

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 20, 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, Nate Patrick, Donna Scales, and Wendy Kernan. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, Director of Public Works, Chad Reynolds, Parks and Recreation Director, Tiffany Wilson, Event Coordinator, Tiffany Streibich, Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds. Phil Tibbs was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing – Intent to Sell \$691,000 G.O. Bonds Series 2024: A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Scales, seconded by Trustee Patrick. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment on the Intent to Sell \$691,000 G.O. Bonds Series 2024. No one wished to speak at the Public Hearing.

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

Public Forum: Five (5) people were present.

Bill Shaw read a thank you note to the Village for asphaltting the area in front of the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Scales to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending November 20, 2023 is as follows: General Fund - \$470,240.42, Motor Fuel Tax - \$13,336.91, BDD - \$522,307.86, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$882.50, 2009 Fletcher/TIF B/I Repay - \$174,470.25, Cannabis Regulation Fund - \$5,000.00, Water Revenue Fund - \$93,374.49, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$29,802.08. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, and Kernan-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action of the Mayoral Appointment and Confirmation of Erik Ethell to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners: Mayor Williams presented for consideration the appointment of Erik Ethell to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Erik will be replacing Jennifer Harris at the end of her term expiring December 31, 2023. Erik's term will expire December 31, 2026.

Erik spoke about his current duties as a Lieutenant with the Decatur Police Department.

A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to approve and confirm Erik Ethell to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as presented, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, and Kernan-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Clerk Reynolds administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Erik Ethell.

Consideration and action on Presentation and Request for Additional Tax Levy Funding – Mt. Zion Police Pension Fund: Administrator Miller presented a letter from the Mt. Zion Police Pension Fund's attorney, John Wolters of Cavanagh & O'Hara LLP, explaining the need for additional funding. The original request was for \$119,028 and the new request is for \$169,579. The proposed tax levy will not increase the tax rate for next year and will satisfy the required statutory contribution for tax year 2023 payable in 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to accept and approve the request for additional funding from the Mt. Zion Police Pension Board of \$169,579 as presented, seconded by Trustee Patrick. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, and Kernan-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2023-14 A Resolution Approving IMLRMA Proposal for Coverage and Risk Management Services: Administrator Miller presented a resolution approving Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association's proposal for the Village's liability insurance coverages for 2024. This year staff sought proposals from IML and Assured Partners, the Village's current broker. The quotes are comparable, but IMLRMA has a deductible of \$500 versus \$10,000 with Assured Partners. Also, IMLRMA does not conduct worker's compensation audits unless they suspect a client is being untruthful about their payroll numbers.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the Resolution Approving Renewal of Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance Coverage, Cyber Liability and Commercial Crime Insurance, and Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage for the Village of Mt. Zion as presented, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, and Kernan-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Change Order No. 1 – IL 121 & Village Parkway – Village Park West Entrance: Administrator Miller presented for consideration Change Order No. 1 for the Illinois 121 & Village Park West Entrance project. The change order is an increase of \$8,060 for the addition of 4" aggregate that was omitted from the bid documents and 70 LF of PVC conduit for cable for the upcoming traffic signal project. The project is being funded with TIF funds.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,060 making the new contract price \$188,560 with Kinney Contractors as presented, seconded by Trustee Scales. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-abstain, Scales-yea, and Kernan-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent, 1-abstain.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 32: Traffic and Vehicles of the Village of Mt. Zion Code of Ordinances – No Parking Green Valley Drive: Administrator Miller presented for consideration an ordinance declaring no parking on both sides of Green Valley Drive. The new owner of both properties on Green Valley Drive has requested no parking due to increased truck traffic. If approved, Public Works will post signs as required and the Police Department will begin enforcement.

A motion was made by Trustee Kernan to approve Ordinance No. 2023-14 Amending Chapter 32: Traffic and Vehicles of the Village of Mt. Zion Code of Ordinances, seconded by Trustee Scales. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, and Kernan-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-15 An Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Mt. Zion: Administrator Miller presented for consideration an ordinance regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act. In March of 2023, Governor Pritzker signed into law the Paid Leave for All Workers Act which requires all employers to provide paid leave for all employees, both part-time and full-time. With the passage of the Act, the State of Illinois did not make the necessary appropriations or include statutory language exempting the Act from the Illinois State Mandate Act, which therefore makes this Act an unfunded mandate and will also create a financial and operational burden on the Village.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Ordinance No. 2023-15 Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act, seconded by Trustee Patrick. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Scales-yea, and Kernan-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-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.

Presentation of the Proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan – Discussion Only: Treasurer McKenzie presented a power point that outlined upcoming projects and recommendations from staff for the Village's infrastructure maintenance.

Presentation of the Proposed FY 2024 Budget – Discussion Only: Administrator Miller presented a power point of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024. The public notice will be published in the Record Herald and posted on the Village website along with a copy of the budget.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Director Wilson announced the upcoming Tree Lighting event at Fletcher Park. A 12-foot tree has been planted for this year's festivities. Also, the Village is having the annual holiday lighting contest.

Director Reynolds reported that Public Works began hanging Christmas decorations today.


Mayor & Trustee Items:

Trustee Doty inquired about marked pickle ball courts at Fletcher Park for the summer. Administrator Miller and Director Wilson will check into it.

Trustee Patrick thanked staff for their hard work on the budget.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to adjourn the November 20, 2023 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Doty. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dawn Reynolds  
Village Clerk