

Village of Mazon Board Minutes

February 9, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on February 9, 2026.

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

Absent: Kris Webster

Guest: Mike Breisch, Dalton Misener

The Liquor Committee minutes for January 26, 2026, were presented for approval. **J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve January 26, 2026, Liquor Committee minutes 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.**

The minutes for January 26, 2026, were presented for approval. **D. Punke made a motion to approve January 26, 2026, minutes 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.**

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

Treasurer:

K. Houchin made a motion to approve opening a Water Infrastructure CD in the amount of \$7,307.20 at SOCU for 13 months at 3.65%. 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.

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

Secretary:

Nothing at this time.

Public Comment:

Mike Breisch was present to discuss 2026 fireworks donation with the board. Mr. Breisch requested a donation of \$4,500 for the fireworks display that will take place on July 4, 2026.

P. Pastick stated that she was unsure if the board wanted to do fireworks for the 4th of July this year.

D. Punks stated that if the board does support fireworks this year, she would like to see the firework display during the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

K. Houchin stated that he does not feel like the board is ready to make a decision about it just yet. Mr. Breisch stated that he just wanted to bring it to the board as he usually does. The board can discuss it and let him know what they would like to do.

R. Tondini asked Mr. Breisch what the cost usually is for the fireworks display.

Mr. Breisch stated that the cost is about 9-12 thousand dollars.

P. Pastick stated that she didn't think the fireworks were very good last year for the money that the village put into it.

Mr. Breisch stated that he provides as much fireworks as the budget allows. He added that the board is more than welcome to check out prices and options of other companies. He also informed the board that what they donate is not even half of the cost. He stated that he has other donors that help fund those fireworks.

J. Kowalewski stated that if the village chooses not to go with Mr. Breisch for fireworks, they probably will not hire another company. He explained that with the village holding the Sesquicentennial this year our funds that can be appropriated for community events is very limited.

Mr. Breisch stated that there is a grant program available but it is geared towards America 250. He added the program is for municipalities and villages that have limited funds to help provide for fireworks displays. He stated that he can look into the grant and apply for it. He stated that he would need to know if the village wants to go with him for fireworks because if he is not in Mazon for the forth, he will book somewhere else. He stated he needed to be informed of the village's decision by end of March.

J. Marques asked if the board decides to have the fireworks in August this year instead of July, would the funds received from other donations still go towards the village display.

Mr. Breisch stated that the funds can be used whether they have fireworks in July or August.

K. Houchin stated that we are planning to have bands play the Saturday night of the Sesquicentennial and he was worried about holding fireworks while the bands are playing music has been discussed and hasn't been decided yet.

Mr. Breisch stated he does a music fest in June and they set it up to where the music stops for an hour, the fireworks go off, and then they go right back into the music.

K. Houchin thanked Mr. Breisch for that information.

Mr. Breisch stated just to let him know a decision by March 30th and we will go from there.

President:

Nothing at this time.

Committee Reports:

Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

The contract for Tigris Aquatic Services LLC for the 2026 season was presented for approval.

D. Punke made a motion to approve the contract with Tigris Aquatic Services LLC. 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 Resolution clarifying the performance improvement plan for Public Works Director John Fredericks was tabled.

J. Kowalewski made a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing an Amendment to the 2022 Residential Lot Marketing Program. 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 was carried.

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported to the board. He stated that the pump house has an air relief valve that has gone bad. They have tried cleaning and rebuilding it but it is not working. As of now, they are currently operating on one and it has solved the problem for the time being. He stated they are still working on organizing the shed in their free time.

J. Frederick stated that with the cold weather, they have had several customers have water lines freezing and they were able to help get them all thawed and restore service. He reported the water and sewer reports are done for the month. Lead and copper tests have been distributed, collected, and sent to Test for the first set of lead and copper samples of 2026. He also stated they are doing some cosmetic work, rust removal, and repairs on the red dump truck.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported to the board. He stated that since the last meeting he has had 5 traffic stops. NIBRS I-UCR reporting January 2026 filed. IDOT racial profile report for January 2026 filed. Chief training hours filed ILETSB. He added that he applied for ILACP Northwestern University Police Staff and Command Scholarship.

Zoning:

Nothing at this time.

Engineer:

T. Hejny informed the board that there is an opportunity for more grant money for the water plant build. They will apply and see if the village can get more funding to alleviate the burden on residents. Bids went out and are due on March 27th.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

D. Punke made a motion at 6:29 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 J. Kowalewski. 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.

J.Kowalewski made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm. D. Punke seconded the motion. Roll was taken. J. Kowalewski-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, P. Pastick-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.