MANTENO VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

Leo T. Hassett Community Center 211

Mayor Annette LaMore present

Trustee Mike Barry present

Trustee CJ Boudreau Present

Trustee Peggy Vaughn present

Trustee Todd Crockett present via zoom

Trustee Joel Gesky present

Trustee Annette Zimbelman present

Attendees

Superintendent of Public Works Jim Hanley

Building Inspector Jim Piacz

Police Chief Al Swinford

Village Attorney Brian Miller

Village Marketing Director/Chamber Ashley Peterson

Attorney Joe Cankar

Interim Village Clerk Allen Pickrel

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. OPENING INVOCATION

American Legion Chaplain Dan Horton

4. ROLL CALL

6 present + Mayor = 7

5. READING OF AGENDA

no additions or deletions

6. READING OF MINUTES – CHANGES, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL:

❖ Regular Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2026

Motion by Trustee Boudreau 2nd by Trustee Zimbelman

passed 6 - 0

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mara Konpka - Flock cameras

Karen Brezicke - Congratulations to Middle School girls

David Birgdahl - Executive session should never be talked about in open session

8. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS: All

reports will be ORAL

- Mayor LaMore made a statement apologizing to the 6th grade Middle School class and the public for her actions after Oktoberfest. She stated she meant no ill harm and that, had she had a chance to do it over again, she would not have even approached them, leaving them alone as they were there doing good for the community. This is not who she is as a person or a leader.

- Oktoberfest was a huge success and Thank You to Ashley Peterson for her leadership, Jim Hanley and his department's extra efforts, and Chief Swinford for the extra officers.

- The mayor stated that they are starting to go through applications for fill open positions within the Village staff and that the hiring will be done in alignment of the way the State Law outlines hiring and appointments of Village employees.

- Concerning unionizing of four or five Village employees. This will not be voted on until the full Board can discern the benefits and the risks to the greater community of unionizing a few of our office staff.

A) VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1) Presentations

2) Appointments

3) Proclamations

4) Requests

5) Announcements

• Manteno Middle School Softball State Champions – Coach Josh Carlisle

Not able to attend, and the mayor hopes this can be done at a later date

6) Discussion

7) Old Business

8) New Business

B) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

C) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Finance (Trustee Barry)

a) Old Business on Agenda: None

b) New Business on Agenda: Compensation for FOIA Officer

Trustee Barry stated he thought it was time the trustees really start taking a look at who and how FOIA's can be handled and maybe throw some numbers around to see if it's feasible to hire someone to do these or how other Villages handle them.

Payment of Bills: $ (includes TIF #3-$232.33) $97,705.25 c)

Bills Authorized and Paid between Board Cycle $

d) Finance Committee Meeting Report:

e) NEXT Finance Committee Meeting:

• Monday – 10/19/26, 5:00pm, Village Board Room

2) Planning & Zoning (Trustee Boudreau)

a) Old Business on Agenda: None

b) New Business on Agenda: There will be a planning committee meeting Wednesday morning to discuss 319 Industrial Park LLC about extending their TIF zone.

- Next Tuesday, Clean Energy Design Group will be coming to present information about a battery energy storage system.

Village Auditor completions are due October 31, and Treasurer Sheila Martin said they are missing some things.

Trustee Boudreau said he felt maybe they should be looking for an interim Village Administrator to make sure things are not slipping.

Trustee Boudreau asked Ashley Peterson about Oktoberfest and how she thought things went. She reported there were about 30,300 visits and 21,000 from outside the Village.

- Trustee Boudreau stated the High Schools volleyball team is still undefeated, the football team is doing great, and boys' soccer and cross country are having a good year.

c) Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting Report:

d) Next Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting:

• Wed. - 10/14/26, 7:00 am, Village Board Room

e) NEXT Plan Commission Meeting:

• Tues. – 10/13/26, 6:00 pm

3) Public Safety & Health (Trustee Vaughn)

a) Old Business on Agenda: None

b) New Business on Agenda: Nothing

c) Public Safety Committee Report:

Officer Conner McCormick reported that the KD National Railway reported to the Village that they would be closing the Adams Street crossing for repairs. This was a good time to inform the public about safety when crossing railroad tracks. Never go around a gate at a crossing and attempt to beat a train. Pedestrians should always cross at a designated area not over the middle of the tracks.

d) NEXT Public Safety &Health Committee Meeting:

• Monday – 10/19/26, 5:00pm, Village Board Room

4) Public Works & Utilities (Trustee Crockett)

a) Old Business on Agenda: None

b) New Business on Agenda: Nothing

c) Public Works Committee Meeting Report:

Jim Hanley reported that there is a hang up on County Highway 9 because of a problem with a paving machine. He also reported they are doing some shoulder work at 10,000 and South Cypress and maybe a little on Spruce, getting close to the time of hanging Christmas lights up around town. Also replacing some sidewalks. There is still some stonework to be done to finish up the square project along with a little turf and the merry-go-round.

d) NEXT Public Works Committee Meeting:

• Tues. – 10/20/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room

5) Properties and Recreation (Trustee Gesky)

a) Old Business on Agenda: None

b) New Business

-Trustee Gesky stated at the previous meeting he asked if Mr. Pickrel was a temporary Clerk and that there was discussion about making him a temporary appointment. He said he asked for the ordinance that gave the Trustees the authority to do this, and he told Attorney Miller he had cited 1-55, an ordinance that deals with appointed positions, not necessarily elected positions. He said he reviewed Illinois Municipal Code, and it does require appointment by the mayor and approval by the Board. He asked that we give some consideration to appointing Mr. Pickrel. That way, he can be compensated accordingly.

- Trustee Gesky said he believes that we don't need to give reconsideration to the B & F Technical, saying that for the appointment it seems to be duplicated and is not subject to veto powers by line 3.145. He didn't know why we needed to go at that.

- Trustee Gesky had a couple of questions concerning the Fire Department on the agenda. He asked if he was correct in reading it that either party could terminate with 30 days written notice, and the answer was yes. Also, this runs through April 30 2027, correct? answer yes

- trustee Gesky complimented the Mayor on her interview and stated it was very nice, and he was glad to hear her speak of bringing businesses to the town and acknowledging the pavilion on the square. He stated we may not agree on things but we both want what is best for the Village.

c) Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting Report:

d) NEXT Properties & Recreation Committee Meeting:

• Wed- 10/14/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room

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6) General Government (Trustee Zimbelman)

a) Old Business on Agenda: None

b) New Business on Agenda: Nothing

c) General Government Committee Meeting Report:

- Trustee Zimbelman thanked Ashley Peterson for all her work and true leadership with Oktoberfest. She also gave credit to all the student volunteers from the FFA, the internet program, Indian Oaks and the football team who all took care of a lot of garbage.

-d) NEXT General Government Committee Meeting:

• Tues- 10/27/26, 7:00am, Village Board Room

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A) CONSIDERATION RE:

Professional Service Agreement with B&F Construction Code Services, Inc.

Motion by Trustee Barry 2nd by Trustee Gesky

6 - 0 passed

B) CONSIDERATION RE:

Intergovernmental Agreement with Manteno Fire Protection District for Inspection Services

Motion by Trustee Barry 2nd by Trustee Gesky

6 - 0 passed

C) CONSIDERATION RE:

Appointment of Jim Paicz as the Director of Building and Zoning

Motion by Trustee Boudreau 2nd by Trustee Vaughn

6 - 0 passed

D) RECONSIDERATION RE:

Motion to Approve an Amendment to the Previously Approved August 3, 2026

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees

NO MOTION

E) RECONSIDERATION RE:

Motion to Approve August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees

NO MOTION

F) RECONSIDERATION RE:

Motion to Approve a Professional Service Agreement with B&F Construction Code Services, Inc.

NO MOTION

G) CONSIDERATION RE:

A MOTION to approve PAYMENT OF BILLS of $97,705.25

(Including: TIF #3-$232.33)

Motion by Trustee Barry ; 2nd by Trustee Boudreau

6 - 0 passed

11. ADJOURNMENT

at 6:31 pm

Motion by Trustee Barry 2nd by Trustee Zimbelman

6 - 0 passed

Respectfully submitted: Allen Pickrel