

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Call to Order**

Village President Paul Z. Tomazzoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Jean A. Britt	Dennis Maze
Patrick Brumleve	David Stewart
Alma Gomez	Frances Swedlund

**Also Present**

Pedro Tomas, Estanislao Tomas, Larry E. Nance, B.J. Hale, Jon Meirndorf, Daric Smith, Chad Eads, Bob Finster, Terry Paligo, Ron Flamm, Doug Campbell

**Minutes of the June 16, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**P'urhépecha Festival**

Pedro Tomas and Estanislao Tomas were present to obtain the Board's approval of their request to hold the P'urhépecha Festival in the Cobden Community Park on September 13 and 14, 2014. They were advised that their group is welcome to use the park pending approval of an application for use of the park and adequate insurance coverage. They then left the meeting.

**TIF District**

Mayor Tomazzoli advised the Board that information regarding the TIF district will be presented at the July 21, 2014 meeting.

**Real Estate Sale Contract**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Osage Enterprises, Inc. for the sale of Lots 1, 2, 3, 15, 15, 17 and 18 in Wiley's Addition to the Village of South Pass, now known as the Village of Cobden, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.  
Purchase price is Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00).

**Ordinance No. 900 – Food Vendor License**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to pass ORDINANCE NO. 900 – AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PREPARED FOOD VENDORS WITHIN THE VILLAGE TO OBTAIN A LOCAL LICENSE. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

The annual fee for the Food Vendor License is One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) with the exception that the fee for the remainder of 2014 will be Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00).

**Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, that presented bills in the amount of \$28,857.56 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Budget Report**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending June 30, 2014 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Budget Status Report**

The Budget Status Report for the period ending June 30, 2014 was presented.

**Tax Levy – Truth in Taxation Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing for public input regarding the proposed tax levy began at 7:15 p.m. Village resident, Terry Paligo, asked for an explanation of various line items including the percentage of the budget that is allocated for salaries and the reason for the administrative expense reimbursement. The hearing ended at 7:25 p.m.

**Ordinance No. 899 – Tax Levy**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to pass and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 899 – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2014 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2015. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Shawnee Development Council Work Experience Program Worksite Agreement**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to enter into the Work Experience Program Worksite Agreement with Shawnee Development Council, Inc. which provides funds for the summer youth employment program. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Cobden Volunteer Fire Department Minutes**

The Minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting of the Cobden Volunteer Fire Department were presented.

**Lawman Program**

Chief Hale advised the Board that the purchase of laptop computers was not included in the Lawman proposal. He is seeking cost estimates for the purchase of the computers.

**Monthly Police Report**

The Monthly Police Report for June 2014 was presented.

**Park Improvement Project**

Trustee Stewart advised the Board that a donation of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) has been received for the Park Improvement Project. He is also anticipating a contribution of funding and the donation of trees and labor from Fairmount Minerals.

**Display of Flags**

It was noted that since the American Legion has disbanded, flags are no longer displayed in the Village on patriotic holidays. Mayor Tomazzoli would like to see this addressed.

**Resolution No. 4-2014 – Loan Resolution**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to adopt Resolution No. 4-2014 – Loan Resolution – authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its sewer facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Closed Session – Suspension/Dismissal of Employee**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the suspension/dismissal of employee. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried and the Board entered Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

**Return to Regular Session**

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:57 p.m. Ron Flamm, Bob Finster, Chad Eads, Larry Nance and Doug Campbell returned to the meeting.

**Change in Order of Agenda**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to change the order of the agenda by moving item 10B Suspension/Dismissal of Employee to item 10I on the Agenda. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Hiring Bruce Moreland and Bret Lingle – Part-time Seasonal Employees**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to hire Bruce Moreland and Bret Lingle as part-time seasonal employees. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Employee Expense and Overtime Report**

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending June 30, 2014 was presented.

**Closed Session – Consideration of Wages 2014 – 2015**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussing employee wages for 2014 – 2015 fiscal year. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried. The Board entered Closed Session at 8:07 p.m.

**Return to Regular Session**

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:40 p.m. Ron Flamm, Bob Finster, Chad Eads, Larry Nance and Doug Campbell returned to the meeting.

**Employee Wages Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that the following rates of pay will be in effect for fiscal year 2014 – 2015. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

Bobby J. Hale	\$20.60/hr.
Jonathan Meirndorf	\$18.50/hr.
Tim Smith	\$14.90/hr.
John Bosecker	\$13.90/hr.
Tyler Webb	\$13.90/hr.
Shawn Knupp	\$13.90/hr.
Brenda Childers	\$17.00 day
Larry E. Nance	\$20.00/hr.
William C. Eads	\$17.00/hr.
Joseph Girtman	\$14.70/hr.
Waylon Logsdon	\$15.00/hr.
Shayne Eddleman	\$15.00/hr.
Ken Furry	\$13.50/hr.
Karen Winzenburger	\$21.28/hr.
Maria Braden	\$15.00/hr.
Charles Jackson	\$ 9.00/hr.
Steven Jackson	\$ 9.00/hr.
Bruce Moreland	\$ 9.00/hr.
Bret Lingle	\$ 9.00/hr.

It was noted that a bonus at the mid-year point would be considered. It is also noted that the wages are retro-active to May 1, 2014 as is traditional.

**Karen M. Winzenburger Work Schedule**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Britt, that effective August 9, 2014, Karen M. Winzenburger’s work week will consist of thirty-five (35) hours and that she will be able to use sick time as personal time. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

This request was made in light of the fact that Winzenburger will cease her contributions to IMRF after reaching 40 years of employment. The Village will also cease contributing which will result in a savings to the Village.

**Ordinance No. 901 – Operation of Vehicles and Equipment**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Gomez, to pass ORDINANCE NO. 901 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 15-1-28 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1 ENTITLED “REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF 1974” ENACTED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 1974. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried. This ordinance eliminates the requirement for public works employees to have a Commercial Driver’s License.

**Handbook Policy Revision**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to revise Section 28B of the Employee Policy Handbook to eliminate the requirement for public works employees to have a Commercial Driver's License. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Job Description Revision – Village Superintendent**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to revise the job description for Village Superintendent to eliminate the requirement to have a Commercial Driver's License. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Job Description Revision – Public Works**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to revise the job description for Public Works Employee to eliminate the requirement to have a Commercial Driver's License. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Resignation – Daric A. Smith**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to accept Daric A. Smith's resignation as a patrolman with the Village of Cobden effective this date. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Swedlund, seconded by Brumleve, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk