

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Call to Order

Village President Paul Z. Tomazzoli called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Patrick Brumleve
Alma Gomez
Dennis Maze
Elvis Pearson
David Stewart

Absent: Jean A. Britt

Also Present

William C. Eads, B. J. Hale

Minutes of the June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Brumleve, to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

Building Permits

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Brumleve, to issue Building Permit No. 941 to Sammy Ulen for a manufactured home. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Brumleve, that presented bills in the amount of \$20,095.30 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

Budget Report

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending June 30, 2016, as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

Proposed Tax Levy

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Stewart, to approve the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried. A public hearing will be scheduled in compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending May 31, 2016 was presented.

Hiring Part-time Summer Employee

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to hire Austin Lewey as a part-time employee for the summer to be paid minimum wage. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

Resolution No. 2 – 2016 – Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to adopt Resolution No. 2 - 2016 – Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Resolution No. 2 – 2016 reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden, Illinois, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$11,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining street and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those streets, highways, and operations as listed and described on the approved Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the period as given above, submit to the Department of Transportation, on forms furnished by the said Department, a certified statement showing expenditures from and balances remaining in the account(s) for this period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall immediately transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation, at Carbondale, Illinois.

Removal of Tree in Alley on South Centennial Street

The Board has received a request to remove a pine tree in the undeveloped alley between 103 and 109 South Centennial Street. The Board denied the request.

Appointment of Auxiliary Police Officers

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to approve Chief Hale's appointment of Christopher Adams and Max Cohen as Auxiliary Police Officers. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Request for Sewer Adjustment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve a credit of \$362.88 to the sewer bill of Thomas Sather due to a water leak under his residence. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Gas System Maintenance

Superintendent Eads informed the Board of upcoming improvements of putting culverts across ravines to improve the access to areas to be mowed along the gas transportation line and repairing valves within the system.

Gas Rates

The Village Clerk was directed to prepare an ordinance setting forth changes in the gas rates. The minimum bill will be \$15.00 with the elimination of up to 10 units of gas included in the minimum bill.

Probationary Period Ended – Hess and Ebenhoh

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to end the probationary period of Tyler Hess and Thomas Ebenhoh. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Employee Wages 2016-2017

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to increase the hourly wage of Tyler Hess and Thomas Ebenhoh to \$15.00 per hour and grant a fifty cent per hour to all full-time employees including Hess and Ebenhoh. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to grant an additional twenty five cent per hour increase to Maria Braden. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, that part-time employees receive the following hourly pay increases: Timothy Smith, Jesse Spencer, Charles Jackson, Mart Clark will receive a twenty cent per hour increase; Jesse Vicente and Douglas Meadows will receive a fifty cent per hour increase; Brenda Childers will receive a one dollar per day increase. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

The hourly wage increases are retro-active to May 1, 2016.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Brumleve, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk