

Village of Mazon Board Minutes

October 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm on October 27, 2025.

Present were: Jeff Marques, Rachel Carrell, Jared Kowalewski, Kirk Houchin, Pam Pastick, Kris Webster, Diane Punke, Roland Tondini, Larry Pastick

Absent: Melanie Murphy, John Frederick, Tim Stiles, Chris Dearth, Tim Hejny

Guest: Michael Salata, Jake Vota

The minutes for October 13, 2025, were presented for approval. **D. Punke made a motion to approve October 13, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Kowalewski. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for October 27, 2025, was presented for approval. **R. Tondini made a motion to approve the bill list for October 27, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

R. Carrell reported that there are 5 CDs coming due on November 3, 2025. All of these CDs are at SOCU and are getting 4.75% for 14 months. SOCU is currently offering 13 months at 4.25%.

CD #2018 for Sewer Fund currently has \$60,078.30. **D. Punke made a motion to renew CD #2018 at SOCU for 13 months at 4.25%. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

CD #2019 for General Insurance Fund currently has \$95,728.34. **K. Webster made a motion to renew CD #2019 at SOCU for 13 months at 4.25%. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

CD #2020 for TIF Fund currently has \$337,864.83. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to renew CD #2020 at SOCU for 13 months at 4.25%. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

CD #2021 for Sewer Vehicles currently has \$37,577.07. R. Carrell recommends adding \$5,000.00 to this CD. **K. Webster made a motion to add \$5,000.00 and renew CD #2021 at SOCU for 13 months at 4.25%. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes,**

R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

CD #2022 for Sewer Equipment currently has \$87,811.20. R. Carrell recommends adding \$5,000.00 to this CD. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to add \$5,000.00 and renew CD #2022 at SOCU for 13 months at 4.25%. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The September 2025 Treasurer's Report was presented for approval. **R. Tondini made a motion to approve the September 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Secretary:

Nothing at this time.

Public Comment:

K. Houchin stated that there are signs by the school that say to watch for pedestrians in the crosswalk but there is no crosswalk. J. Marques stated that there has never been crosswalks painted until we did the sidewalk project that was state funded. He asked if the sidewalk goes that far west. L. Pastick stated that where the signs are, there are sidewalks going both ways.

P. Pastick stated that M. Murphy and J. Frederick need more volunteers for the Halloween hotdog giveaway. She stated that it starts at 4:30 and we do not have enough volunteers to run the whole thing. R. Tondini stated that he will be there after he gets off work. R. Carrell stated that she will come down to help after trick-or-treating. J. Kowalewski stated he can get there around 6pm. K. Houchin stated that he can help with cleaning up.

Jake Vota was present to discuss his water bill at 615 Jewett St. He stated that his bill has increased in the last couple months, and it was brought to his attention that they have a leak under one of their bathrooms. He stated that they paid for a plumber to come out and go under the house to look for leak. The leak was located. He is working on getting the pipe repaired and is requesting the village to work with him on paying off the large bill. He informed the board that he just started a new job but needs a little time to get the issue fixed and get the bill paid. J. Marques asked Mr. Vota how much his average bill was before the leak began. R. Carrell stated she would print out his account history. They discussed that there was a secondary leak. J. Marques reviewed the account water usage history. Currently the balance is \$467.57. The new bill will be going out on November 1st which will be added to it. J. Marques suggested that we come back to this issue at the next meeting on November 10, 2025. He stated that the water is scheduled to get shut off tomorrow but the board stated that his service will not be shut off, and they will come to an agreement for an adjustment before the next meeting. J. Kowalewski stated that the leak needs fixed but they can possibly make a payment arrangement. J. Marques stated that payment arrangements will not work because the other party responsible for this account has previously made payment arrangements and has not followed through with the payments. The discussion ended with the board members stating the service would not be shut off and they will work with him before the next bill is due. Mr. Vota then exited the meeting.

K. Webster stated that she spoke with the fire department regarding removing junk items on property. She stated that she was told that they were waiting for harvest season was over in November so they could all be there for clean-up. She stated that she was told that they would move the dunk tank sooner. She added that she was told that about dunk tank beginning of October.

K. Webster also stated that someone on the zoning board mentioned that for the appreciation dinner this winter, we should consider having Mama Kays cater the dinner and have it at the American Legion. She stated that this would keep it local. J. Marques asked who would do the clean-up for the event. K. Webster stated that she would have to ask.

P. Pastick stated that it's a shame there is an actual restaurant in town that we could have something at. She also mentioned how discouraging the community has been regarding new restaurants wanting to come to town. Rachel stated that that was a while ago and it was Knocking Boots. Knocking Boots was a restaurant that wanted to move from Coal City to Mazon, but they ended up moving to Gardner.

P. Pastick stated that its things like that that discourage businesses from moving to Mazon. D. Punke stated that the village board can not control what people do and say on "Hey Mazon". D. Punke also stated that the village will not get any new businesses or restaurants until they come and apply to the board. She added that if restaurant owners listen to comments on "Hey Mazon", then they don't want to be here that badly. D. Punke asked J. Marques if we have had many applications for restaurants in Mazon. J. Marques stated that we have not had any.

P. Pastick stated that she feels like the residents in this town do not want any new business or restaurants to come to town and that is a problem. D. Punke stated that that's not true. P. Pastick stated that it is true. D. Punke then said that that's right Pam, you have lived here forever, and you know. P. Pastick stated that she has lived here for 3 years. D. Punke stated that she has lived here for 71 years. P. Pastick stated that change is good for the community. D. Punke stated that she wants liquor. D. Punke added that when the last potential restaurant owner and that was considering opening in Mazon came to discuss it with the board, the board agreed that we would give them a liquor license.

P. Pastick stated that she went down to the American Legion because she wanted to offer to help them out. She then added that at the American Legion they do not serve alcohol and don't want to. D. Punke stated that that is not on the village. P. Pastick stated that she understands that it is not up to the village, but she stated that it's that way of thinking that is stopping businesses and revenue from coming to Mazon. She also told D. Punke directly that she did not need to yell at her. D. Punke stated that at the American Legion, you can bring in your own alcohol if you provide your own insurance and that she has had many family parties there with liquor but had to obtain the insurance. K. Webster stated that the Legion used to serve alcohol, but the insurance became too much of an expense. They did not have enough help and could not be open all day every day. P. Pastick stated that they need to do more fundraisers there as well. K. Webster told P. Pastick to please go down and talk to Ron Clavey. P. Pastick stated that she talked with them already. K. Webster stated that she does not agree with her because her family has been involved with the American Legion for a long time and the issue is not just the fundraising. P. Pastick stated that she knows it's not just about fundraising. K. Webster asked P. Pastick to please go down to the Legion and talk with them more because its not just about fundraising and being able to keep the place open long days to have people come in there to spend money. K. Webster added that you can have alcohol there as long as you provide your own insurance. P. Pastick stated well they don't want it. She stated that she has talked to several of them. J. Marques stated they do but they don't want to pay the insurance. He added that in the past they asked about having "Near Beer", the non-alcoholic beer, which I told them was probably fine. J. Marques stated that he is unsure if they ever ended up getting it.

K. Webster stated that the reason they are so hesitant about serving alcohol is there is only a couple of

people that ran it. There were only a couple members that participated and they lost too much money. P. Pastick stated that that is where most Legions make most of their money. K. Webster stated that there is not enough events in that place. P. Pastick stated that they need to have more. P. Pastick also said that maybe if they had someone running it that knows what they are doing and have more events. K. Webster said please do not tell her father that he doesn't know what he's doing because that will not go over well. K. Webster added that he has been running it for a while. P. Pastick asked how's it been going. K. Webster stated that it isn't good because he is the only one that will do stuff down there. She stated that when her mom was dying... P. Pastick asked can you just talk. K. Webster stated now I'm upset, but when my mom was dying, he kept that place going. P. Pastick stated God bless him. K. Webster stated that she just asks P. Pastick to go talk with him. K. Webster stated that the comment about "how did that go" was not necessary. P. Pastick stated that it was necessary because you said he has been running it and I wanted to know how it's been going. K. Webster asked if P. Pastick knows how many members they have down there. P. Pastick asked how many. K. Webster stated not many, probably 10 that can help. J. Kowalewski asked if you could only help out if you were in the service. D. Punke stated that you can volunteer your time; you just can't be a member. P. Pastick stated that you can become a member if you have a family member that was in the service. K. Webster stated that they don't have that, they are currently working on that. K. Webster added that the Legion has an amazing kitchen. P. Pastick stated that she can't believe they don't have that set up because it been in the bi-laws for a long time. K. Webster stated that that doesn't mean they could have people participate. K. Webster stated that her dad asked for people to participate all the time. He tries to find new vets in the area. Webster stated that he was able to get 2 people to come from the Morris chapter to help. She stated that there are more younger people than older people, the younger people don't want to come in to join or help or be away from their families for at least one night a week. And if you're talking about having a bar open everyday of the week that only leaves a couple of people to work it every day of the week. P. Pastick stated that when she ran the VFW in Florida, there was an issue with older vets not accepting/welcoming to younger vets and they figured out that that was why their membership was low. She added that they don't have to continue talking about this right now but there are ways to get people to come in. K. Webster stated trust me, they have been trying for several years.

J. Marques stated that the meeting will now move along because we do not control the American Legion. He added like Webster said go down and talk to Ron and maybe you guys can get something figured out. He would definitely take the help.

President:

Nothing at this time

Committee Reports:

Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

K. Houchin made a motion to sign the Grundy County Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works:

J. Marques asked if everyone received J. Frederick's report. He stated that they have done some winterizing, closed the parks, aerators out of the ponds, heaters and heat lamps have been checked and are in working order. J. Marques added that they have been working over at Primrose Pond and they fixed the overflow pipe from the south pond. Meter readings are done, all his reports are done, and they got the aerator in the Northwest corner fixed. There was also a water leak on Main Street.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported to the board. He stated that e-ticket training will begin on 11/18/25. He informed the board that he will be in East Peoria from 11/4/25-11/8/25 for ILETSB Chiefs Training. He added that he will be participating in the Trunk-or-Treat at MVK on Monday 10/27/25 from 4:30-6:00 pm.

Zoning:

T. Stiles left an updated permit report for the board.

J. Marques stated that it looks like Tim has issued a couple more permits. One was an addition, and one was solar.

J. Kowalewski stated that he saw an add for an electrical inspector for Mazon and asked if that position has been filled. J. Marques stated that our same inspector is still doing it until he finds a replacement.

Engineer:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

K. Webster made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm. D. Punke seconded the motion. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.