

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021
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
Todd Dietterle
Larry Hackethal
Austin Sellars

Absent:

Jean A. Britt
Dennis Maze

Also present: Police Chief Jesse Spencer, Chad Eads, Billy J. Abernathy of Shawnee Professional Services

Minutes of December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Cobden American Legion Donation to Village

Members of the Cobden American Legion presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Mayor Tomazzoli for use in extending the disc golf course into an 18-hole course. Motion was made by Dietterle, seconded by Brumleve, that an annual Veterans Day tournament will be held with proceeds to be donated to the American Legion. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Zoning Permits No. 980 (Zamora) and No. 981 (Beckley)

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to issue Zoning Permit No. 980 to Pastor Zamora to enlarge his front porch and Permit No. 981 to Molly and Red Beckley for a storage building. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Brumleve, that presented bills in the amount of \$60,001.20 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Budget Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending December 3015, 2020, as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Fire Department Minutes

The Minutes of the October 19, 2020, meeting of the Cobden Fire Department were presented.

Union County Animal Control Agreement

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Dietterle, to renew participation in the Union County Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement for a contribution of \$2,939.73. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Change in order of Agenda

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to change the order of agenda by moving discussion of hiring of a Police Officer to later in the meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Annexation

Billy Abernathy presented a map of the area proposed to be annexed south of the Village limits. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to authorize Mayor Tomazzoli to proceed with the annexation proposal by consulting with the Village Attorney regarding the next step in the process. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Water System Improvements

Bid openings for the water system improvements are scheduled for January 7, 2021, at 10:00 and 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Request for Sewer Adjustment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to approve Kenneth Chilman's request for a sewer adjustment in the amount of \$494.21. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze
Motion declared carried.

Ordinance No. 2021-1010 - Holidays

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-1010 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 11-5-2 OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried. This Ordinance provides that the Village Hall will not open on Christmas Eve but the complete holiday will be observed as in other departments of the Village workforce.

Sexual Harassment Training

Information regarding Sexual Harassment training was presented. No questions were put forth and training was completed.

Closed Session – Hiring Police Officer

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion regarding a Police Officer. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried and the Board went into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to return to regular open session. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried and the Board returned to open session at 6:12 p.m.

Hiring Police Officer

Michael Winters and Benjamin Godinez were once again interviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to hire Benjamin Godinez with the following provisions:

- Rate of pay \$15.50 per hour
- Reporting to duty as soon as possible
- Probation will be in effect until three months following successful completion of Police Academy
- A contract will be required for a five year commitment. If he leaves Village employment prior to the end of the five-year period, he will be required to reimburse the Village for the cost of training, uniforms and equipment on a pro-rated basis.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Sellars

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

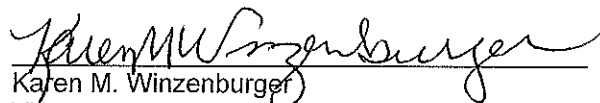
Motion declared carried.

Digital Radio Communications for Public Safety

Chief Spencer was advised to take necessary action to ensure safe, effective radio contact is available for public safety. The consideration of the purchase of digital radios will be on the Agenda for the next Village Board meeting.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.


 Karen M. Winzenburger
 Village Clerk