

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 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, Donna Scales, and Phil Tibbs. Also present were Village Administrator, Julie Miller, Chief of Police, Adam Skundberg, Parks and Recreation Director, Tiffany Wilson, Event Coordinator, Tiffany Streibich, Village Attorney, Ross Munsterman, and Village Treasurer, Corey McKenzie. Chris Siudyla arrived at 5:19 p.m. Nate Patrick and Wendy Kernan 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 Scales to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Trustee Doty. A breakdown of Fund Warrants for the period ending February 18, 2025 is as follows: General Fund - \$112,794.88, Motor Fuel Tax - \$4,374.07, BDD - \$63,657.45, Rt. 121 TIF District II - \$3,087.80, Water Revenue Fund - \$108,045.24, and Sewer Revenue Fund - \$32,043.54. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Scales-yea, Tibbs-yea, and Mayor Williams-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 3-absent.

Consideration and action on Ordinance 2025-4 An Ordinance Approving Intergovernmental Agreement Incorporating Village of Mt. Zion Into the City of Decatur's Urban Transit Network: Administrator Miller presented for consideration Ordinance No. 2025-4 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Decatur and the Village of Mt. Zion to include the Village of Mt. Zion in the City's Urban Transit District. Lacie Elzey, Transportation Services Director for the City of Decatur, was present to answer questions from the Board. The agreement will allow Village residents to have access to the City of Decatur's transit system by ways of micro-transit. The micro-transit system will connect riders with a bus at the nearest transit hub where they can then access the fixed bus route to complete their trip. Along with micro-transit, this agreement also provides paratransit for residents with ADA transportation needs. The Village will be responsible for reimbursing the City of Decatur \$80,000 for one ADA vehicle that will have to be replaced approximately every 5 years.

Trustee Doty requested to include information with the water bills or other mailers to get the word out to residents.

A motion was made by Trustee Tibbs to approve Ordinance 2025-4 An Ordinance Approving Intergovernmental Agreement Incorporating Village of Mt. Zion Into the City of Decatur's Urban Transit Network as presented, seconded by Trustee Scales. A roll call vote was taken: Doty-yea, Siudyla-yea, Scales-yea, and Tibbs-yea. Motion carried 4-yea, 0-nay, 2-absent.

Discussion Only – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 119: Zoning Code of the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois Code of Ordinances – Renewable Energy System: Administrator Miller presented for discussion only an Ordinance Amending Chapter 119: Zoning Code of the Village of Mt. Zion Code of Ordinances – Renewable Energy System. Administrator Miller discussed current renewable energy projects taking place on surrounding properties around the Village and wanted to have a discussion with the Board on how to address these types of projects if they were to ever take place within the Village limits. Village Attorney, Ross Munsterman, was present to answer

any questions from the Board regarding the ordinance. The proposed ordinance would require any type of renewable energy project to go through the special use permit process to ensure that they are following all of the required guidelines laid out in the zoning code. Trustee Siudyla wanted to clarify that this ordinance would not have any impact on residential solar projects. Attorney Munsterman said there were parts of the draft ordinance that could be amended to clarify that this is not intended to prevent smaller, residential renewable energy projects. The Board agreed to bring this item back at a later date for consideration and approval.

Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2025-5 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 103: Building Code of the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois Code of Ordinances: Administrator Miller presented for consideration Ordinance No. 2025-5 Amending the Building Code for the Village of Mt. Zion. The new codes would be in line with the City of Decatur's current codes and are also being proposed by the Village of Forsyth and Macon County. The new codes will go into effect on September 1, 2025. The proposed ordinance has a few exceptions, most notably section R313 regarding residential sprinkler systems. Sprinkler systems will not be required for single family homes, duplexes, condominiums, or town homes. Sprinkler systems will be required in commercial and apartment buildings.

A motion was made by Trustee Doty to approve Ordinance 2025-5 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 103: Building Code of the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois Code of Ordinances as presented, seconded by Trustee Scales. 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. 2025-6 An Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Mt. Zion, Illinois: Administrator Miller presented for consideration Ordinance No. 2025-6 Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailer's Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax. This ordinance will implement a 1% sales tax on groceries that was eliminated by Governor Pritzker. The continuation of this tax will ensure the Village will collect adequate revenues to provide necessary services to the residents. It is estimated the Village collects around \$50,000 a year in grocery tax.

A motion was made by Trustee Scales to approve Ordinance 2025-6 An Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Mt. Zion, 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. 2025-2 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation – Harry Land Trail Project: Administrator Miller presented for consideration Resolution No. 2025-2 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Harry Land Trail Project. The estimated cost for this project is \$191,337.50. The Village is responsible for 10% of the cost and the State will be paying for 90%. The Village will be using Motor Fuel Tax funds for their share.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Resolution No. 2025-2 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Harry Land Trail Project 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. 2025-3 A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code – Motor Fuel Tax: Treasurer McKenzie presented for consideration Resolution No. 2025-3 for General Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code. This resolution authorizes the Village to spend Motor Fuel Tax Funds on general maintenance items such as street sweeping, cold patch, traffic control maintenance, and storm sewer maintenance.

A motion was made by Trustee Siudyla to approve Resolution No. 2025-3 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code – Motor Fuel Tax in the amount of \$100,000 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. 2025-4 A Resolution Approving the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Session Meetings as Authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act: Administrator Miller presented for consideration a resolution to destroy audio recordings of a closed session meeting that took place on June 20, 2022. The minutes from this meeting have already been approved and released.

A motion was made by Trustee Tibbs to approve Resolution No. 2025-4 Approving the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Session Meetings as Authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act as presented, seconded by Trustee Scales. 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. 2025-5 A Resolution Approving the Release of Closed Session Minutes as Authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act: Administrator Miller presented for consideration a resolution to release closed session minutes from a meeting on October 21, 2024. State Statutes require the review of closed session minutes semi-annually and all minutes with resolved issues should be opened to the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Scales to approve Resolution No. 2025-5 Approving the Release 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.

Administrator & Staff Items:

Event Coordinator Streibich reminded the Board about the upcoming Craft Show.

Director Wilson announced the Town Rummage Sale weekend will be held April 24th – 26th and that flyers are available.

Administrator Miller advised the Board that Mr. Bill Shaw had passed away at the beginning of the month.

Mayor & Trustee Items: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Scales to adjourn the February 18, 2025 Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Tibbs. A voice vote was unanimous; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey McKenzie, Village Treasurer

