

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Planning & Zoning
January 14th, 2026 7:00 a.m.
Village Board Room**

Attendance

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

Trustee Boudreau opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Crockett, Seconded by Trustee Vaughn to approve the minutes from December 8th, 2025 meeting. Voice vote – all ayes, no nays. Motion approved.

Trustee Barry and Trustee Zimbelman Absent

Public Participation – none

Discussion Items:

- **TruGolf Bob Earley/ liquor license request-** Put on the agenda to approve a liquor license
- **Thao Shuaipaj / Ace and Vine liquor license request-** Thao spoke and provided information of the business Ace and Vine print out of their menu and pics of their other establishment, would like to be establish near Mayberry’s Restaurant. They are also asking for gaming. All Trustees agreed No to gaming Ace and Vine will come back after they talk it over amongst themselves some more.
- **Temporary sign ordinance discussion-** The owner Valerie Wacker spoke Asking to lift the ordinance for the temporary sign which is currently 30 days on and 30 days off. Jacob Knox Suggested Liquid Books put in LED sign request, is another option as a creative advertising, Knox will talk more with Liquid Books about how to help with their advertising.
- **Fourth Quarter recaps** – Chris LaRocque provided data Printouts on updates, Commercial Development Recap 4th Quarter 2025, Residential Recap 4th quarter 2025, and Annual permit recap with comparisons from 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. Also provided annual building department revenues from 2019 through 2025. All the Trustees talked

about New Growth for Manteno and how to achieve it. Trustee Crockett suggested each Trustee think of 3 or 4 ideas on how to create new growth and then as a group we'll talk these over.

- **Express property purchase discussion-** Trustee Gesky asked to move this from his Properties and Recreation Agenda and put on the Planning and Zoning Agenda. Discussed with the Trustees about exploring the idea of the Route 50 corridor making improvements for Manteno, with the purchase of the Express building for sale on Route 50. Mayor LaMore stated we have two major things going on, the Village Audit could be ready in February and what's going to happen with Gotion, see if they come into compliance with everything that they're supposed to be doing. Let's get through these two major things first.
- **General discussion-** Jim Hanley- asked if everybody got the email and took a look at it. Its about Turf Proposal for removing and replacing the turf South area of the square. It will be on the board agenda for next week for 22,484 Going to be getting a second price for the change order items in that center location the removal the regrading for the merry go round where that sidewalk going to remove there'll be more turf added there where the tree was to regrade that and then to put fall zone protection in around that zip line will take up that poured rubber mulch, will get a price for that.

A motion by Trustee Crockett, seconded by Trustee Vaughn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays. Motion approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Gay