

CALL TO ORDER

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Village of Mundelein was held on February 10, 2025 at 300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein. Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Assistant Administrator Monroe took the roll call. It indicated as follows:

Board Attendance

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

ABSENT: Clerk Walsh

Village Attendance

PRESENT: Attorney Cahill, Village Administrator Guenther, Assistant Village Administrator Monroe, Finance Director Miller, Fire Chief Lark, Police Chief Seeley, Building Department Director Sellas, Community Development Director Orenchuk, Public Works and Engineering Director Boeche

ABSENT: None

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RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Schwenk
AYES:	Trustee Juarez, Trustee Lambert, Trustee Meier, Trustee Berman Ross, Trustee Schwenk, Trustee Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

Mayor Lentz started off by saying this is his last State of the Village address. It originally started as the "economic state of the Village address" and grew into encompassing more of the Village's past year's accomplishments/events. The Village is in a forward motion; Mr. Lentz spoke about the previous 3 Mayors and what they brought to the Village--Lake Michigan water, and the new Village Hall paid with all cash. Mr. Lentz said he wished things could have moved faster but the 2017 flood and the recession set us back.

Mr. Lentz went over his "top 10" as he has done in the past. This year they include the development of the Bank Triangle, roads, Wirtz development, community events, residential development, commissions & committees, TIF #4, fiscal responsibility, tech &

software development, and infrastructure development (Rt 83/60 overpass project). He touched on each one with explanations of what they do and thanked the volunteers for all the work that they do all year.

Property tax rates were discussed, bridge and road tax levies, debt has been kept stable, pensions have been rising due to the addition of staff and the state's pension models. Community Development was discussed--vacancies both residential and industrial, grants have been awarded to various businesses.

Also Mr. Lentz talked about the Soybean Growers Association recently visiting our public works site promoting soybean oil, we use soybean oil mixed in with diesel fuel (bio-fuel) for our public works vehicles.

Our Administration department started the Hometown Heroes program, making banners of our military residents, these banners hang all over the downtown.

Our Police Department and Fire Department got huge kudos for the incredible work they have done--solving the 4 murders, 1 kidnapping, 1 near drowning of a small child and the saving of an unconscious man from the second-story of a burning building. Our Village is blessed and lucky to have these first responders.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY / QUESTIONS

A question was asked "how do we prioritize Village hirings?" Administrator Guenther answered saying hiring is dictated by the growth of the Village, crime trends, fire call trends, and what is needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Trustee Juarez
SECONDER:	Trustee Schwenk
AYES:	Trustee Juarez, Trustee Lambert, Trustee Meier, Trustee Berman Ross, Trustee Schwenk, Trustee Wilson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Village Clerk