

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 21, 2025  
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, and Phil Tibbs. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Village Attorney, Ross Munsterman, Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds. Jack Vance and Evan West were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: Two (2) people were present.

Darcy Grinestaff, a 60-year resident, addressed the Board regarding solar zoning issues. Mr. Grinestaff asked the Board to consider pushing solar farms at least 2 miles outside of Village limits.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending July 21, 2025 is as follows: General Fund - \$371,758.77, Audit - \$7,860.00, Motor Fuel Tax - \$13,858.07, BDD - \$152,733.25, Rt/ 121 TIF District - \$22,269.75, Water Revenue Fund - \$116,750.53, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$52,914.56. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Resolution 2025-13 A Resolution Approving the Contract Agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee: Administrator Miller presented for consideration a resolution approving the contract agreement between the Village of Mt. Zion and the Police Benevolent Labor Committee. The current contract expires on December 31, 2028.

Administrator Miller went over the changes in the contract. Attorney Munsterman explained the change in language for overtime compensation to a 36 hour work week and a 44 hour work week (80 hour pay period).

A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to approve Resolution 2025-13 A Resolution Approving the Contract Agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee subject to changes in Article 10, Section 1 Regarding Overtime Compensation to 80 hours, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance 2025-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 119: Zoning Code of the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois Code of Ordinances: Administrator Miller presented for consideration an ordinance amending the Village's zoning code to address wind and solar renewable energy systems. Under Illinois law, the Village cannot ban wind and solar energy systems. The Village can regulate the systems only to the extent allowed by the State. The ordinance will require anyone wishing to install a wind or solar energy system to obtain a special use permit after a public hearing has been held and the plans have been reviewed to ensure they follow design standards established by the State of Illinois.

Discussion was held regarding the request by Darcy Grinestaff and the recent Harry Land Road solar farm approved by Macon County. Municipalities and counties in Illinois have different State Statutes that must be followed.

The special use permit process does not apply to residential or commercial energy systems for generation of electricity for their own personal use.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Ordinance 2025-13 An Ordinance Approving Chapter 119: Zoning Code of the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois Code of Ordinances as presented, seconded by Trustee Patrick. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Administrator Miller gave kudos to Treasurer McKenzie for a successful Blue Ribbon Day event. Miller also thanked the Police Department for traffic control and the Public Works Department for set up and clean up. Miller reported that she attended a micro transit meeting with Cass Marketing and the program will roll out on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor & Trustee Items:

Trustee Doty inquired about wraps for stainless steel light boxes around the Village, offering an art contest with the school district.

Trustees thanked staff for Blue Ribbon Days.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to adjourn the July 21, 2025 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Doty. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DReynolds", written in a cursive style.

Dawn Reynolds  
Village Clerk