

DECEMBER 4, 2024
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 PM

Present: Mayor Grimshaw, Trustees: Hotchkiss, Harter, Linerode (arrived 4:10 pm) and Emery, John Power, Marcia Delong and Justin Herrington

Mayor Grimshaw called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2024 were approved on motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded by Trustee Emery, all aye. Trustee Harter abstained

The following claims were approved for payment on motion of Trustee Hotchkiss seconded by Trustee Emery, all aye:

General Fund Abstract:	6B: \$250,349.07 7A: \$70,182.88
Water Fund Abstract:	6B: \$27,354.26 7A: \$36,574.32
Sewer Fund Abstract:	6B: \$34,650.28 7A: \$41,700.64

Reports were given by John Power/Village Administrator

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye, the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased
State Aid for Local Governments**

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Mexico calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Mexico urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

On motion of Trustee Emery, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye, the following resolution was passed:

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF MEXICO DOWNTOWN
REVITALIZATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village of Mexico has recognized the importance of revitalizing its downtown to promote economic development, enhance community well-being, and preserve the Village's historical and cultural character; and

WHEREAS, a Downtown Revitalization Plan (the "Plan") has been developed to address the needs and goals of the Village of Mexico, including but not limited to improving infrastructure, encouraging sustainable growth, supporting local businesses, and enhancing public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees, local stakeholders, and the general public through a series of public meetings, workshops, and outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Plan provides a comprehensive framework for ongoing and future revitalization efforts, identifying priority projects for implementation in the downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees recognizes that the revitalization of the downtown area will require collaboration with local businesses, property owners, community organizations, and external partners, and is committed to fostering such partnerships to ensure the success of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mexico, as follows:

1. The Village of Mexico Downtown Revitalization Plan, dated November 2024, is hereby adopted as a guiding document for the future development and revitalization of the Village's downtown area.
2. The Village Board of Trustees supports the process of implementing the Plan, including securing funding, coordinating with stakeholders, and initiating the recommended priority projects outlined in the Plan.
3. The Village Board of Trustees will review and update the Plan as needed to ensure it continues to meet the evolving needs and priorities of the Village of Mexico and its residents.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye, the January 2025 village board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Request from Barbara Fishman for cemetery cremation burial changes has been tabled until the January 2, 2025 board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm on motion of Trustee Linerode, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Wallace
Village Clerk