

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022  
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:

Jean A. Britt
Patrick Brumleve
Todd Dietterle
Larry Hackethal
Dennis Maze
Austin Sellars

Also Present: Chief Jesse Spencer, Richard Howell

**Minutes of January 3, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Dietterle, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that presented bills in the amount of \$41,186.32 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Budget Report and Line Item Transfers**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to approve the Budget Report and Line Item Transfers for the period ending January 14, 2022, as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Employee Expense and Overtime Report**

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending December 31, 2021 was presented.

**Jim Fuller Memorial**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to contribute the amount of \$100.00 to Hospice of Southern Illinois as a memorial to former Fire Chief Jim Fuller. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Renewal of 9-1-1 Call Handling Agreements**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve renewal of the 9-1-1 Call Handling Agreements between the Union/Alexander County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board and the Police and Fire Departments. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
 Nays: 0 – None  
 Absent: 0 – None  
 Motion declared carried.

**Intergovernmental Agreement – Union County Animal Control Program**

The Intergovernmental Agreement – Union County Animal Control Program for Fiscal Year 2022 was presented. The Village Clerk was requested to contact the County Administrator for details of proposed expenditures.

**Probation Ending – Austin Lewey**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Dietterle, to approve the ending of Austin Lewey's probation and granting him a pay increase of \$1.00 per hour (\$17.50 new hourly wage.) Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
 Nays: 0 – None  
 Absent: 0 – None  
 Motion declared carried.

**Resignation – Benjamin Godinez**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to accept the resignation of Benjamin Godinez with last day of service January 22, 2022. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
 Nays: 0 – None  
 Absent: 0 – None  
 Motion declared carried.

NOTE: As per agreement signed by Godinez upon employment, he will be required to reimburse the Village for expenses incurred at his initial employment at a prorated rate. The amount to be reimbursed is initially \$11,576.84 with a potential reimbursement from the State of \$7,096.68 leaving the amount owed to the Village as \$4,480.16. Mayor Tomazzoli will discuss this with Godinez and come to an agreed payment plan.

**Part-time Employment – Benjamin Godinez**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Maze, to retain Benjamin Godinez as a part-time police officer at the rate of pay of \$16.30 per hour. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
 Nays: 0 – None  
 Absent: 0 – None  
 Motion declared carried.

**Water System Improvements**

Richard Howell presented a water rate analysis indicating estimated rates after IEPA projects along with payment options for the high service pump replacement and VFDs.

Mayor Tomazzoli is meeting with engineers January 20 to discuss the status of various projects.

**Acquisition of Real Estate**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Dietterle, to approve the purchase of one acre of real estate at a purchase price of \$7,500 for the location of an additional well. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
 Nays: 0 – None  
 Absent: 0 – None  
 Motion declared carried.

**Water and Sewer Assistance Charge**

An informational bulletin from the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding a newly created Water and Sewer Assistance Charge was presented. The Board was in agreement that we do not want to assess this charge at this time.

**Winter Wizards Disc Golf Tournament**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to approve the purchase of Player Packs and awards for the Winter Wizards Disc Golf Tournament to be held March 26, 2022. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Renewal of Southern Five Regional Planning District Membership Dues**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to authorize payment of membership dues in the amount of \$1,074.00 to Southern Five Regional Planning District & Development Commission. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Dietterle, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 0 – None  
Motion declared carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

  
Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk