

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 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, Village Attorney Ed Flynn, Village Attorney Ross Munsterman, Parks and Recreation Director, Tiffany Wilson, Event Coordinator, Tiffany Streibich, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: One (1) person was present.

Kathy Hadden asked the amount of the Waste Management increase.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Trustee Doty. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending January 21, 2025 is as follows: General Fund - \$106,258.06, Motor Fuel Tax - \$1,486.73, BDD - \$32,395.93, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$14,822.82, Water Revenue Fund - \$97,530.03, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$39,788.10. 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 the Mt. Zion Board of Police Commissioners 2024 Annual Report: Chief Skundberg presented for consideration the Mt. Zion Board of Police Commissioners annual report. As required by State Statute, the report must be filed with the Village Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to accept the Mt. Zion Board of Police Commissioners Annual Report for 2024 as presented, seconded by Trustee Patrick. 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. 2025-1 An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the Mt. Zion Route 121 TIF District II Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Macon County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis for Tax Year 2023 Payable in 2024: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration Ordinance No. 2025-1 declaring surplus revenue as required by the IGA adopted with the Mt. Zion Route 121 TIF District II. Under the IGA, 75% of the tax revenue generated from "Pre-existing Single-Family Residential Properties" and 10% of the tax revenue generated from all other properties in the TIF District is to be declared surplus and returned to Macon County to redistribute to the taxing bodies. The surplus amount this year was \$123,919.97. The Route 121 TIF District II received \$327,462.69 from the 2023 tax year. The current fund is \$480,084.35.

A motion was made by Trustee Scales to approve Ordinance No. 2025-1 An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the Mt. Zion Route 121 TIF District II Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Macon County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro-Rata Basis for Tax Year 2023 Payable in 2024 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 Ordinance No. 2025-2 An Ordinance Amending the Budget for Fiscal year 2024: Treasurer McKenzie presented an ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2024. The amendment is due to unexpected expenses related to IEPA compliance reporting, resulting in additional engineering expenses of over \$20,000.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Ordinance No. 2025-2 Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 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 Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2024: Treasurer McKenzie presented the budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2024, which is an annual requirement prior to the audit.

A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to approve the budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2024 as presented, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. 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 2025-1 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program (Municipal Electrical Aggregation): Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration a resolution authorizing the Mayor or Village Administrator to sign and execute the contract with the lowest responsible bidder to aggregate the residential and small commercial retail electric loads located within the Village. The Village has passed this same resolution with Stone River Group in past years.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Resolution No. 2025-1 Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers as presented, 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. 2025-3 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 32, Sec 32-97 of the Mt. Zion Code of Ordinances: Administrator Miller presented for consideration an ordinance amending the chapter and section pertaining to snow emergencies. The purpose of the amendment is to clearly define the penalty for not removing a car from the street when a snow emergency is declared and to establish the fine at \$100.00 rather than a normal parking ticket of \$25.00.

Discussion was held regarding the amount of the increase, parking tickets written in the past and efforts made by the Village knocking on doors.

A motion was made by Trustee Tibbs to approve Ordinance No. 2025-3 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 32, Sec 32-97 of the Mt. Zion Code of Ordinances as presented, seconded by Trustee Scales. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yes, Scales-yea, Kernan-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent

#### Administrator & Staff Items:

Treasurer McKenzie gave Trustees a copy of the 2025 budget. He also reported that copies of the CIP will be available at the February meeting and the auditors will be here next week.

Coordinator Streibich announced the February 15<sup>th</sup> Casino Night event.

Director Reynolds reported that the Public Works Department handled the snow with no accidents.

Administrator Miller reported that many phone calls have been received in regards to the Waste Management increase and information about a replacement program for Sparkle and Shine will be coming soon. She also informed the Board that another TTHM notice will be going out in this month's water bill and the City of Decatur is working on a project to help eliminate the high levels. Also, an IGA for the transit system project will be coming to the Board next month.

Mayor & Trustee Items:

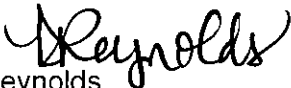
Trustee Siudyla thanked Public Works for the snow removal and the Police Department for traffic control during a recent funeral.

Executive Session – Section 2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining: A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to enter Executive Session at 5:43 p.m., seconded by Trustee Scales. A voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to exit Executive Session at 5:57 p.m., seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A voice vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to adjourn the January 21, 2025 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Scales. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Reynolds  
Village Clerk