

**VILLAGE OF MANTENO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Monday December 15, 2025
Village Board Room
211 N. Main Street**

Attendance

Annette LaMore, Mayor	x
Mike Barry, Trustee	x
CJ Boudreau, Trustee	x
Pegg Vaughn, Trustee	x
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Joel Gesky, Trustee	x
Annette Zimbelman, Trustee	x
Other attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Administrator	x
Jim Hanley, Supt of Public works	x
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	x
Allen Pickrel, Village Clerk	x
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	
Jakob Knox, Community Relations Dir	x
Melissa Gay, Deputy Village Clerk	
Joe Cainkar, Village Attorney	

Agenda Items – Public Safety: (Trustee Vaughn)

Open Meeting at 5:00 pm By Trustee Vaughn

- Motion by Trustee Boudreau to approve minutes of November 17.2025, 2nd by Trustee Barry; Motion approved 5 ayes – 0 nays

Public Participation:

- None

Items for Discussion

- Locust Manteno LLC dba Brake Time “Shell convenience at 244 N. Locust Street” is requesting to engage in retail sale of alcoholic liquor for off premises consumption. Ms. Jordan speaking on behalf of owner Muhammad Akhtar stated that they have never had a liquor license and that they are trying to make the store more viable just to keep it in business. **Trustee Gesky** stated he spoke with a gentleman that called him and he asked him if they were looking for gaming also in which he sated “no”. **Trustee Boudreau** asked if there were any other convenience stores in town that do not sell alcohol in which it was stated that there were none that anyone knew of.

Mayor LaMore asked **Village Administrator Chris LaRocque** what would need to be done to grant the a license, in which he stated it would need to be put on the agenda for the next board meeting to be formally voted on.

- **Trustee Vaughn** stated she has received several calls from citizens requesting more handicap parking and she feels the board needs to investigate this.
Supt. of Public Works Jim Hanley did reach out to Village Engineer Bruce and to use the space already there ramps would need to be built in front or behind the parking spots. It's going to take the removal of some curbs, decorative sidewalks, removal of some planters and any obstructions on Main Street including signs. It was decided that **Engineer Bruce** be invited to a meeting to explain exactly what would need to take place (kind of a feasibility study) to add more handicapped parking.
- **Trustee Vaughn** had residents ask if they could build a Blessing Box at the food shelter for non-perishable food items. No formal action is required and all agreed that they were fine with it.
- **Trustee Vaughn** expressed that she is confused as to why after 14 years of the short-term rentals that this would come up when there has only been 1 incident that she is aware of and felt it was something brought up aimed at **Mayor LaMore**.
Trustee Gesky understood why she would think this but that this has been brought forward more of a prevention measure in case something was to happen.
- **Trustee Boudreau** questioned that if we are not taxing VIRBO's should we be taxing hotels. **Trustee Gesky** said that it does put hotels at a disadvantage. **Trustee Barry** asked what is paid to the Kankakee Convention & Visitors Bureau? **Administrator LaRocque** said that they get \$60,000.00 plus \$5000.00 per hotel in town for \$70,000.00.
Trustee Gesky stated that the Village does not have to contribute to the Bureau!
Trustee Boudreau said that the Village could quit giving to them and just keep the money in the Village! **Trustee Gesky** stated that with the budget being tight rather than putting more burden on the taxpayers it may be good to keep the money in the Village. **Trustee Barry** stated that he doesn't feel the Village gets a great return from what is given to Convention Bureau and feels it needs to be discussed on keeping it in the Village. **Trustee Boudreau** wanted this put on the agenda for meeting on the 10th and discuss keeping it in house and what the Village could do with the money.

Motion by **Boudreau** - 2nd by **Gesky** to adjourn

Respectfully submitted
Allen Pickrel
Village Clerk

