

**VILLAGE OF MANLEY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Manley Community Center**

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The Regular Meeting of the Village of Manley Board of Trustees was called to order on May 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Denise Swenson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited & the roll call was taken. Members present at the time were Denise Swenson, Joe Shera, & David Finnigan. Madison Garey excused absence. Clerk Jessi Johnson and Chairman Denise Swenson collaborated to take meeting minutes. 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, the village community center, the village Fire House & Post Office bulletin boards.

**Agenda:**

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- a. April 8, 2026 Minutes
- b. Correspondence
  - i. No report
- c. Water Clerk's Report
- d. Treasurer's Report
- e. Village Clerk's Report
- f. Misc. Monthly Reports

Joe Shera made a motion to approve the consent agenda. David Finningan seconded.

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|------------|---------------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| Joe Shera  | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Vacant | Denise Swenson |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>Ex</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |        | <b>Yes</b>     |

Motion carried.

**Remaining Reports:**

**Claims**

| <u>Vendor</u>   | <u>Due Date</u> | <u>Amount</u>       | <u>Description</u>          |          |        |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--------|
| <b>General:</b> |                 |                     |                             |          |        |
| Cass County     | 5/15/2026       | \$61.56             |                             |          |        |
| Refuse          |                 |                     | April-June                  |          |        |
| Blackhills      | 5/18/2026       | \$305.45            | CC usage \$332.21--Firehall | Firehall | 154.22 |
| Energy          |                 |                     | ACH \$294.70                | 151.23   |        |
| Wirebuilt       | 5/31/2026       | \$50.00             | website                     |          |        |
| OPPD            | 5/18/2026       | \$166.70            | CC usage \$332.21--Firehall | Firehall | 87.32  |
|                 |                 |                     | ACH \$294.70                | 79.38    |        |
| Windstream      | 5/15/2026       | \$381.41            | ACH CC 215.12               | Firehall | 166.29 |
|                 |                 | <b><u>TOTAL</u></b> |                             |          |        |
|                 |                 | \$965.12            |                             |          |        |

**Water:**

|  |           |            |     |  |
|--|-----------|------------|-----|--|
| Otoe County Rural Water Nebraska Public Health environmental lab | 5/15/2026 | \$1,075.00 |     | April usage 300,000 gal                                    |
| Jack Faubion OPPD  | 5/14/2026 | \$15.00    |     |  |
|  | 5/15/2026 | \$161.77   | ACH | water sample routine                                       |
|  | 5/26/2026 | \$148.22   | ACH | Water sample and milage 87miles @.71 a mile<br>April usage |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | \$1,399.99 |     |  |

**Sewer:**

|               |           |          |     |                           |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----|---------------------------|
| Ed Blunt OPPD | 5/15/2026 | \$175.00 |     | lagoon inspections        |
| Adam Goble    | 5/26/2026 | \$39.84  | ACH | April usage               |
| Phil Tapp     | 5/15/2026 | \$365.00 |     | April hrs 18.25 x \$20    |
|               | 5/15/2026 | \$90.00  |     | Lagoon help 4.5 hr x \$20 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |           | \$669.84 |     |                           |

**Community Center:**

|                               |           |             |  |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Crouch Recreation Drop In LLC | 5/31/2026 | \$10,636.67 |  | Shade for playground per grant \$ |
| Rebecca Goble                 | 5/31/2026 | \$117.70    |  | Port a Potty                      |
|                               | 5/15/2026 | \$47.67     |  | Grant writing salary              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |           | \$10,802.04 |  | \$2000.00 advance                 |

**Highway:**

|                |           |          |     |                 |
|----------------|-----------|----------|-----|-----------------|
| OPPD           | 5/26/2026 | \$377.88 | ACH | April usage     |
| Millcreek NAPA | 5/15/2026 | \$315.41 |     | Tractor filters |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | \$693.29 |     |                 |

Denise Swenson made a motion to approve the claims as presented. This was seconded by David Finnigan.

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| Joe Shera | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Vacant | Denise Swenson |
| Yes       | Ex            | Yes            |        | Yes            |

Motion carried.

**New Appointments**

Denise Swenson read aloud an email correspondence from Taylor Johnson on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 stating that she would like to be considered for a position on the Manley Board of Trustees. She previously served and stepped away to focus on her family. She feels she is ready to step back in and serve again.

Denise Swenson made a motion to add Taylor Johnson to the board. This was seconded by Joe Shera.

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|-----------|---------------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| Joe Shera | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Vacant | Denise Swenson |
| Yes       | Ex            | Yes            |        | Yes            |

Motion carried.

Taylor Johnson read aloud the oath of office and was sworn in by Denise Swenson.

Denise Swenson introduced Jessi Johnson as the new Manley Village Clerk.

Jessi Johnson gave a brief introduction.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.**

**Public Hearing For Zone Change 7:13 p.m.**

Denise Swenson opened the public hearing for zone change at 7:13pm

LP Shram spoke about the proposed use of the parcel and requested the zone change from Agricultural to Agricultural/ Residential.

Denise Swenson

No objections were made.

Taylor Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed change from Agricultural to Agricultural/ Residential. Joe Shera seconded the motion.

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| Joe Shera  | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Taylor Johnson | Denise Swenson |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>Ex</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |

Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 1-2026 was passed and approved May 12, 2026.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.**

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Nuisances – Violations of Ordinance 24-02
  - i. Dillon filing – Hearing date set for May 28, 2026 due to no monies received.
- b. Building Permits Seeking Approval
  - i. LP Shram submitted their building permit and a sketch.
  - ii. Joe Shera made a motion to approve the permit. Denise Swenson seconded.

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| <b>Yes</b> | <b>Ex</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |

Motion Carried.

- c. Community Center Rental Dates-
  - i. May 16-----Ahlers
  - ii. July 3-----Scherrer
  - iii. July 25-----Dalton
  - iv. December 24-----Dalton
- d. Speed humps on 160<sup>th</sup> St and North St—
  - i. The board reviewed the two proposals for speed humps that came in April. The board discussed the two bids.

- ii. Joe Shera made a motion to approve the quote from Parking Area Maintenance, Inc for \$3,362.00. David Finnigan seconded.

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| Joe Shera | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Taylor Johnson | Denise Swenson |
| Yes       | Ex            | Yes            | Yes            | Yes            |

Motion carried

e. Playground Shade update

- i. The parts for the shade were delivered and are next to the community building. Discussion was made about when and where the shade would be put up. It was noted that they would need volunteers to help erect it to satisfy the requirements of the grant. It also needs to be installed at the end of August or early September for the grant completion.

**New Business:**

a. Internet Providers- Fiberoptic Nick Van Meter with Unity

- i. Nick Van Meter with Uniti gave a presentation about the previous bill that was sent to the village.
- ii. He explained that Kinetic/ Windstream has been bought out by Uniti but that there would not be any major changes within the company. He explained the proposed changes. Uniti has brought fiberoptic lines into the village and that they would like to upgrade the Community building to fiber optic for better service speeds and reliability. This would also reduce the monthly cost of internet.
- iii. Discussion about it was made. It was confirmed that this would still work with the landline phone in the elevator.
- iv. Some community members expressed frustration about their service with Windstream/ Kinetic. Nick took down notes to assist these community members with their service.
- v. Taylor Johnson made a motion to accept the proposed service agreement to bring in fiberoptic and the new monthly bill amount for \$70.02. Joe Shera seconded.

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| Joe Shera | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Taylor Johnson | Denise Swenson |
| Yes       | Ex            | Yes            | Yes            | Yes            |

Motion Carried.

b. Cleaning of the Community Center

- i. Madison Garey previously said her sister, Natasha Wiechmann, has a small cleaning business and is interested in giving the Community Center a thorough cleaning.
- ii. Discussion was made about potential liability issues.
- iii. Jessi Johnson the Village clerk offered to do the cleaning as part of the clerk duties if hours would be allowed.
- iv. David Finnigan made a motion to add hours to the clerk for cleaning as needed. Taylor Johnson seconded the motion.

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| Joe Shera | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Taylor Johnson | Denise Swenson |
| Yes       | Ex            | Yes            | Yes            | Yes            |

Motion Carried.

c. Purchase of a desktop scanner

- i. Denise Swenson has not yet made the purchase of a desktop scanner. Discussion was made about getting an all-in-one machine to do both scanning and printing.

d. Fireworks Ordinance Decree- Taylor Johnson

- i. Taylor Johnson requested to be allowed to shoot fireworks off on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

- ii. Denise Swenson made a motion to allow the Johnsons to shoot fireworks off on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 outside of the ordinance. Joe Shera seconded.

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| Joe Shera  | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Taylor Johnson   | Denise Swenson |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>Ex</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     | <b>Abstained</b> | <b>Yes</b>     |

Motion Carried.

- e. Miss Manley
  - i. Discussion on Miss Manley was made. Candidates need to be between 16-21 years old.
- f. 1-6 year road plan
  - i. The board reviewed the proposed road improvements for the next 1-6 years.

**Public Forum:**  
None.

**Adjournment:**

Joe Shera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by David Finnigan

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| Joe Shera  | Madison Garey | David Finnigan | Taylor Johnson | Denise Swenson |
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>Ex</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     | <b>Yes</b>     |

Motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

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Denise Swenson

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Date Approved

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