

Committee of the Whole

Properties and Recreation Committee

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 7:42 am

Village Board Room

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Attendance

Committee Members:	
Annette LaMore, Mayor	
Peggy Vaughn, Trustee	x
Todd Crockett, Trustee	x
Annette Zimbelman, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
CJ Boudreau, Trustee	X
Michael Barry, 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	
Melissa Gay, Deputy Village Clerk	X

Trustee Gesky called the meeting to order at 7:42 a.m.

MOTION: A Motion by Trustee Boudreau, seconded by Trustee Zimbelman, to approve the minutes from September 10, 2025 meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved. Mayor LaMore and Trustee Barry absent

Public participation- Bob Forsythe talked about Gotion wants to know why more questions aren't asked about Gotion about past/present. Upset about Gotion sticker on police car.

Discussion Items:

- **Park/ Path benches -cost and locations-** A pamphlet is provided with the quote and design. Each bench is estimated at 1,914.00 Looking at three benches to be added at a cost of 5,742.00 along the path with an additional \$500/\$600 for the three concrete pads for the benches. Location: 1. Between Thies Park and Eddie Reed Park

2. The second one on the backside of Eddie Reed Park and
- the 3. Third one on the path at Wright Park

General Discussions after Agenda: 1. Jim Hanley

Provided a letter from Gus Bettenhausen stating that the tree on Second St. the south side of the proposed area of the new pavilion his professional opinion the tree appears to be in good health no sign of decay. Trustee Gesky, no reason to remove the tree. Carlile Group suggested keeping the big tree and planting another tree and when those designs get drawn up they will be brought to the board for all to see. 2. Manteno Fire Department raffle- The Manteno Fire Department was fined \$50 for raffle violation. Trustee Gesky question is how do we hold the fire department to a separate standard then we held the CCOM? LaRocque, the Clerk, it's up to her to enforce the raffle ordinance how she chooses to do it, you have to address that with her. Trustee Gesky, I'm bringing to the Trustees another example of separate set of rules we're not treating people fairly, that's not right. The Fire Department Raffle is a union for the Fire-Fighters they do not have a board to approve and sign the document. Trustee Vaughn, agrees everybody should get fined everybody needs to follow the rules. Trustee Gesky and Trustee Vaughn both agree things need to be consistent and fair for all.

3. Trustee Zimbelman asks what happened with the CILA house? LaRocque's answer, as of right now we've been told by the village Attorney that we do not have the authority to issue a special use permit or deny a special use permit that part of our ordinance is antiquated and the federal laws and the state laws have changed to where that's no longer allowed so they are researching what we can and can't control for group homes right now we've been suspended on the village taking any action pro or con on this. 4. Trustee Zimbelman, Tourism grant would that be something that tourism private sector grant for festivals would that be something? LaRocque yeah Jacob could look into and let you know. 5. Trustee Zimbelman made a statement about the River Valley Recreation Program. They didn't want our donation and they changed the registering for Manteno residents. People who live in Manteno can't register until the following week after people in district. 6. Trustee Vaughn asks Trustee Crockett how do you bid your buildings? He offered her to stop by

the office some time and he will give her an orientation on the process. The status of the forensic audit, will take 4 to 6 months.

Motion by Trustee Zimbelman, seconded by Trustee Crockett, to adjourn meeting at 8:02 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays. . Motion approved. Mayor LaMore and Trustee Barry absent

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Meeting minutes prepared by Melissa Gay