

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 18, 2023  
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, Donna Scales, and Phil Tibbs. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, Parks and Recreation Director, Tiffany Wilson, Event Coordinator, Tiffany Streibich, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds. Nate Patrick and Wendy Kernan were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Williams asked for public comment on the FY 2024 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 Scales. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Public Forum: Fourteen (14) people were present. No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Scales to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending December 18, 2023 is as follows: General Fund - \$122,788.99, Liability Insurance - \$103,936.91, Motor Fuel Tax - \$14,011.42, BDD - \$250.60, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$174,824.10, Water Revenue Fund - \$110,326.25, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$33,731.13. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-16 Providing for and Approving the First Amendment to the Mt. Zion Rt. 121 Tax Increment Financing District II Redevelopment Project Area, Plan and Projects: Mayor Williams requested to table the item.

Swearing-In New Officer Noah Ruenger to the Mt. Zion Police Department: Chief Skundberg announced the hiring of Noah Ruenger. Clerk Reynolds administered the Oath of Office for Officer Ruenger.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-17 An Ordinance Providing for the Issue of \$690,800 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, of the Village of Mt. Zion, Macon County, Illinois for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds, and for the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof: Mayor Williams recused himself from the agenda item. Administrator Miller presented an ordinance for the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds (G.O. Bonds). The public hearing was held at the November 20, 2023 Board meeting. The proceeds from the issuance will be used for capital projects from the upcoming 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

Tim King of King Financial was present to answer any questions regarding the issue.

A motion was made by Trustee Scales to approve the Ordinance Providing for the Issue of \$690,800 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, of the Village of Mt. Zion, Macon County, Illinois, for the Levy of Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds, and for the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof as presented, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on the Village of Mt. Zion 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2024-2028: Administrator Miller presented the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2024-2028 for approval. FY 2024 includes all projects presented at the previous Board meeting. No changes have been made. Years 2025-2028 contain projects on the horizon but are subject to change as needs and resources change. All FY 2024 projects have been included in the budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Village of Mt. Zion 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2024-2028 as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-18 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, 2024 and Ending December 31, 2024: Administrator Miller presented the FY 2024 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, 2024 and Ending December 31, 2024 as presented, seconded by Trustee Scales. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-19 An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for All Full-Time Employees and Elected Officials of the Village of Mt. Zion and Repealing Ordinance 2022-13: Administrator Miller presented the salary ranges for all full-time employees for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Scales to approve the FY 2024 Salaries and the Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for All Full-Time Employees of the Village of Mt. Zion and Repealing Ordinance 2022-13 as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-20 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois: Administrator Miller presented the annual tax levy for approval. The 2023 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 Tibbs to approve the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for 2023 as presented, seconded by Trustee Scales. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-21 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 2023 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 2023 as presented, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-22 An Ordinance Approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of An Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract: Administrator Miller presented an ordinance approving the Village's membership and authorizing the execution of the intergovernmental cooperation contract with IMLRMA. The Village's policies take effect January 1, 2024 and run through January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the Ordinance Approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract as presented, seconded by Trustee Scales. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2023-15 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois and the Township of Mt. Zion, Illinois for the Provision of Police Services: Administrator Miller presented a resolution renewing the intergovernmental agreement with the Mt. Zion Township for police services. The proposed agreement is for five years and either party can end the agreement with 90 days' written notice.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Mt. Zion and Township of Mt. Zion for Police Services as presented, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor & Trustee Items:

More wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to adjourn the December 18, 2023 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Scales. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Reynolds  
Village Clerk