

Village of Mazon Board Minutes

February 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm on February 23, 2026.

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

Absent: Kris Webster, Larry Pastick, John Frederick

The minutes for February 9, 2026, were presented for approval. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve February 9, 2026, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The liquor committee minutes for February 10, 2026, were presented for approval. **R. Tondini made a motion to approve February 10, 2026, liquor committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The personnel committee minutes for February 17, 2026, were presented for approval. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve February 17, 2026, personnel committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

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

Treasurer:

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

Secretary Report:

M. Murphy gave her report. She reminded the village officials that statements of economic interest are coming due soon. She stated she has received and processed 9 FOIA requests in the last couple weeks.

Public Comment:

K. Houchin thanked the village for the appreciation dinner.

P. Pastick stated that during the last meeting, members of the board were talking over her while she was talking to attorney C. Dearth. She asked that this doesn't happen again.

P. Pastick asked if there is a way to turn the Zoning office space into an office for Police Department. She then asked J. Marques if he had looked into purchasing the building next door.

J. Marques stated that the Zoning office space is necessary.

D. Punke asked how the Village would pay for the construction of turning the zoning office area into a separated office.

J. Kowalewski stated that there are no funds available at this time for a project like this.

P. Pastick stated that it is a rule that Police and Public Works have to have separate offices.

J. Marques stated that the current office situation has worked for 25 years.

C. Dearth stated that the IEPA has not issued any notice of noncompliance. He added that if they do, they will send a letter.

President:

Nothing at this time.

Committee Reports:

K. Houchin informed the board that the Sesquicentennial Committee does not want any fireworks at the celebration in August.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve the 2022 Residential Lot Marketing Program application from Richard and Delina Kennedy. The motion was seconded by P. Pastick. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion was carried.

The board discussed the Fourth of July fireworks display. The board tabled the fireworks display.

The board discussed the Illinois Central Management Services certificate of authority. J. Marques stated that he does not like the wording on the certificate of authority and it would give J. Frederick the authority to enter into any state contract. The board discussed the options further. K. Houchin stated he would like to change the wording on the contract. The board tabled the certificate of authority.

Director of Public Works:

J. Marques read the report to the board. He stated that we received a special exemption permit from the EPA after receiving 2 sample periods in a row that were below the 90th percentile. They changed our sample schedule to once every 3 years. He stated that there were sewer exceedances on the inspection. Water meters have been read for the month.

Chief of Police:

J. Kowalewski read L. Pastick's report.

Zoning:

Nothing at this time.

Engineer:

T. Hejny informed the board that there will be a pre-bid meeting on February 26th.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

D. Punke made a motion at 7:06 pm to enter executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Punke 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, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

K Houchin made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. P. Pastick seconded the motion. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.