

**VILLAGE OF MANLEY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 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 March 11, 2026, at 7:08 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, & Madison Garey. This meeting does not have a clerk available so Denise Swenson is taking notes. 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.

A letter was read by Denise Swenson from Marcie Lafleur stating that she was resigning from the Board at 7:15 pm on March 11, 2026

**Agenda:**

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Madison Garey & seconded by Joe Shera.

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Vacant	Vacant	Denise Swenson
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>			<b>Yes</b>

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- a. February 13, 2026 Minutes
- b. Correspondence
  - i. No report
- c. Water Sewer Report
- d. Treasurer's Report
- e. Village Clerk's Report
- f. Misc. Monthly Reports
  - i. Water Specialist – No report
  - ii. Wastewater Specialist – Bull's rush needs to be removed from cell 3
  - iii. 811 Digger Calls – 1 call

**Remaining Reports:**

**Claims**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
General:			
Omaha World Herald	2/1/2026	\$20.00	ACH Paper statement fees
Blackhills Energy	3/18/2026	626.91	ACH CC usage \$332.21—Firehall \$294.70
Wirebuilt	3/30/2026	\$50.00	ACH Website
One Call Concepts		\$9.72	Locate fees
INTUIT-Quickbooks	2/23/26	\$139.52	CC Payroll taxes set up and forms
OPPD	3/25/26	\$227.39	ACH CC \$104.60—Firehall\$122.79
		<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$1073.54</b>

Water:

Otoe County Rural Water	3/15/26	\$965.00		February usage 260,000 gals
Nebraska Public Health environmental lab	3/19/26	\$30.00	ACH	water sample routine
Jack Faubion	3/15/26	\$161.77		February sample/mileage
OPPD	3/25/26	\$100.16	ACH	February usage 727 kWh
		<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		
		\$1,256.93		

Sewer:				
Ed Blunt	3/15/26	\$175.00		lagoon inspections
OPPD	3/25/26	\$41.32	ACH	February usage
		<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		
		\$216.32		

Community Center:				
Mickey Dalton	2/25/26	\$2000.00	1051	Supplies for bathroom remodel
		<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		
		\$2000.00		

HWY:				
OPPD	3/25/26	\$61.54	ACH	Christmas lights
OPPD	3/25/26	\$378.75	ACH	February usage
DWS Land Surveying	3/15/26	\$1,775.00		Street surveying Elm and South St 11-2-25
		<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		
		\$2215.29		

Joe Shera made a motion to approve the claims as presented. This was seconded by Madison Garey

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Vacant	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes			Yes

Motion carried.

### Unfinished Business:

- a. Nuisances – Violations of Ordinance 24-02
  - i. Small claims will be filed against Julie Dillon for her nuisance and failure to pay
  - ii. Other nuisances of excessive cars and materials will be sent in March
- b. Building Permits Seeking Approval
  - i. 8614 Manley Lane requesting to build a garage to the west of his house. An application and pictures were presented.

Joe Shera made a motion to accept and approve the building permit. This was seconded by Denise Swenson

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Vacant	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes			Yes

Motion carried.

- c. Community Center Rental Dates-
  - i. Saturday, March 14-----Spangler
  - ii. Sunday, March 29-----Jarrett
  - iii. Saturday, May 16-----Ahlers

d. Speed humps on 160<sup>th</sup> St and North St—Don Colbert was present at the meeting to discuss why this was still on the agenda. He said a hump would be too hard on his farm equipment and that a hump would not be effective to slow down traffic. Other residents present to talk were Steven Group, James Struthers, and Don Klaumann. They voiced they do not think the hump is necessary. Joe Shera stated that the Board needs to be proactive and not reactive when deciding on a speed hump that could save someone’s from injury. The Board voted to have a hump placed on 160<sup>th</sup> Street back in March 13, 2025. The Board is waiting on bids. This was tabled until next meeting when there is a Board with more members and the bids.

e. Playground Shade update  
 Madison Garey received an email from Crouch Recreation on two different styles of shades for the new playground area. D Swenson presented the two styles and the costs. A capital improvement grant was received from Cass County Tourism to help pay for the shade. The remainder of the cost will come from the Pillage the Village profit from last year. The installation of the shade will have to be done by in-kind labor from the community. Swenson stated to the residents present to watch their email for the dates for installation and hoped that many could help. A representative from Crouch will come to guide the installation

A motion was made by Denise Swenson and seconded by Madison Garey to purchase the umbrellas pyramid shade.

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Vacant	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes			Yes

Motion carried

f. Mowing for season 2026

Kenny Backhaus from Kenny’s Landscaping LLC presented a bid and bond certificate for mowing and occasional clean-up of Village properties for the 2026 season. Kenny will mow for \$185 a mowing and do clean-up at \$20 an hour.

Joe Shera made a motion to hire Kenny’s Landscaping LLC for the 2026 season. Madison Garey seconded.

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Vacant	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes			Yes

Motion carried.

g. Port-a-potty from Drop Ins

D Swenson stated that she was contacted about using the ballfield for practices for the teams this year. In the past the Village has provided a port-a-potty for the public use.

Joe Shera made a motion to get the port-a-potty again and Denise Swenson seconded.

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Vacant	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes			Yes

Motion carried.

h. Berniece Hopper Grant up-date

Rebecca Goble gave an update on the grant stating that she needed the necessary paperwork and picture to be submitted by April 1. Mickey Dalton has been notified of this deadline.

### New Business

a. New appointments

Denise Swenson read an email from David Finnigan stating that he would like to serve on the Board of Trustees in one of the vacant positions.

Denise Swenson made a motion to appoint David Finnigan to the Board of Trustees. Joe Shera seconded.

Joe Shera	Madison Garey	Vacant	Vacant	Denise Swenson
Yes	Yes			Yes

Motion carried

Denise Swenson had David Finnigan read and sign the Oath of Office. She then read the Chairman statement accepting David to the Board of Trustees.

b. Interlocal Agreement with County Zoning

Denise Swenson stated that she signed an Interlocal Agreement with the County Zoning. This means that residents will have to submit a building permit to the Village and they will send it to the county. The county will then take over and do the necessary inspections needed for that permit.

c. Water Books Renewal

Swenson said that there were no changes to the terms of the water accounts of the residents. New books were ordered and delivered and will be delivered to the residents later this month.

d. No Discussion

e. Set up Spur Clean-up and Village Dumpster Days

Spur clean-up will be on Earth Day, April 22, 2026 at 6:30

Dumpster Days will be June 6, 2026

**Public Forum:**

Denise Swenson stated that the SLFRF account for the relief money was closed.

Don Klaumann mentioned the Little Library that was set up down by the Post Office. Madison Garey created the library and cycles books often.

Tanya Schmidt spoke about Pillage the Village and how it was decided to not have it this year due to the lack of help. She said she hopes it can come back again next year.

**Adjournment:**

Madison Garey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Denise Swenson.

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

Motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Denise Swenson

Date Approved

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