) Updates: Jakob Knox resigned and applications are being accepted until March 16, 2026

Seasonal full time public positions are open and applications will be accepted until March 16, 2026 for these positions.

- 4) Discussion Items

C COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Finance (Trustee Barry)

- a) Old Business on Agenda: None
- b) New Business on Agenda: None
 - Payment of Bills: \$ (includes TIF #3-\$0) \$114,306.42
- c) Bills Authorized and Paid between Board Cycle \$50,524.35
- d) Finance Committee Meeting Report:
- e) NEXT Finance Committee Meeting:

• Monday. — 03/ 16/26, 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. - 03/ 11/26, 7:00 am, Village Board Room
- e) NEXT Plan Commission Meeting:

- Tues. - 03/ 10/26, 6:00 pm CANCELED

3) Public Safety & Health (Trustee Vaughn)

- a) Old Business on Agenda: None
- b) New Business on Agenda: None
- c) Public Safety Committee Report: Office Jeremy Marzek reported on how they Village Police Department is always training for preparedness, training regularly for a wide range of critical incidents.

Including active threats, shootings, large scale accident and natural disasters.

- d) NEXT Public Safety & Health Committee Meeting:

- Monday. — 03/ 16/26, 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:
- d) NEXT Public Works Committee Meeting:

- Tues. - 03/24/26, 7: 00am, Village Board Room

5) Properties and Recreation (Trustee Gesky)

- a) Old Business on Agenda: None
- b) New Business on Agenda: P.W. Director Jim Hanley reported that the foundation work is being done on the square and spring cleanup is getting started.

Trustee Gesky reported that his committee has been discussing improvements at some of the parks and will talk about replacing park equipment at their next meeting

- c) Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting Report:
- d) NEXT Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting:

- Wed- 03/ 11/26, 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-03/24/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room

9. OLD BUSINESS:

10. NEW BUSINESS.

- A) CONSIDERATION RE:
 - A Motion to Approve an Estimate for a Change Order from LT Turf Pros in the Amount of \$46,650.00 for Turf at the Square on Second.
- B) ORDINANCE 25-37 Motion by Trustee Boudreau 2nd Trustee Crockett

5 yays 0 nays PASSED

An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Business Regulations, Chapter 25, ShortTerm Rental Operators, of The Village of Manteno Municipal Code

Motion by Trustee Gesky 2nd Trustee Crockett 5 yays 0 nays PASSED

- C) ORDINANCE 25-38

An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Administrative, Chapter 6, Board of

Trustees, of the Village of Manteno Municipal Code, by Adding Section 10, Remote Attendance : It was decided to put on the finance committee meeting at 5:00pm 3/16/2026 to discuss further.

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- D) ORDINANCE 25-39

Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property (Surplus Municipal Equipment)

Village Administrator Chris LaRocque said that the Police Department had some

Computers as they had become outdated so was going to sell. They would be

Listed online. Motion by Trustee Barry 2nd Trustee Boudreau 5 yays o nays

E) RESOLUTION 25-08

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

The appraisal was \$180,000 and Trustee Barry asked how is bidding done.

Adiministator LaRocque stated they would be sealed bids

Attorney Cainkar stated to accept a bid it had to be at least 80% of appraisal

Motion by Trustee Barry 2nd Trustee Boudreau 5 yays 0 nays PASSED

F) RESOLUTION 25-09

A Resolution of the Village of Manteno Transferring \$600,000 from its General Fund to its Special Projects Fund

Motion by Trustee Gesky 2nd Trustee Boudreau 5 yays 0 nays

G) CONSIDERATION RE:

A MOTION to approve PAYMENT OF BILLS in the amount of \$114,306.42 (Including: TIF #3-\$0).

Motion by Trustee Barry 2nd Trustee Vaughn 5 yays 0 nays PASSED

Motion by Trustee

11. COMMENTS

Comments and additional information of general interest to Village residents.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Boudreau 2nd Trustee Crockett at 7:26pm 5 yays 0 nays

Respectfully Submitted

Allen Pickrel

Village Clerk