

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 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, Jack Vance, Evan West, and Phil Tibbs. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, Director of Public Works, Chad Reynolds, Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, Parks and Recreation Director, Tiffany Wilson, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: One (1) person was present and did not wish to address the Board at this time.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Vance. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending October 20, 2025 is as follows: General Fund - \$180,961.09, Liability Insurance - \$93,273.67, Motor Fuel Tax - \$56,581.61, BDD - \$9,416.50, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$9,255.80, 2024 G.O. Capital Project - \$26,426.25, 2009 Fletcher/TIF B/I Repay - \$176,450.75, Water Revenue Fund - \$201,506.50, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$43,085.48. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-yea, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2025-16 A Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – ITEP Harry Land Bike Path Project: Administrator Miller presented for consideration a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$150,000.00 for the ITEP Harry Land Bike Path Project. IDOT requires the passage of the resolution. The project has already been completed, but IDOT informed the Village that we needed to pass an additional resolution authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds to cover our portion.

A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to approve Resolution No. 2025-16 for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code as presented, seconded by Trustee Vance. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-yea, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Presentation of the 2025 Preliminary Proposed Tax Levy – Discussion Only: Administrator Miller presented the proposed 2025 Tax Levy, Tax Rate, and EAV Comparison. The Village will not be levying more than 5% over the previous year, so a public hearing is not required. This year is the quadrennial assessment for all property within the Village. The assessor has raised assessments approximately 7.5% for almost all properties due to rising home values over the past four years. If the projected EAV is close, the Village's tax rate should drop by approximately \$0.03. The levy ordinance must be filed with the County by December 23rd.

Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2025-17 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2026 Ford F550 4x4: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2026 Ford F550 4x4 truck with a dump bed and snowplow from Victory Lane Ford in Litchfield, Illinois for \$138,785.00. The payment will be \$37,784.37 for the next four years beginning January 1, 2027. The truck will be replacing the 1998 Dodge Ram 3500 Dump Truck that was sold through a sale of surplus ordinance in March of 2025. The vehicle will be financed through a municipal lease purchase agreement and Scott State Bank provided the lowest interest rate of 3.50%.

A motion was made by Trustee Vance to approve the Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2026 Ford F550 4x4 from Victory Lane Ford in the amount of \$138,785.00 and authorizing the Village Administrator to execute all necessary documents for the purchase as presented, seconded by Trustee Patrick. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-yea, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2025-21 An Ordinance for the Levy and Collection of Direct Annual Tax to Pay Annual Installments, Beginning January 1, 2026: Administrator Miller presented for consideration an ordinance asking the County Clerk to levy a direct tax for the annual installments of the 2026 Ford F550 4x4 truck with dump bed and snowplow. The levy term is annual for four years in the amount of \$37,784.37 and is equal to approximately \$.0232 per 100 of EAV on all property within the Village.

The Ordinance will be published twice in the newspaper and if no petition is received after 30 days, it will be recorded with the County Clerk for extension.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Ordinance for the Levy and Collection of Direct Annual Tax to Pay Annual Installments Beginning January 1, 2026 of the Village of Mt. Zion, County of Macon, State of Illinois as presented, seconded by Trustee West. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-yea, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Consideration and Action on the 2026 Holiday and Meeting Schedule: Presented for consideration was the annual Holiday and Meeting Schedule for 2026. The Village is required to post the annual schedule for public information.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the 2026 Holiday and Village Meeting Schedule as presented, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-yea, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 6-yea, 0-nay, 0-absent.

Presentation of the Proposed 2026-2030 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. McKenzie stated this is the easiest CIP he has put together due to the pavement assessment done earlier this year.

Discussion was held regarding maintenance of bridges within the Village.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Director Wilson shared with the Board that fall activities are on the website and welcomes nominations for a Halloween house decorating contest.

Director Reynolds informed the Board of recent water main breaks and Phase 2 of the Sewer Project will begin next week.

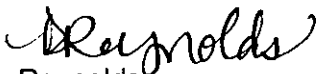
Administrator Miller updated the Board that the salt bin is being built at Public Works, the traffic signal is due to go live on December 1st, and the solar projects are due for completion in December. Miller also gave an update on the first 30 days of the Decatur Moves transit system.

Mayor & Trustee Items:

Trustee Patrick thanked the Police Department for an accident assist.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to adjourn the October 20, 2025 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Reynolds
Village Clerk