



Village of Maple Park

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026
7:00 P.M.
MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER
302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Village President Chris Rebone called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rebone led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Village Clerk Maria Taylor called the roll call, and the following members were present: Village President Chris Rebone, Trustee Andy Bingley, Trustee Tonia Groezinger, Trustee JT Peloso, Trustee Chris Simon, and Trustee Jen Ward. Absent Trustee Cliff Speare.

Also present: Village Attorney Emily Moore, Police Commander James Olsen, Village Engineer Jeremy Lin, Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge, Village Treasurer Shannon Warford, and Village Clerk Maria Taylor.

Members of the public present were found on the meeting sign-in sheet.

4. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Appointment of Shannon Warford as Village Treasurer/Deputy Clerk and swearing in by Village President Chris Rebone and motion to confirm Appointment

Motion by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Simon to confirm the appointment of Shannon Warford as Village Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

On a roll call vote Trustee Bingley, Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, and Trustee Ward voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

Village President Rebone swore in Shannon Warford as Village Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

- B. Appointment of Maria Taylor as Village Clerk and swearing in by Village President Chris Rebone and motion to confirm Appointment

Motion by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Peloso to confirm the appointment of Maria Taylor as Village Clerk.

On a roll call vote Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward, and Trustee Bingley voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

Village President Rebone swore in Maria Taylor as Village Clerk.

C. Appointment of Jen Ward as President Pro Tem by Village President Chris Rebone and motion to confirm Appointment

Motion by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Bingley to confirm the appointment of Jen Ward as President Pro Tem.

On a roll call vote Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward, Trustee Bingley, and Trustee Groezinger voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

D. Appointment of Committee Liaisons by Village President Chris Rebone and motion to confirm Appointments

- Finance and Public Relations and Development Committee Liaison, Trustee Jen Ward
- Infrastructure Committee Liaison, Trustee Cliff Speare
- Personnel Committee Liaison, Trustee Tonia Groezinger

Motion by Trustee Ward with 2nd by Trustee Simon to confirm the appointments of Trustee Jen Ward as Finance and Public Relations and Development Committee Liaison, Trustee Cliff Speare as Infrastructure Committee Liaison, and Trustee Tonia Groezinger as Personnel Committee Liaison.

On a roll call vote Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward, Trustee Bingley, Trustee Groezinger, and Trustee Peloso voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so according to the guidelines set forth in the “Rules for Public Comments at Public Meetings” handout. Please complete a speaker request form and submit it to the Village Clerk. You may also send an email to villageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com in advance of the meeting. The Village Clerk will read such comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Time Limit: 5 minutes per speaker.*

Resident Andrew DeMoore introduced himself and his fiancée, Allison, and addressed the notice they received regarding ducks on their property in Maple Park. He stated that he understands and respects the purpose of Section 6-9 of the Village Code, which is intended to prevent nuisance conditions, protect public health, and preserve residential neighborhood character. Andrew explained that their ducks are kept in a clean, enclosed area and have not caused disturbances or complaints during the more than two years they have owned them. He noted that ducks are similar to chickens, which are already

permitted under Village regulations, and pointed out that ducks are not specifically listed as prohibited animals in the ordinance. He stated that he is willing to comply with all regulations that apply to chickens, including limits on the number of animals, sanitation standards, enclosure requirements, and coop placement. He also expressed openness to any additional reasonable conditions specific to ducks. Andrew respectfully requested that the Village allow them to keep the ducks under the same framework as chickens or grant a special permit or variance. He added that documentation from Allison's physician had been provided to show the ducks serve an emotional support role, which would make their removal a hardship and support their request for reasonable accommodation. Andrew offered to provide documentation for the board to review.

The Village President stated that he understood and appreciated everything that had been shared and emphasized that the discussion was not being dismissed or cut short. He explained that more in-depth discussions typically take place during Committee of the Whole meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of each month, and stated that this topic would be more appropriate for that setting. He invited Andrew and Allison to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 19th at 7:00 p.m., noting that the meeting is more informal and that the matter should be added to the agenda for further discussion. The Village President acknowledged that existing research generally classifies ducks as livestock. However, he stated that he would prefer to avoid creating special permits or variances, as that process can become complicated and create gray areas when comparing different situations between residents. He explained that amending the Village Code would likely be a simpler and more consistent approach if a consensus could be reached. He concluded by reiterating that he was not dismissing their request and believed the matter deserved further discussion.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2026 - 04 Motorcycle Awareness Month - May 2026

The Village President stated that he has a strong partnership with Chris Hansen from ABATE. He applauded the organization's many years of advocacy and efforts to promote motorcycle awareness. Several members of ABATE attended the meeting as well. The Village President proclaimed May as *Motorcycle Awareness Month* on behalf of the Village of Maple Park.

7. MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA / ADDITIONS-DELETIONS

CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

All items listed on the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Board member, in which event the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda. Prior to a vote on the Consent Agenda, members of the public may request that a Trustee have an item removed from the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Board Minutes

- Village Board Meeting Minutes April 07, 2026
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes April 21, 2026
- Special Meeting Minutes April 21, 2026

B. Receive and File

- None

C. Acceptance of Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2026

D. Approval of Bills Payable and Manual Check Register #868 & 870

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	\$73,671.78
MANUAL CHECKS & ACH	\$10,963.30
PAYMENTS	
TOTAL:	\$84,635.08

E. Approval of Travel, Meals, Lodging for Elected Officials/Employees

- Travel to Instructor Development for Law Enforcement Officers Conference for Police Sergeant Karen Clifton in Freeport, IL, April 13-17, 2026, \$493, and Travel to Women in Criminal Justice Conference in East Peoria, IL, April 9-10, 2026, \$176.90 (included on April 30, 2026 Warrant List as payment to Karen Clifton).
- Hotel Stay for Police Sergeant Karen Clifton while attending Women in Criminal Justice Conference in East Peoria at Holiday Inn Express, April 9-10, 2026, \$419.77 (included on April 30, 2026 Warrant List as payment to Karen Clifton).
- Women in Criminal Justice Conference Registration Fee for Police Sergeant Karen Clifton, April 9-10, 2026, \$199.00 (included on April 30, 2026 Warrant List as payment to Karen Clifton).

Motion by Trustee Ward with 2nd by Trustee Groezinger to approve the Consent Agenda items A through E as presented.

On a roll call vote Trustee Ward, Trustee Bingley, Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, and Trustee Simon voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Warford stated that the Trustees have a copy of the budget. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. She stated that they have the first meeting with the auditors next week.

9. LEGAL REPORT

President Rebone introduced Village Attorney Emily Moore from Foster & Buick. The Board welcomed Attorney Moore. Hearing no questions for Attorney Moore, President Rebone moved to the next agenda item.

10. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Aldridge had no report

11. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Commander Olsen presented the department's monthly report for review and highlighted several events. Officer Jason Richmeier applied for the full-time position and went through the interview process. He was offered the position and accepted.

12. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Johnson provided a monthly report, but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

13. ENGINEERING REPORT

Village Engineer Lin reported a quick summary of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Replacement project. He shared that there was only one bid turned in on May 5 at 10am. The bid received was from Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc out of Arlington Heights, for the amount of \$398,888.00 which included the required bid bond. Engineer Lin recommends that the Village award the contract to Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc., for the WWTP Blower Replacement project. He also shared that the IEPA performed an inspection at the WWTP the week prior, and everything checked out great.

14. OLD BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOTIONS

1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Motion by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Simon to approve the updated Employee Handbook.

On a roll call vote Trustee Bingley, Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, and Trustee Ward, voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

2. MOTION TO AWARD THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BLOWER PROJECT TO DAHME MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$398,888.00.

Funding will be coming from Fund 56 – Sewer Improvement Fund

Motion by Trustee Ward with 2nd by Trustee Simon to award the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Project to Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$398,888.00.

On a roll call vote Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward, and Trustee Bingley voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

16. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION 2026-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP FOR VILLAGE ACCOUNTING AUDIT SERVICES

This Resolution allows the Village President to enter into an agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for Village Accounting Audit Services for a 3-year period.

Motion made by Trustee Ward with 2nd by Trustee Peloso to approve Resolution 2026-05 authorizing the Village President or his designee to approve an agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for village accounting audit services.

On a roll call vote Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward, Trustee Bingley, and Trustee Groezinger voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

B. RESOLUTION 2026-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK IN SUPPORT OF THE ILLINOIS AMERICA250 COMMEMORATION

This resolution shows Maple Park's support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Motion made by Trustee Simon with 2nd by Trustee Peloso to approve Resolution 2026-06 in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration.

On a roll call vote Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward, Trustee Bingley, Trustee Groezinger, and Trustee Peloso voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

C. RESOLUTION 2026-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CMJ IT SOLUTIONS FOR IT SERVICES

This resolution authorizes the Village President or his designee to approve an agreement with CMJ IT Solutions for IT services.

Motion made by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Simon to approve Resolution 2026-07 authorizing the Village President or his designee to approve an agreement with CMJ IT Solutions for IT services.

On a roll call vote Trustee Ward, Trustee Bingley, Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, and Trustee Simon voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

D. RESOLUTION 2026-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ACTING THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DCEO) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000

This resolution authorizes the Village President or his designee to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Illinois acting through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the building of bathrooms in McAdams Shed located behind the Civic Center.

Motion made by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Bingley to approve Resolution 2026-08 authorizing the Village President or his designee to approve an agreement with the State of Illinois acting through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the building of bathrooms in McAdams Shed located behind the Civic Center.

On a roll call vote Trustee Bingley, Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, and Trustee Ward voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

17. ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03 AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING TITLE 6 "POLICE REGULATIONS," CHAPTER 3 "GENERAL OFFENSES," SECTION 6-1 "OPEN LIQUOR CONTAINERS" OF THE MAPLE PARK VILLAGE CODE

An ordinance correcting Title 6 "Police Regulations," Chapter 3 General Offenses," Section 6-1 "Open Liquor Containers," changing the reference of "Filmore Park" to "Lions Park."

Motion made by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Simon to approve Ordinance 2026-03 correcting Title 6 "Police Regulations," Chapter 3 General Offenses," Section 6-1 "Open Liquor Containers," changing the reference of "Filmore Park" to "Lions Park."

On a roll call vote Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward and Trustee Bingley, voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5 "PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY," CHAPTER 9 "OPEN BURNING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK

This ordinance amends Title 5 "Public Health and Safety," Chapter 9 "Open Burning and Recreational Fires" to remove the requirement of a burn permit.

Motion made by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Ward to approve Ordinance 2026-06 that amends Title 5 "Public Health and Safety," Chapter 9 "Open Burning and Recreational Fires" to remove the requirement of a burn permit.

On a roll call vote Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, Trustee Ward, Trustee Bingley, and Trustee Groezinger voted yes. Motion carried. Absent Trustee Speare.

16. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Village President Rebone stated that Opening Day went well and praised Public Works for doing an excellent job preparing the fields. He noted that there was a great turnout, the kids appeared to have a lot of fun, and everyone is excited for the upcoming baseball season. Trustee Groezinger added that Maple Park now has enough children to field two teams at every level except the 5th and 6th grade division, which has one team. Trustee Bingley added that The Country Store in Sycamore donated 250 hot dogs and Reams in Elburn donated 100 hot dogs for Opening Day. He also noted that Bootleggers contributed condiments and related supplies. Additional donations were accepted to cover chips, water, and funds to purchase ice cream for the children.

17. TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Bingley would like to add a discussion about community gardens to the COW Agenda.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, motion by Trustee Groezinger with 2nd by Trustee Simon to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Maria Taylor, Village Clerk

