

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2024
5:15 p.m.

Mayor Williams called the Meeting of the Mt. Zion Village Board of Trustees to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Randy Doty, Chris Siudyla, Nate Patrick, Donna Scales, Wendy Kernan, and Phil Tibbs. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Director of Public Works, Chad Reynolds, Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, Director of Parks and Recreation, Tiffany Wilson, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: Three (3) people were present. No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Patrick. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending April 15, 2024 is as follows: General Fund - \$98,414.97, Motor Fuel Tax - \$11,116.24, BDD - \$1,041.00, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$3,904.25, Lease Purchase - \$16,287.01, Water Revenue Fund - \$160,825.90, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$31,546.84. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, Kernan-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2024-7 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Empowering the Decatur Urbanized Study (DUATS) 2024: Administrator Miller presented for consideration a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Decatur, County of Macon, Village of Forsyth, and State of Illinois to participate jointly as members of DUATS. The Village has been a member of the organization for many years. Funds are distributed by the State of Illinois and made available to the group's members as grants for transportation projects. The State of Illinois recently completed a review of the previous IGA and DUATS By-Laws and recommended some changes to the document requiring each entity to approve it. The changes were minor and don't affect how the group operates or the funding.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Resolution No. 2024-7 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Empowering the Decatur Urbanized Study (DUATS) 2024 as presented, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, Kernan-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2024-8 A Resolution Establishing and Approving a Fee Schedule for the Village of Mt. Zion, Macon County, Illinois: Administrator Miller presented for consideration a resolution establishing a fee schedule for all fees charged by the Village for various permits, licenses, and other services. The schedule does not include fines as they are specifically outlined in the Code of Ordinances.

Water and sewer rates are the driving force for the annual review and adoption. The City of Decatur's annual water rate notice increased by 2.5%. The Decatur Sanitary District annual sewer rate notice increased by 6%. The Village has also seen increases in almost all water related expenses including construction and pipe prices, chemical prices, IEPA mandates that require additional testing and reporting, and labor costs. Considering all increases and inflation, the fee schedule raises the Village's water rate 4% and the Village's sewer rate 4% beginning June 1st.

Another change to the fee schedule is a decrease in raffle permit fees to help not-for-profit organizations raise money. The final change is an increase in rental fees for Fletcher Park facilities. Discussion was held regarding Fletcher Park rental fees and the Township's request for a discount

made at a meeting today with Administrator Miller, John Trusner and Walt Coleman. Administrator Miller will look over the last 2 years of rental contracts to determine the number of Township residents renting Fletcher Park facilities.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Resolution No. 2024-8 Establishing and Approving a Fee Schedule for the Village of Mt. Zion as amended per typo Fletcher Park Amphitheater (Friday-Sunday) Non-Resident \$400.00, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, Kernan-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2024-12 An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Mt. Zion and Casa Development, LLC – Parkside East Residential Subdivision – Site Marketing: Administrator Miller presented an ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with Casa Development, LLC to offer assistance with the marketing of available building sites in Parkside East. Site marketing is available to developers under Illinois TIF law.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Ordinance No. 2024-12 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Mt. Zion and Casa Development, LLC – Parkside East Residential Subdivision – Site Marketing as presented, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-abstain, Scales-yea, Kernan-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent, 1-abstain.

Consideration and action on the Re-appointment and Confirmation of Dan Martini to the Mt. Zion Police Pension Board: Mayor Williams presented for consideration the re-appointment of Dan Martini to the Mt. Zion Police Pension Board for a term ending May 12, 2026. Mr. Martini currently serves on the Board and has agreed to continue to serve.

A motion was made by Trustee Kernan to approve and confirm Dan Martini to the Mt. Zion Police Pension Board as presented, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, Kernan-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Treasurer McKenzie reported the successful Sale of Surplus totals. The Village will try to sell the water meters at a later date or scrap.

Director Wilson shared the April 25th-27th community rummage sales and the May 4th Sparkle and Shine event. Also, the Fletcher Park tennis courts dedication has been moved to April 29th at 4:30pm.

Chief Skundberg reported that the Mt. Zion Police Department, Mt. Zion Fire Department, and local ambulance service are participating in a crash re-enactment with the Mt. Zion High School.

Director Reynolds reported that he received a call this morning from the State Engineer that work will begin tomorrow, April 16th on State Route 121, weather permitting.

Administrator Miller reported that Waste Management reached out to her to schedule a meeting for a proposal as their current contract expires December 2024.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to adjourn the April 15, 2024 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Reynolds
Village Clerk

