

**Village Board Regular Meeting
Minutes**

March 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The 3296th Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mundelein was held on March 25, 2024 at 300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein. Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Clerk Walsh took the roll call. It indicated as follows:

Board Attendance

PRESENT: Trustees Ross, Meier, Wilson, Lambert, Juarez, Mayor Lentz

ABSENT: Trustee Schwenk

Village Attendance

PRESENT: Attorney Cahill, Village Administrator Guenther, Assistant Village Administrator Monroe, Finance Director Miller, Fire Chief Lark, Police Chief Seeley, Community

Development Director Orenchuk, Public Works and Engineering Director Boeche

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees Regular meeting minutes from March 11, 2024

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Tim Wilson
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Lisa Yaffe spoke about the value of the Tool Library to the Village. It started small serving the Village and now is serving all of Lake County. She said it helps to attract entrepreneurs to the Village and urged the Village not to be penny-wise yet pound foolish and try to find

a way to keep the Tool Library.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

Proclamation - Child Abuse Awareness Month

Mayor Lentz read the Proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention month.

Blue Kids Lake County was created in 2011 and the Village of Mundelein thanks them for helping create a safe environment for children. The residents will see blue signs shaped like a child around town to remind residents of Child Abuse Prevention month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Commission Appointment - Rachel Yim - Mundelein Arts Commission

Motion to approve a commission appointment of Rachel Yim to the Mundelein Arts Commission.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Jenny Berman Ross
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Confirm the appointment of George Sellas as the Director of Building

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Appointing George Sellas as the Village of Mundelein Director of Building effective April 1, 2024.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Tim Wilson
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Community and Economic Development Committee (Wilson, Schwenk, Meier)

2024 Village Zoning Map

Motion to pass an Ordinance Granting Approval of the Official Zoning Map for the Village of Mundelein, Illinois.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Tim Wilson
SECONDER:	Trustee Robin Meier
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

There is an EDC Meeting this coming Thursday. And thank you to everyone that participated at the GLMC Block Party. Also, Mundelein will be featured on WGN's My Hometown Day this Thursday, March 28, 2024. Mayor Lentz will be featured in an interview and some of the Village businesses will be highlighted.

Public Works Committee (Ross, Meier, Lambert)

Certificate of Authority for Salt Bid

Motion to grant the Director of Public Works and Engineering the authority to enter into the State of Illinois rock salt joint purchasing program as stated in the attached certificate of authority.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Jenny Berman Ross
SECONDER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Finance Committee (Schwenk, Juarez, Ross)

Home Rule Sales Tax Increase

Motion to pass an Ordinance Increasing the Village of Mundelein Home Rule Sales Tax .25% effective July 1, 2024, changing the Home Rule sales tax rate from 1.0 to 1.25 and

as a result changing the total Mundelein sales tax rate from the current rate of 8.00% to 8.25%.

RESULT:	[Yes 4, No 1, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Tim Wilson
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson, Steve Lentz
NAYS:	Robin Meier
ABSTAIN:	None

Mayor Lentz stated that this motion was discussed at the recent Village Finance Meeting and is a result of the anticipated removal of the state's 1% grocery tax that has been discussed by Governor Pritzker. This tax is given to all the municipalities in Illinois and the estimated impact on the Village would be a loss of at least \$500,000 per year to the Village, which is very significant. The Village cannot apply its own 1% grocery tax legally because that grocery tax is part of a usage tax at the state level and home rule municipalities cannot impose usage taxes. That money goes straight to our general fund, which amounts to several jobs within police, fire, public works, etc. Raising the sales tax by .25% is the smallest way to recoup the anticipated loss from the state since no one wants their property taxes to go up. Should the Governor's decision to eliminate the grocery tax go through, it would be effective July 1, 2024. Passing this motion would put this increase in place also on July 1. If this grocery tax removal by the state does not happen, the Board would visit this again and discuss removing the .25%.

Trustee Wilson spoke saying that there was a lot of discussion regarding this increase at the recent Finance Meeting; if we want the police and fire to show up when needed, we need the funds. The possible removal of the grocery tax amounts to \$320M being taken away from Illinois communities.

Trustee Meier pointed out that this increase will provide more than double the amount that stands to be lost with the elimination of the grocery tax. Ms. Meier has never seen a government remove a tax--once it's there, it seems to stay (we still have the gas tax). The Board talks about removing them, but it doesn't seem to happen, so she is a strong "no". Ms. Meier stated that emphasizing the effect of this revenue amount on Fire, Police & water over all that this money can be used for (since it goes into a general fund) is kind of a scare tactic..She feels other revenue sources should be explored to find the \$500,000.

Trustee Ross spoke saying the reason we are here is because the State put on the 1% grocery tax and is now possibly removing it. We do not have the option to do a 1 for 1 replacement hence the .25% increase--we are limited as to what we can do.

Trustee Lambert said the Board had discussed this issue at the Finance Meeting and her

view is that this is just a shell game. She pointed out that since the Governor has chosen to possibly cut this large source of revenue from our Village, it is good to be proactive now with the .25% increase. She feels the \$500,000 amount that we predict will be lost is pretty conservative--other communities are poised to lose more than that even.

Trustee Juarez said this puts us in a bad situation either way but feels being proactive with this increase is good. The Board can revisit this issue if the Grocery Tax ultimately is not removed.

Mayor Lentz stated that he was disappointed in Trustee Meier's actions with this issue. At the last meeting Ms. Meier was very definite that the option of removing .25% tax--if the Grocery Tax stayed--and this info was put in the packet. Mr. Lentz asked what options Ms. Meier had explored for covering the loss--she had time to come up with alternative suggestions, instead she had no new ideas to present to the Board and blindsided them this evening. Ms. Meier said she was emphatic that the motion be worded to say that this .25% tax increase would be revisited if the Grocery Tax removal didn't happen, and though it was in the packet that is part of the agenda and available to the public, most don't typically read it.

Governing Body - AT&T

Motion to approve the payment of bills, as indicated on the report dated 03/25/2024.

<u>Dated</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Invoices Totaling</u>
03/25/2024	AT&T	\$2,252.11

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 1]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Jenny Berman Ross
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	Robin Meier

Governing Body

Motion to approve the payment of bills, as indicated in the Governing Body Report for the period between March 12, 2024 and ending March 25, 2024 in the amount of \$1,005,707.54.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Jenny Berman Ross
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Public Safety Committee (Lambert, Wilson, Juarez)

Invoice payment approval for GEMT to Illinois Department of Healthcare / Family Services

Motion to approve purchase order # 13336 and invoice in the amount of \$352,459.24 to the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Kara Lambert
SECONDER:	Trustee Tim Wilson
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Trustee Lambert asked Fire Chief Lark why this was such a large number, and he explained: a few years ago we adopted GEMT and GEMT gives us the opportunity to garner more money with Medicaid transports and to do that, half the money goes back to the state.

Memorandum of Understanding Law Enforcement Records Management System

Motion to Authorize the Village Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Data Access to the Law Enforcement Records Management System by Tyler Technologies.

RESULT:	[Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Kara Lambert
SECONDER:	Trustee Tim Wilson
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Police Chief Seeley stated that a new Citizens Police Academy will be starting on April 3. And the police eligibility list has been exhausted, so anyone interested in becoming a police officer, please visit the police website and fill out an application.

Building Committee (Juarez, Ross, Wilson)

No report.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (Meier, Lambert, Schwenk)

2024 (FY25) Road Rehabilitation Program--Construction Contract Award

Motion to Adopt a Resoution to waive bids and authorize the Director of Public Works and Engineering to sign a contract and execute a purchase order with A Lamp Road Builders in an amount not to exceed \$5,198,899.65.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Robin Meier
SECONDER:	Trustee Tim Wilson
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Other Reports

None.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS**Omnibus Vote Items****Dell Marketing Purchase Order Approval for Microsoft Support**

Motion to approve the purchase order # 13323 and payment to Dell Marketing L.P. for the annual Microsoft licenses.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Jenny Berman Ross
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Moetivations Purchase Order Approval for Dispatch Services

Motion to approve the Purchase Order # 13308 and payment in the amount of \$39,253.71 to Moetivations Incorporated for contract dispatch services.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Jenny Berman Ross
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None

ABSTAIN: None

Mundelein Community Days and Tree Lighting Fireworks Displays

Motion to approve a contract extension with Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions, LaPorte, IN, for the 2024 Mundelein Community Days and Tree Lighting Fireworks Displays.

RESULT: Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]

MOVER: Trustee Daniel Juarez

SECONDER: Trustee Jenny Berman Ross

AYES: Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Sidewalk Repair and Replacement

Motion to approve purchase order #13361 in the amount of \$77,500 to Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc.

RESULT: Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]

MOVER: Trustee Daniel Juarez

SECONDER: Trustee Jenny Berman Ross

AYES: Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

VILLAGE STAFF REPORTS

Village Administrator

No report but there will be an Executive Session.

Village Attorney

No report.

Village Clerk

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to recess into Executive Session to discuss contracts under 5 ILCS 120, Section 2(c)(8).

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Daniel Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Tim Wilson
AYES:	Daniel Juarez, Kara Lambert, Robin Meier, Jenny Berman Ross, Tim Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion to reconvene Village Board Meeting

Attendance

Clerk Walsh took the roll call. It indicated as follows:

Board Attendance

PRESENT: Trustee Ross, Meier, Wilson, Juarez, Lambert, Mayor Lentz

ABSENT: Trustee Schwenk

Village Attendance

Attorney Cahill, Village Administrator Guenther, Assistant Village Administrator Monroe

Action from Executive Session

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Village Clerk