

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Works & Utilities Committee
September 23rd, 2025 – 7:25 a.m.
Village Board Room**

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Annette LaMore, Mayor	X
Mike Barry, Trustee	
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Annette Zimbelman, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Peggy Vaughn, Trustee	X
CJ Boudreau, Trustee	X
Other Attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Jakob Knox, Marketing Dir	x
Melissa Gay, Deputy Clerk	x
Bruce Hill, HR Green Engineering	X

Todd Crockett opened the meeting at 7:24 a.m.

MOTION: Public works & Utilities Motion of approval for meeting minutes July 22nd 2025 & August 26 2025

Motion by Trustee Gesky second by Zimbelman approved by all

Public Participation: None

Discussion Items:

- **Eagles Landing Pond Update-** Contacted the pipeline company sent a letter about issue with the washout and how it could affect pipeline put a little pressure on them. LaRocque been working with Joe on a letter to that HOA as well. Just going through the motions HOA is in limbo not funded since 2005. It is still somewhat present will be contacting and seeing if we can get a response so we can move forward. Trustee Crockett ask if that pond is Village property or HOA property? Hanley, HOA.
- **Replacement Pick-Up Truck Quotes-** Hanley provided a packet with quotes from Dralle, Taylor, Schimmer and Gerald. Ford versus Chevy and the Toyota, Ford definitely has a lot more benefits to it. Towing capacity, gas mileage and horsepower torque not mentioned is the Ford Ranger less chance for any rust. The truck that is being replaced is

2007 F-150 the reverse has gone out. Hanley says has good luck with Ford's, suggest staying with Taylor and support local in our town.

Mayor LaMore asks what is the tax difference in buying between Taylor and Dralle? Hanley replies there is no difference the Village does not pay any taxes. Trustee Boudreau Would rather support Manteno when purchasing the vehicle. Trustee Vaughn mentions a \$2000 difference and why we do bids to save money. Trustee Crockett explains how it would be more convenient for servicing if needed to be here at Taylor and keeping it local. Mayor LaMore asked if there was ever any issues when using Dralle in the past and questions the same thing as Trustee Vaughn about a \$2000 savings. All of the current vehicles for the Village are Fords.

- **Division Street Storm Failure Update-** Section of storm line put a camera through it to verify where the failure is to confirm with Aqua that there was a small water main leak. Tomorrow should have an idea where the damage is and size of pipe. Will reach out to a few local excavating companies. In front of Police Department on Marquette and Division. Trustee Gesky asks is it our responsibility or the counties? Hanley replies with storm lines, repairs and street repairs is our responsibility. Jeffrey behind Heritage Park shallow storm line will jet that, too. Trustee Crockett asked if this will be an in-house job? Hanley replies no this will be an outside job and will reach out to three or four companies for estimates.
- **Soccer Shed Cost Estimate-** 24x32 Garage Shed in southwest corner. 9,600 for kit Concrete and stone 5,000-6,000 and 2,000 for misc. Total cost of shed when all said and done 20,000. Demolishing the two dugouts and install 2 matching dugouts. Trustee Crockett would like to see the design blend in with the other structures also asked about looking into a solid steel frame garage door to protect against vandalism. Hanley's timeline plan for next year start in April. Nobody is opposing.
- **Leahy Area Storm Update-** bid opening Friday 10:00 am Bruce Hill asked if anybody knew how to get a hold of Double G Excavating 34296 S Warner Bridge Rd in Manteno to check their prices see what they have done. Trustee Crockett would prefer not to use a new company that they haven't used before prefer someone with a good track record, need references. Put on agenda for October 6th, 2025 meeting.

General discussion- Trustee Boudreau a student brought up to him about Eagle's landing an uptick of traffic over by Spruce Street. Hanley said there will eventually be a traffic light in the area and speed limit will be reduced to 45 in the future which could help. Police Chief Swinford said that they will keep an eye on it.

Mayor LaMore- got a message from Kristen from the Kankakee River Valley Special Recreation Association, she would like to address the board Mayor LaMore asked her if she would like to come to a committee meeting before our next village board meeting, Kristen is going to be on the agenda for the next Finance Committee about the donation they refused.

Mayor LaMore got a letter from Andrew Henning stating he's writing as a Manteno resident to respectfully ask the village to allow responsible adult use of electric scooters through a local ordinance. Mayor LaMore read the letter in full to all Trustee's. Chief Swinford has no problem for adults some Village's do pass that ordinance for adults. Chief Swinford will look into this a little more. Will reach out to some of the other communities and see what they do.

Mayor LaMore, Trustee Vaughn and Jacob Knox brought up the Oktoberfest Parade thought it would be nice for all the Trustees to show Unity and be together in one vehicle/golf cart in the Parade.

Trustee Crockett- question about the speed sign to Chief Swinford. It is ordered, but hasn't heard of the shipping date yet. We'll keep all up to date as he hears.

Mayor LaMore asked if there's any feedback on the scooter update? There has been more positive than negative responses. Have seen less scooters and more bike riding.

Trustee Gesky brought up Trustee Vaughn's block party permit to close off road. Chief Swinford has no problem with it as long as the neighbors are good with it. There is no objection to Trustees Vaughn's block party permit, but it is noted that all the Trustees are in agreement that the rules need to be more clarified for future moments words need to be cleaned up.

Mayor LaMore ended the meeting with thanking Jacob Knox for all the hard work that he is doing with the Oktoberfest.

Motion by Trustee Zimbelman, seconded by Trustee Gesky, to adjourn meeting at 8:07 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Gay deputy clerk