

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 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, Evan West and Phil Tibbs. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Director of Public Works, Chad Reynolds, Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, Parks and Recreation Director, Tiffany Wilson, Event Coordinator, Tiffany Streibich, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds. Jack Vance was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing – Proposed FY 2026 Budget: A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Siudyla, seconded by Trustee Doty. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment on the FY 2026 Budget. No one wished to speak at the Public Hearing. Administrator Miller announced that no written or verbal comments were received from the public.

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

Public Forum: Two (2) people were present.

John Larrison, a 14 year Public Works employee addressed the Board regarding the complaints and threats received from residents so far this snow season.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending December 15, 2025 is as follows: General Fund - \$184,931.94, Motor Fuel Tax - \$22,703.28, BDD - \$87,738.40, 2024 G.O. Capital Project - \$1,665.01, Water Revenue Fund - \$114,064.12, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$46,863.98. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-absent, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2025-22 An Ordinance Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025: Administrator Miller presented an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget to increase the System Improvements line item within the 2024 G.O. Capital Project Fund. The increase is due to the fund accruing interest income in excess of the originally budgeted amount and the need to close out the fund prior to the end of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Trustee Tibbs to approve the Ordinance Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-absent, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on the Village of Mt. Zion 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2026-2030: Administrator Miller presented the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2026-2030 for approval. FY 2026 includes all projects presented at the previous Board meeting. Years 2027-2030 contain projects on the horizon but are subject to change as needs and resources change. All FY 2026 projects have been included in the budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve the Village of Mt. Zion 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY 2026-2030 as presented, seconded by Trustee West. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-absent, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2025-23 An Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Budget Pursuant to Chapter 24, Section 8-2-9.1 of the Illinois Revised Statutes for the FY Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026: Administrator Miller presented the FY 2026 Budget for approval. A copy of the proposed budget has been available for public comment at Village Hall as well as the Village's website. The Public Hearing was published in the newspaper. No written or verbal comments were received from the public. The budget must be approved and filed with the Macon County Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Trustee West to approve the Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Budget Pursuant to Chapter 24, Section 8-2-9.1 of the Illinois Revised Statutes for the FY Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026 as presented, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-absent, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2025-24 An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for All Full-Time Employees and Elected Officials of the Village of Mt. Zion and Repealing Ordinance 2024-30: Administrator Miller presented the salary ranges for all full-time employees and elected officials for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to approve the FY 2026 Salaries and the Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for All Full-Time Employees and Elected Officials of the Village of Mt. Zion and Repealing Ordinance 2024-30 as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-absent, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2025-25 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois: Administrator Miller presented the annual tax levy for approval. The 2025 Tax Levy Ordinance reflects a slight increase in the funds requested due to inflationary increase in anticipated expenditures for FY 2026. Even with the increase, if the estimated EAV is accurate the actual tax rate should be lower than last year.

No written or verbal comments were received by the public. The ordinance must be approved and filed with the Macon County Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for 2025 as presented, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-absent, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2025-26 An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year to Pay Debt Service on \$2,166,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) of the Village of Mt. Zion, Macon County, Illinois: Administrator Miller presented an ordinance abating the property tax levy to repay the \$2,166,000 G.O. Bonds for 2025 for approval. The bonds were a refinance of bonds originally issued in March of 2009 for Fletcher Park. The Village pledged utility tax revenues as the source for the repayment of the bonds. The ordinance must be approved and filed with the Macon County Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve the Ordinance Abating the Tax Levy for the Debt Service on \$2,166,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for Tax Year 2025 as presented, seconded by Trustee Patrick. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Patrick-yea, Vance-absent, West-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Treasurer McKenzie expressed appreciation to Public Works for their snow removal efforts.

Director Reynolds reported that with the abundance of snow there have also been numerous water main break repairs.

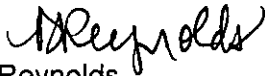
Administrator Miller added that the Police Department has assisted in the removal of cars from streets during the snow emergency.

Mayor & Trustee Items:

The Board thanked staff for their efforts dealing with snow and residents and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Patrick to adjourn the December 15, 2025 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee West. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Reynolds".

Dawn Reynolds
Village Clerk