

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Call to Order**

Village President Larry J. Hackethal called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Jean A. Britt
Patrick Brumleve
Dennis Maze
Austin Sellars
David A. Stewart

Absent: Andrew Brumleve

Also Present: Police Chief Tim Smith, Officer Eric Ralls

**Minutes of August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2025, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried.

**Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that presented bills in the amount of \$463,667.67 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried.

**Budget Report and Line Item Transfers**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Britt, to approve the Budget Report and Line Item Transfers as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried.

**Employee Expense and Overtime Report**

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending July 31, 2025 was presented.

**Village Clerk's Report**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Village Clerk's Report for the month ending July 31, 2025 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried.

**Village Treasurer's Report**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Village Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2025 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried.

**Hiring Eric Ralls – Full-time Police Officer**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to hire Eric Ralls as a full-time police officer for a three-month probationary period at the rate of \$26.00 per hour with full benefits. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried. Ralls will waive health insurance coverage. He will begin work in two weeks (September 1 is anticipated starting date.)  
Chief Smith and Officer Ralls then left the meeting.

**Additional Security Cameras**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to authorize the expense of up to \$2,000.00 for a security camera to be placed at the intersection of East Ash and Front Street. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried.

**Sewer Adjustment Request – Francisco Lara**

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, to approve a sewer account credit adjustment in the amount of \$60.00 for Francisco Lara due to a leak outside his home. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried.

**Parade Contributions**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to donate \$250.00 to the Williamson County Shriners, \$150.00 to the Carroll P. Foster VFW Post and \$150.00 to the Cobden American Legion for their participation in the Peach Festival parade. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve  
Motion declared carried.

**Lou Ann Hartline Memorial**

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, to make a contribution in the amount of \$100.00 to the Cobden Women's Club as a memorial for former Village Treasurer Lou Ann Hartline. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve

Motion declared carried.

Trustee Sellars advised the Board that the Cobden Fire Department would also contribute to the memorial.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk