

Village of Mazon Board Minutes

August 25, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on August 25, 2025.

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

Absent: Melanie Murphy, Diane Punke

Guest: Tamra Roseland – Tri County Management

The minutes for August 11, 2025, were presented for approval. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve the August 11, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for August 25, 2025, was presented for approval. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve the bill list for August 25, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

Tamra Roseland from Tri County Management presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit. Cash balances decreased and assets decreased due to depreciation. There was an increase in IMRF Fund, TIF fund, and Road & Bridge Fund. There was a decrease in Water Fund and Sewer Fund.

R. Carrell reported overtime to the board.

The July 2025 Treasurer report was presented for approval. **K. Webster made a motion to approve the July 2025 Treasurer Report as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Kowalewski. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Secretary:

Nothing at this time.

Public Comment:

Nothing at this time.

President:

J. Marques stated that a couple yards in the village are getting bad again. He stated that someone bragged on Facebook that it was cheaper for the village to cut it than to hire a landscaping company. J. Marques suggested that maybe the village should raise the rates for ordinance violations. He stated that we should research lawn mowing costs and reassess what it takes financially.

K. Houchin informed the board that he has been working on the 2026 150th Birthday of Mazon. He stated that he has planned some historical stations for the celebration. Stories, slide shows, etc. He wants to figure out how to draw old residents back for the celebration.

Committee Reports:

Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve An ordinance approving and adopting the return-to-work program for the Village of Mazon. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the incentive program for residents that participate in mandatory village water samples excluding elected and appointed officials. The incentive would give those residents a \$10.00 discount for the month that they perform the water tests. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

K. Houchin made a motion to approve the engineering agreement for GPS Data Collection and Mapping Services. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported to the board. He stated that he received another quote for concrete work. He said they quoted just under \$18,000. He added that he is still awaiting a quote from Captain's Concrete. The testing came back for the 50k water tower. All was good and it is now back in service.

J. Frederick stated that public works dug on Jewett St and did not find a leak. He stated that they removed an obsolete culvert and filled it back in but from disturbing the ground, they may have created a leak. They dug that up and repaired a vertical crack by cutting out a joint and 6ft pipe, replacing it with 2 6-inch macros and a section of c900 water pipe.

Pond 4 has been drained, raked, cleaned, media remediated, filled, and is now back in service. Pond 3 has been drained and is in process of drying.

J. Frederick also stated he and Marc remediated 1003 and 1002 North St, where they had dug looking for leak. He added that Marc changed the oil pan and oil pan gasket on the yellow dump. He also changed the oil and filters. Meters have been read for the month. Water and Sewer reports are done for the month.

J. Frederick stated that at the beginning of the month, when water quality samples were completed for the copper exceedance, TEST failed to realize their PH probe was out of calibration. He said he will have to retake the water quality portion of those samples.

He informed the board that he has been having issues for a long time with getting the grade school's water registers to read therefore their meter was updated. The cost of the meter and register was \$1,300.00. Updating their meter will simplify reading it in the future by allowing them to have one register instead of two.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported to the board. He stated that the radar sign has been relocated. He informed the board he will take part in a new chief training in November 2025. L. Pastick added that Grundy ETSB and Grundy County 911 will be switching to encrypted police dispatch in September. He also informed the board that Homeland Security Grants are coming out soon. With these grants, the village police department could get possible funding for LPRs, in car cameras, surveillance tools and fusion center integration.

L. Pastick also stated that there is an electric recall on the squad car that will be going to get fixed. He mentioned that Heroes Helpers is looking for donations. The board agreed that the village does not have it in the budget.

Zoning:

Nothing at this time.

Engineer:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

K. Webster made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 pm. R. Tondini seconded the motion. Roll was taken; J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.