

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2024  
5:15 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Scales 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, and Phil Tibbs. Also present were Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, Parks and Recreation Director, Tiffany Wilson, Event Coordinator, Tiffany Streibich, and Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie. Mayor Lucas Williams, Trustee Wendy Kernan, and Trustee Nate Patrick were absent.

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 Doty to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending February 20, 2024, is as follows: General Fund - \$171,287.84, Special Revenue Fund - \$6,242.00, Motor Fuel Tax - \$542.37, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$14,948.14, Business Development District - \$58,419.89, Water Revenue Fund - \$124,499.24, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$65,708.38. 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. 2024-1 Authorizing the Amendment of An Investment Policy in Accordance with the Local Government Investment Policy Act for the Village of Mt. Zion:

Treasurer McKenzie presented Resolution No. 2024-1 authorizing an amendment for the Investment Policy for the Village of Mt. Zion. The biggest proposed change to the policy allows staff to better invest idle funds while remaining in compliance with their own policy. Under the previous policy, staff could only invest up to 50% of the total investment portfolio with one single financial institution. The updated policy removes pooled Government investment funds, such as IMET or Illinois Funds, from the equation allowing staff to take advantage of higher interest rates.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Resolution No. 2024-1 Authoring the Amendment of An Investment Policy in Accordance with the Local Government Investment Policy Act for the Village of Mt. Zion 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 Resolution No. 2024-2 A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code – Motor Fuel Tax: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration Resolution No. 2024-2 for the 2024 Motor Fuel Tax Program. This resolution is a requirement of IDOT to authorize expenditures from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. This resolution includes street patching, salt and sand for snow and ice removal, street sweeping, traffic control maintenance, sign maintenance, chip and oil, and other street maintenance items such as storm sewer maintenance for calendar year 2024 for a total of \$404,028.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Tibbs to approve Resolution No. 2024-2 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code – Motor Fuel Tax 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 Resolution No. 2024-3 Opening of Closed Session Minutes as Authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration Resolution 2024-3 authorizing the opening of closed session minutes from the meeting of October 16, 2023. The Illinois Open Meetings Act requires a review of these minutes semi-annually.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Resolution No. 2024-3 Opening of Closed Session Minutes as Authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act 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

Discussion and approval on Ordinance No. 2024-4 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 32 – Traffic and Vehicles – Yield Sign at Intersection of Ashland Avenue and Alexander Drive: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration Ordinance No. 2024-4 amending Chapter 32 – Traffic and Vehicles. This amendment would allow the Public Works Department to install a yield sign at the intersection of Ashland Avenue and Alexander Drive.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Ordinance No. 2024-4 Amending Chapter 32 – Traffic and Vehicles 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. 2024-5 An Ordinance Declaring a Surplus Revenue in the Mt. Zion Route 121 TIF District II Special Tax Allocation Fund for Tax Year 2022 Payable in 2023: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration Ordinance No. 2024-5 declaring a 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 \$89,100.99.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Ordinance No. 2024-5 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 2022 Payable 2023 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. 2024-6 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Article III – Solicitors Provisions: Chief Skundberg presented for consideration Ordinance No. 2024-6 amending Chapter 18, Article III – Solicitors Provisions. This Amendment will limit solicitation hours from 9 am to 7 pm (or sunset, whichever comes first) from Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday's hours would be from 9 am to 2 pm. The amendment also allows for a “No Knock Registry” for residents to give prior notice to the police department that they wish to not be approached by solicitors.

A motion was made by Trustee Tibbs to approve Ordinance No. 2024-6 Amending Chapter 18, Article III – Solicitors Provisions 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 Resolution No. 2024-4 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Local Agency Engineering Services Agreement Between Farnsworth Group, Inc. and the Village of Mt. Zion, Macon County, Illinois: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration Resolution No. 2024-4 authorizing the execution of and Engineering Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for the ITEP Harry Land Bike Path Project. This supplemental agreement reflected an increase of \$4,587 to the original agreement that was caused by IDOT approval delays.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Resolution No. 2024-4 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Local Agency Engineering Services Agreement Between Farnsworth Group, Inc. and the Village of Mt. Zion, Macon County, Illinois 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 Resolution No. 2024-5 for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – ITEP Grant: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration Resolution No. 2024-5 authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for their share of the Phase 2 design engineering and Phase 3 construction engineering and professional services for the ITEP Harry Land Bike Path Project. This Resolution included the escalated fees approved in Resolution 2024-4.

A motion was made by Trustee Tibbs to approve Resolution No. 2024-5 for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$9,078 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

Administrator & Staff Items:

Event Coordinator Streibich updated the Board of the upcoming craft show.

Treasurer McKenzie reported there was a job opening at the Public Works Department and staff would begin the process of finding a suitable candidate.

Mayor & Trustee Items:

None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Doty to adjourn the February 20, 2024 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Corey McKenzie  
Village Treasurer