

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 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, Donna Scales and Wendy Kernan. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Director of Public Works, Chad Reynolds, Police Lieutenant, Mike Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, Tiffany Wilson, Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie, and Village Clerk, Dawn Reynolds. Nate Patrick was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing – Proposal to Exchange Real Estate with Mt. Zion Township: A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Scales, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for public comment on the Exchange of Real Estate. John Trusner, affiliate of Mt. Zion Township, addressed the Board in favor of the exchange of real estate property. The Township's meeting is August 8th and must have 15 people in attendance to vote in favor of the exchange. Mr. Trusner also thanked the Board for the intergovernmental agreement with the police department and use of the Fletcher Park Recreation Center for the senior tax freeze meetings.

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

Public Forum: Five (5) people were present. No one wished 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 Kernan. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending July 17, 2023 is as follows: General Fund - \$110,269.20, Motor Fuel Tax - \$7,095.95, BDD - \$996.50, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$9,147.25, Water Revenue Fund - \$120,318.74, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$45,305.93. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Kernan - yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Mayoral Appointment of Philip Tibbs – Vacant Trustee Position: Mayor Williams presented for consideration his appointment of Philip (Phil) Tibbs for the vacant trustee position left open after the April 4th election.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve and confirm Philip Tibbs as Village Trustee until the next election in April 2025 as presented, seconded by Trustee Doty. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Kernan-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Clerk Reynolds administered the oath of office to newly appointed Trustee Tibbs.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-11 An Ordinance Directing the Exchange of Real Estate By and Between the Village of Mt. Zion and Mt. Zion Township: Administrator Miller presented for consideration an ordinance approving the exchange of real estate between the Village and the Township. Prior to the removal of the old water tower, Mt. Zion Township expressed interest in acquiring the adjacent piece of property for additional parking. The lot is currently landlocked and is not usable by the Village for any future project. The property does have water main located on it and the Village will maintain easements for future repairs. In exchange for the old water tower property, Mt. Zion Township will deed the Village a strip of land adjacent to Fletcher Park on the east side next to the tennis courts. This will allow the Village better access to the shed for maintenance activities. Administrator Miller announced that no written or verbal comments were received from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Scales to approve Ordinance No. 2023-11 Directing the Exchange of Real Estate By and Between the Village of Mt. Zion and Mt. Zion Township as presented, seconded by Trustee Kernan. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, Kernan-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2023-12 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 Utilities Article III – Sewers and Sewage Disposal: Administrator Miller presented for consideration an ordinance amending the Village's sewer ordinance to add rules and regulations for grease traps/interceptors. The additions and changes to the ordinance will help to prevent and slow accumulation of grease in the Village's sewer mains by commercial users. Clogged sewer mains can be costly and can cause major problems for adjacent property owners.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Ordinance No. 2023-12 Amending Chapter 34 Utilities Article III – Sewers and Sewage Disposal as presented, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, Kernan-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 5-yea, 0-nay, 1-absent.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Clerk Reynolds welcomed new Trustee Tibbs and thanked him for serving. Staff and Board stated the same.

Director Reynolds thanked John Wheeler and Township staff for assisting with the removal of storm debris. 150-170 truck loads were picked up in 2.5 days. Reynolds also reported that the 2 generators on reserve for Blue Ribbon Days were able to keep the sewer lift stations running during the power outage.

Administrator Miller informed the Board that a 2nd generator is needed and will be in the next budget, the link to the Code of Ordinances is now on the Village website as well as the updated fee schedule. Miller also gave kudos to Treasurer McKenzie, Director Reynolds and the Public Works Department, Director Wilson and Event Coordinator Streibich, and the Police Department for a successful Blue Ribbon Days event.

Mayor & Trustee Items:

Trustee Doty thanked Public Works for offering one of the reserved generators to Ruff-Inn-It during the storm and for the storm debris removal. Doty was very proud.

Trustee Siudyla thanked staff for their hard work over the last couple of weeks.

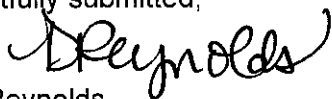
Trustee Scales and Trustee Kernan both thanked everyone for the Blue Ribbon Days event.

Trustee Tibbs thanked everyone for the welcome and thanked Public Works for the storm debris removal.

Mayor Williams stated the same and also thanked Public Works for mowing the Dollar General on Baltimore Avenue.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Scales to adjourn the July 17, 2023 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Siudyla. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Reynolds
Village Clerk