

Village of Mazon Board Minutes

July 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm on July 13, 2026.

Present were: Jeff Marques, Rachel Carrell, Jared Kowalewski, Kirk Houchin, Pam Pastick, Roland Tondini, Larry Pastick, John Frederick, Tim Hejny, Chris Dearth

Absent: Melanie Murphy, Diane Punke

The minutes for June 22, 2026, were presented for approval. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve June 22, 2026, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Kowalewski. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for July 13, 2026, was presented for approval. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the bill list for July 13, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

R. Carrell reported that the Sewer Contingency was due yesterday. We have 10 days to renew it. It currently has \$24,705.34 and is getting 4.15% for 12 months at American Commercial Bank & Trust. To renew they are offering 3.75% for 12 months. SOCU is offering 3.65% for 13 months. She recommends renewing at ACB&T. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to renew the Sewer Contingency CD at ACB&T at 3.75% for 12 months. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

She also reported that a second Sewer Contingency CD is up for renewal and it currently has \$57,268.84 and is at ACB&T getting 3.95% for 12 months. Same banks are offering the same rate/months as the previous CD. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to renew the Sewer Contingency CD at ACB&T at 3.75% for 12 months. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The June 2026 Treasurer Report was presented for review.

Clerk:

R. Carrell stated that M. Muphy has completed and submitted the quarterly taxes and unemployment wage reports. She also stated that Sesquicentennial currently has taken in almost \$50,000 in donations and sponsorships from. She stated that M. Murphy's goal was set at \$70,000.

Public Comment:

J. Frederick stated that he was asked by a resident about getting a stop sign at Harmony and Joanne. He stated they are having an issue with people flying around that corner and there are a lot of children in the area.

The board discussed the need for stop signs and the chances of stop signs helping the situation. They discussed making a list to add them where needed and an ordinance would need to be passed.

President:

Nothing at this time.

Committee Reports:

Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve a Resolution Encouraging the Use of Local Businesses in the Development of Grundy County. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

Offering group life insurance to employees was tabled.

The board discussed the Water Treatment Plant loan and repayment. They discussed the surcharge that will be added to residents with water service hookups monthly bills. An ordinance will be drafted to review at the next meeting.

The board discussed the renewal of Ziptility. P. Pastick asked if Public works is using the software. J. Frederick stated that they are not currently using it. He added that the mapping portion of it was not uploaded into the system by Ziptility until June 30th. J. Marques stated there are other modules that have been available to use. J. Kowalewski asked J. Frederick if our inventory is in the system.

J. Frederick stated that he feels like since it took Ziptility so long to get our GIS mapping into the system, he doesn't feel like they prioritize the Village as a customer. K. Houchin asked J.

Frederick if he is suggesting that the Village does not renew. J. Frederick stated he thinks they should table it. He wants to look into a different software that Chamlin has mentioned that is strictly for mapping and we should find out the cost of that program.

R. Tondini stated that he thinks Public Works should be using the all the modules that Ziptility offers. J. Frederick stated that his department is busy and summer is not the best time. He added that that will need to be a winter thing.

K. Houchin asked how often daily and weekly are we using Ziptility. J. Frederick said they haven't used it at all yet. J. Frederick stated that without the mapping he doesn't think we need to pay money to use the other modules. He stated that everything else can be done with pen and paper.

J. Kowalewski stated that it is supposed to track where the man hours are spent and where inventory is.

J. Frederick stated that he was not brought into this before Ziptility was decided on. He also stated that he was assured it was not meant to track his hour by hour activity.

J. Marques stated it is designed to track all jobs, not your hour by hour. Planning, inventory used, time spent. J.

Kowalewski asked if he thought the inventory tracking module was helping track things and helping with purchasing. J. Frederick stated that he hasn't entered any inventory into the software.

The board told J. Frederick to give Ziptility a shot and tabled the renewal until the next meeting.

Public Works:

J. Frederick read his report. He reported the picnic tables are finished and the guys will be painting and staining the equipment and pavilions at the park. School lead samples came back good. Bulbs were replaced in the downtown street lights. Water samples are done for the month. He stated that they have been doing a lot of cleanup around town and doing extra things to get ready for the celebration.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick read his report. He reported 12 traffic stops.

Zoning:

Nothing at this time.

Village Engineer:

There will be a pre-construction meeting Thursday July 23, at 10 am.

Village Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

K. Houchin made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.