

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 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, and Wendy Kernen. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Director of Public Works, Chad Reynolds, Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, Parks and Recreation Director, Tiffany Wilson, Event Coordinator, Tiffany Streibich, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds. Donna Scales, Nate Patrick, and Phil Tibbs were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing – Proposed 2024 Tax Levy: A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Siudyla, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment on the Proposed 2024 Tax Levy. No one wished to speak at the Public Hearing. Administrator Miller announced that no written or verbal comments were received from the public.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Kernan, seconded by Trustee Doty. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Public Hearing – Proposed FY 2025 Budget: A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Siudyla, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment on the FY 2025 Budget. No one wished to speak at the Public Hearing. Administrator Miller announced that no written or verbal comments were received from the public.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Siudyla, seconded by Trustee Doty. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Public Forum: Two (2) people were present. No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Kernan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending December 16, 2024 is as follows: General Fund - \$272,043.24, Motor Fuel Tax - \$31,191.11, BDD - \$27,705.00, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$10,000.00, 2024 G.O. Capital Project - \$6,345.00, Water Revenue Fund - \$107,440.72, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$77,156.23. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Kernan-yea, and Mayor Williams-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 3-absent.

Consideration and action on the Village of Mt. Zion 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2025-2029: Administrator Miller presented the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2029 for approval. FY 2025 includes all projects presented at the previous Board meeting. Years 2026-2029 contain projects on the horizon but are subject to change as needs and resources change. All FY 2025 projects have been included in the budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the Village of Mt. Zion 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2025-2029 as presented, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Kernan-yea, and Mayor Williams-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 3-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2024-29 An Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Budget Pursuant to Chapter 24, Section 8-2-9.1 of the Illinois Revised Statutes for the FY Beginning January 1, 2025 and Ending December 31, 2025: Administrator Miller presented the FY 2025 Budget for approval. A copy of the proposed budget has been available for public comment at Village Hall as well as the Village's website. The Public Hearing was published in the newspaper. No written or verbal comments were received from the public. The budget must be approved and filed with the Macon County Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Budget Pursuant to Chapter 24, Section 8-2-9.1 of the Illinois Revised Statutes for the FY Beginning January 1, 2025 and Ending December 31, 2025 as presented, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Kernan-yea, and Mayor Williams-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 3-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2024-30 An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for All Full-Time Employees and Elected Officials of the Village of Mt. Zion and Repealing Ordinance 2023-19: Administrator Miller presented the salary ranges for all full-time employees for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Kernan to approve the FY 2025 Salaries and the Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for All Full-Time Employees of the Village of Mt. Zion and Repealing Ordinance 2023-19 as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Kernan-yea, and Mayor Williams-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 3-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2024-31 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois: Administrator Miller presented the annual tax levy for approval. The 2024 Tax Levy Ordinance reflects a slight increase in the funds requested due to growth within the Village. Even with the increase, if the estimated EAV is accurate the actual tax rate should be lower than last year.

No written or verbal comments were received by the public. The ordinance must be approved and filed with the Macon County Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for 2024 as presented, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Kernan-yea, and Mayor Williams-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 3-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2024-32 An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year to Pay Debt Service on \$2,166,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) of the Village of Mt. Zion, Macon County, Illinois: Administrator Miller presented an ordinance abating the property tax levy to repay the \$2,166,000 G.O. Bonds for 2024 for approval. The bonds were a refinance of bonds originally issued in March of 2009 for Fletcher Park. The Village pledged utility tax revenues as the source for the repayment of the bonds. The ordinance must be approved and filed with the Macon County Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Ordinance Abating the Tax Levy for the Debt Service on \$2,166,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for Tax Year 2024 as presented, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Kernan-yea, and Mayor Williams-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 3-absent.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Clerk Reynolds informed the Board that they will receive an email of the 2025 Holiday & Meeting schedule.

Treasurer McKenzie reported the Sale of Surplus total of \$6,597.00.

Coordinator Streibich invited the Board to the Mardi Gras Casino Night on February 15th.

Director Wilson shared the Village Christmas events.

Director Reynolds reported the Vollmer buildings have been demolished and a snow fence will be installed to keep the property closed off.

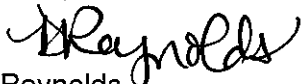
Administrator Miller informed the Board of meetings she will be attending for the Mt. Zion Park Foundation Board and Macon County Rural Transportation Board.

Mayor & Trustee Items:

Trustee Doty gave kudos to Public Works for a job well done on the demolition and asked for replacement of the bike trail sign on Baltimore and Main Street. Doty also thanked everyone for what they do.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to adjourn the December 16, 2024 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reynolds".

Dawn Reynolds
Village Clerk