

Village of Mazon Board Minutes

May 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on May 11, 2026.

Present were: Jeff Marques, Melanie Murphy, Rachel Carrell, Kirk Houchin, Pam Pastick, Diane Punke, Roland Tondini, Chris Dearth, Tim Hejny, Larry Pastick, John Frederick

Absent: Jared Kowalewski

The minutes for May 11, 2026, last meeting of FY26, were presented for approval. **D. Punke made a motion to approve May 11, 2026, last minutes of FY26. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The minutes for May 11, 2026, first meeting of FY27, were presented for approval. **D. Punke made a motion to approve May 11, 2026, first minutes of FY27. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for May 26, 2026, was presented for approval. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve the bill list for May 26, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

The April 2026 Treasurer Report was presented for approval. **P. Pastick made a motion to approve the April 2026 Treasurer Report as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Clerk:

M. Murphy reported that she has been preparing for the annual audit. K. Houchin asked M. Murphy how long it takes to prepare for audit. M. Murphy stated that it usually takes a couple weeks to make sure everything is ready to go when Tri-County Management arrives.

Public Comment:

Nothing at this time.

President:

J. Marques stated that he would like to present information on the drug Kratom. He explained that he would like the board to discuss and consider passing an ordinance banning the sale and possession in the Village of Mazon. The board discussed the information sheet given to them and J. Marques also suggested that all board members do some research regarding Kratom. The board agreed and stated that it should be on the next agenda.

J. Marques also stated that he received information from the Illinois Municipal League regarding zoning on housing. He stated that he handed out that info for the board to take a look at.

Committee Reports:

Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

D. Punke made a motion to approve the application for the Grundy Area Machinery Auction to be held on August 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

K. Houchin made a motion to approve the renewal agreement with Christmas Décor System. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

J. Frederick discussed the need for a seasonal public works employee. He would like to hire a teen to do a lot of little things this summer. He explained to the board what some of those duties would be. The board discussed and stated they would like to think it over. Hiring a seasonal employee for public works was tabled until next meeting.

R. Tondini made a motion to approve the purchase of a plate compactor from Illinois Central Equipment for \$2,560.00. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

The purchase of an Electric Line Tracer was tabled until next meeting to get pricing.

An ordinance making appropriations for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027, was presented for review.

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick read his report. He stated that the guys completed cold patching around town. He stated that the water and sewer reports are done for the month of April. He informed the board that public works cut the long grass in town that did not respond to the ordinance violation letters that were sent out. Concrete has been completed on Jonquil and Warren Dr. He stated that the pole and light project is moving along well. He informed the board that the rear tire on the John Deere came off while mowing the ditches on South St. They were able to get it resealed. He also stated that meters have been read for the month.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported to the board. He stated that he has had 6 traffic stops. He stated that he completed 2 FOIA requests. 27 golf carts have been registered. He stated that the Fireworks permit needs Mayor and Fire Department signature. He stated that he needs to purchase handgun and rifle ammo. He informed the board about the costs for the Sheriffs department sending extra officers for our Sesquicentennial Celebration.

L. Pastick also stated that he has had people complain about escooters being rode around town and would like to know if the board would like to know if the board plans on doing an ordinance for it. The board discussed escooters and other municipal ordinances that have passed recently. D. Punke stated that she does not want to punish every kid with a scooter or ebike if it is just a couple of kids that are not following rules. She added they are kids and they are outside playing. K. Houchin stated that in certain areas of town there are always kids on foot running out in the street. He added that drivers need to slow down and be mindful of children outside. J. Marques stated that L. Pastick can pull up some ordinances regarding escooters from other municipalities and we can research and revisit this issue.

Zoning:

J. Marques stated that the new owners of the elevator property have turned the property into a junk yard. He stated that a junk yard was not approved for the property. He stated at some point the board needs to do something about it and it won't be only that property. He added that there are about 4 properties that need cleaned up from being used as a junk yard.

Engineer:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

R, Tondini made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm. K. Houchin seconded the motion.

Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.