

Village of Manley
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 13, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Manley Board of Trustees was called to order on February 13, 2026 at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman, Denise Swenson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited & the roll call was taken. Members present were Joe Shera, Madison Garey, Marcie Lafleur, Denise Swenson and one vacancy. In the absence of a clerk, Swenson took minutes and was in attendance along with 6 guests. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room for review. The Code of Conduct for Municipalities was read by Chairman Denise Swenson. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Village of Manley website, on the Fire House & Post Office bulletin boards.

Agenda:

There were no questions or concerns regarding the agenda.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Madison Carey & seconded by Joe Shera. Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- * January 14, 2026 Minutes
- * Correspondence - none
- * Water Sewer Report
- * Treasurer's Report
- * Village Clerk's Report - none
- * Misc. Monthly Report

Remaining Reports:

Claims

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| * <i>Black Hills Energy</i>\$514.78 | * <i>Cass County Refuse (Jan-Mar)</i>\$57.00 |
| * <i>Windstream CC</i>\$216.50 | * <i>NE Public Health Lab</i>\$15.00 |
| * <i>Windstream FH</i>\$166.37 | * <i>OPPD (well)</i>\$33.00 |
| * <i>OPPD CC & FH</i>\$232.86 | * <i>Jack Faubion</i>\$161.77 |
| * <i>Wirebuilt-Jan/Febr</i>\$100.00 | * <i>Otoe RWD #3</i>\$1597.50 |
| * <i>Omaha World Herald</i>\$10.00 | * <i>OPPD Sewer</i>\$39.66 |
| * <i>Amazon (wireless mouse)</i>\$59.85 | * <i>Ed Blunt</i>\$175.00 |
| * <i>Stephanie DeGroot (Quick Books)</i>\$350.00 | * <i>OPPD Streetlights</i>\$378.77 |
| * <i>Katee Pevler(clerk wages)</i>\$793.14 | |

- Swenson amended the claims to add the Omaha World Herald bill.

Joe Shera made a motion to accept the Claims with the addition. Denise Swenson 2nd. Motion carried.

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

Unfinished Business:

- **Nuisance Violations**
 - Nuisances were discussed. Swenson discussed filing Small Claims court or put a lien on Julie Dillon’s property for the money she owes for the clean-up of her nuisance property.
 - Swenson said that nuisance letters would begin again in March.
- **Building Permits**
 - No building permits were presented.
- **Community Center Rentals**
 - Saturday, February 21, 2026.....Zeorian
 - Saturday, March 14, 2026.....Spangler
 - Saturday, May 16, 2026.....Ahlers
- **Speed Bump Update.**
 - Swenson said an ad was put in the Cassgram for bids.
 - Previous companies will be called to see if their bid is still good.
- **Resolution for Meeting Dates**
 - Swenson stated that resolutions do not need to be made every year unless there is a change of the present resolution
 - Swenson read Resolution 26-01 Change of meeting day for 2026.

Motion made by Madison Garey to accept Resolution 26-01. Joe Shera 2nd. Motion carried.

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

- **Playground Shade**
 - Madison Garey presented an email from Crouch Recreation on an approx. dollar amount of a shelter.
 - Garey will inquire about the turn around time after ordering the shade.

- Rebecca Goble said that the shade has to be installed with in-kind labor as required by the Cass County Tourism Grant that was received. The work needs to be completed by August. 1, 2026
- **Payroll Hire**
 - Swenson discussed options for the payroll taxes and end-of-year taxes to be processed
 - Options are Quick Books payroll program or hiring an outside source to process them
 - Tabled until next meeting with further research

New Business:

- **Resignation of Board members and new appointments.**
 - Tim Glas, Trustee, submitted a resignation letter effective January 31, 2026 at 11:59 pm
 - Marcie Lafleur, Trustee, submitted a resignation effective February 28, 2026 at 11:59pm
 - David Finnigan submitted an email saying he is interested in filling one of the positions
 - Appointments for new Board Trustees will be at the March meeting
- **Katee Pevler, Clerk, Resignation**
 - Katee Pevler submitted a letter of resignation as Village Clerk dated February 4, 2026
 - An ad has been placed in the Cassgram for clerk applications.
- **Removal of Katee Pevler and Marcie Lafleur from bank accounts**
 - Marcie Lafleur will remain on the accounts until other Board members are signed on with Pinnacle Bank

Joe Shera made a motion to remove Katee Pevler from all bank accounts at Pinnacle Bank that are associated with the Village of Manley. Marcie Lafleur 2nd Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

- **Appointment of Board Members on bank accounts**
 - Joe Shera and Madison Garey were asked to be signature people on all bank accounts at Pinnacle Bank.

Denise Swenson made a motion to add Joe Shera to the bank accounts at Pinnacle Bank. Madison Garey 2nd. Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Abstain	Yes	Yes		Yes

Denise Swenson made a motion to add Madison Garey to the bank accounts at Pinnacle Bank.

Joe Shera 2nd. Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Abstain	Yes		Yes

- **Additional hours for Stephanie DeGroot—Quick Books**

- Stephanie DeGroot and Denise Swenson worked 4 hours in the Village office to restructure the Chart of Accounts in Quick Books —\$250 was voted on at the December 2025 meeting to pay DeGroot
- DeGroot and Swenson worked an additional 2 hours. DeGroot requesting \$100.00 add'l

Denise Swenson made a motion to pay Stephanie DeGroot an additional \$100.00 for Quick Books restructure. Joe Shera 2nd. Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

- **Interlocal Agreement with County Zoning**

- County Zoning has suggested having an Interlocal Agreement with Villages for inspections and building permits.
- Denise Swenson read the Interlocal Agreement that was composed by the County Zoning Office. Discussion followed.

Madison Garey made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement. Joe Shera 2nd Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

- **Water Books Renewal**

- Denise Swenson presented figures on the amounts of water and sewer that were collected in 2025 and the amount paid out to Otoe County Rural for water in 2025.
- After discussion it was decided for 2026 to make no changes to the water and sewer rates.

Marcie Lafleur made a motion to not change the water and sewer rates for 2026. Madison Garey 2nd. Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
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- **Internet Providers**

- Madison Garey did some research on the different internet services and which ones could provide service to Manley. She provided a list with prices.
- Discussion about how at times the internet service in the office is so slow.
- More research will be needed

- **Mid-Winter Conference**

- Madison Garey would like to attend the Mid-Winter Conference for Municipalities to be held in Lincoln February 23 and 24, 2026
- Discussion on the seminars at the conference and if any of the topics would be conducive to the Village

Joe Shera made a motion for the Village of Manley to pay for Madison Garey to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Lincoln. Marcie Lafleur 2nd. Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Abstain	Yes		Yes

- **Special Meeting**

- Denise Swenson requested to have a special meeting before March 1, 2026 to appoint a new Board Trustee for the reason of Tim Glas's and Marcie Lafleur's resignations and Madison Garey having jury duty in March. The meeting would be necessary in order to have a quorum at the March meeting.
- Marcie Lafleur stated that she will extend her resignation until after the March meeting or March 15, 2026
- No Special meeting is needed

- **Public Forum**

- Dates were set for residents to license their pets, Saturday, Febr. 28, 2026 from 9 am-12 pm. A couple evenings will be added. Signs will be posted with the dates.
- Katee Pevler learned at clerk convention that LARM represents the Village for court cases. She spent several hours collecting information on the Schmidt Special Use Permit court cases and submitted it to LARM.
 - LARM has responded they will not be reimbursing the Village for monies spent on the Schmidt court cases. A full document is available in the office for review.
- LB1145 is on the table in Legislature to change the requirements for Village notifications and newspaper publications
- Swenson talked about how a few residents are having issues with the Village sewer system. She gave some history of when and how the sewer system was installed. Research will be done to determine if and what may need to be done to fix the problems.

○ **Adjourn**

Madison Garey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Joe Shera 2nd. Motion carried

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Marcie Lafleur	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes