

Village of Mazon Board Minutes

March 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm on March 23, 2026.

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

Absent: Melanie Murphy, Diane Punke

The minutes for February 23, 2026, were presented for approval. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve February 23, 2026, minutes as presented. 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 bill list for March 9, 2026, was presented for approval. **P. Pastick made a motion to approve the bill list for March 9, 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.**

The bill list for March 23, 2026, was presented for approval. **P. Pastick made a motion to approve the bill list for March 23, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for March 23, 2026, for Sesquicentennial expenses, was presented for approval. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the bill list for March 23, 2026, for Sesquicentennial expenses, as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer:**

The February 2026 Treasurer's Report was presented for review.

R. Carrell reported to the board that CD# 733580 for Sewer Expansion is up for renewal on 4/5/2026. It is currently at American Commercial Bank & Trust with 4.15% and has currently has \$ 133,739.63 for 12 months. She asked the board to approve renewing with the best rate.

J. Marques stated that there is currently \$265,349.23 cash in the sewer fund and asked if the Village had any larger expenses coming up out of that fund. J. Frederick stated only FS sand project. J. Marques stated that that project will probably cost around \$30,000 and suggested adding money to this CD. He suggested adding \$16,260.37 to CD# 733580 to bring the total of CD to \$150,000. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve renewing CD# 733580 for Sewer Expansion with best rate and adding \$16,260.37. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

R. Carrell gave a financial update for the Sesquicentennial Committee after the Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser. She stated that before the fundraiser, the Park Fund had a little over \$6,000. The Park Fund currently has \$14,235.84. She added that it was a very successful fundraiser.

R. Carrell also informed the board that M. Murphy has applied for a \$3,000 grant from the Jerry Hill Fund and is waiting for a decision. She added that M. Murphy is hoping to hear back their decision in the next few weeks.

J. Marques stated that that grant application is currently in committee and has to go through the process.

**Secretary:**

Nothing at this time.

**Public Comment:**

Micheal Murphy was present to inform the board about the company Conxxus and what they want to come to Mazon and do. He explained that they are a company that offers fiber internet, phone, and television to homes and businesses. He stated that their main focus is fiber internet. He informed the board that Conxxus has the contract with the state of Illinois to provide the internet services to all the towers in the state of Illinois. He added that it doesn't matter who your internet provider is, all the data flows through Conxxus' lines. He explained that Conxxus is able to branch off from those towers and bring fiber into rural communities that have been overlooked for fiber in the past. He explained what fiber internet means. He stated he wanted to reach out to see what the Mazon community's needs are. He stated that the timeline for a town the size of Mazon would take about 4-6 weeks depending on permitting. The next step if Mazon is interested in Conxxus would be the permitting department getting in touch with the village to get the process started and get IDOT permitting started. He went on to explain the pricing of services. Plans start as low as \$29.95. He stated that something else Conxxus like to do is have an open house, where the public can come in to get information on their services, ask questions, and sign up for services if they choose. He stated that Conxxus is interested in helping out the village in ways such as sponsorships. He added that he knows Mazon has a big celebration coming up in August and they would be interested in sponsoring that event. They also like to sponsor schools and sporting events.

J. Kowalewski asked if there is any cost to the Village to bring this fiber to the community. Micheal Murphy stated that Conxxus covers the cost of the build out to the town. He stated that the Julies cost would fall on the town. He added that there is no cost for installation to the residents and no contracts.

J. Marques stated that the board would not be making a decision today but will discuss and put on future agenda.

Micheal Murphy left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

**President:**

J. Marques stated that he received the resignation letter of Trustee Kristen Webster. He stated that the Park Committee needs to schedule a meeting to meet with the baseball association and Clearwater Foundation to discuss the \$25,000 donation towards Centennial Park. The committee scheduled a meeting for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 4:30.

**Committee Reports:**

Nothing at this time.

**Old Business:**

Nothing at this time.

**New Business:**

**J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$4,500 to Mike Breisch for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.**

The Mazon Fire Department submitted a Park Use Application for the annual Fun Day for approval. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the Mazon Fire Department's Park Use application for their annual Fun Day on July 25, 2026. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.**

A. Gonzalez was present to ask for a one-time adjustment to his utility account for 643 Jewett St due to a major leak. He asked the board to adjust his water portion of his bill, which is \$4,884.95, to the average water charge on the account which is \$21.98. This would bring their balance from \$4,952.05 to \$89.08 making it a one-time forgiveness of \$4,862.97. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve the one-time adjustment to utility account for 643 Jewett St in the amount of \$4,862.97. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.**

K. Cabada was present to ask for a one-time adjustment to her utility account for 702 Depot St due to a major leak. She asked the board to adjust the water portion of her bill, which is \$2,531.87, to the average water charge which is \$78.27. This would bring the balance from \$2598.97 to \$310.71 making it a one-time forgiveness of \$2,288.26. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the one-time adjustment to utility account for 702 Depot St in the amount of \$2,288.26. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.**

**P. Pastick made a motion to approve the Wreckin Dixie contract for a performance at the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.**

**J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the River Road Trio contract for a performance at the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.**

**J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the Channahon General Rental contract for items needed for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.**

**J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the Gotta Go Portable Toilet contract for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.**

**Director of Public Works:**

J. Frederick reported to the board. He stated that they have begun treating the ponds with biotech lagoon. They are working on meditating all the plow damage. They replaced a valve stem on the backhoe tire. He stated that he ordered the aerator motor and it cost just under \$2,500. Meters have been read for the month. He stated that he is working on getting a quote from Cummins to do a load bank on both generators once a year.

**Chief of Police:**

L. Pastick reported to the board. He informed the board that the Sesquicentennial patches are in. He attended the FBI/US Election Assistance Commission Webinar on 3/24/26. L. Pastick also informed the board that he will be having a medical procedure on Wednesday March 25 and will be taking off work for a few days.

**Zoning:**

Nothing at this time.

**Engineer:**

Nothing at this time.

**Attorney:**

Nothing at this time.

**J. Kowalewski made a motion at 7:17 pm to enter executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

**J. Kowalewski made a motion to reconvene regular session. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

**J. Kowalewski made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. P. Pastick seconded the motion. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**