

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Call to Order**

Village Clerk Karen M. Winzenburger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Jean A. Britt
Andrew Brumleve
Patrick Brumleve
Larry Hackethal
Dennis Maze

Absent: Austin Sellars

**Also Present**

Richard Howell of Horner & Shifrin

**Appointment of Temporary Chairman**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Maze, to appoint Patrick Brumleve to serve as Temporary Chairman. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Sellars

Motion declared carried.

**Minutes of December 4, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Britt, to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Sellars

Motion declared carried.

**Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by A. Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, that presented bills in the amount of \$37,807.19 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Sellars

Motion declared carried.

**Employee Expense and Overtime Report**

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending November 30, 2023 was presented.

**Budget Report and Line Item Transfers**

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

Ayes: 5 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Sellars

Motion declared carried.

**IMRF 2024 Contribution Rate Notice**

The IMRF 2024 Contribution Rate Notice was presented. The rate for 2024 is 6.42%.

**Health Alliance Renewal**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Hackethal, to approve renewal of employee health insurance coverage through Health Alliance. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**eDispatch Invoice**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by A. Brumleve, to approve payment of \$420 to eDispatches for 2024 service. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**USDA/Rural Development Grant Application**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Britt, to approve the application for USDA/Rural Development assistance and to designate Karen M. Winzenburger as the signatory for the program documents. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Pay Request #1 – Wiggs Excavating Inc.**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by A. Brumleve, to approve payment of \$44,518.25 to Wiggs Excavating Inc. for services for the valve replacement project. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Change Order #1 – Wiggs Excavating Inc.**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Britt, to approve Change Order No. 1 submitted by Wiggs Excavating Inc. which reduces the contract amount by \$1,606.75. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Quotation for Tank Mixer for Bell Hill Standpipe**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Britt, to table consideration of the quotation for the tank mixer for the Bell Hill standpipe as submitted by Municipal Equipment Company. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Horner and Shifrin Invoice for Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by A. Brumleve, to approve payment of \$2,087.50 to Horner and Shifrin for engineering services for the sanitary sewer replacement project. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Christmas in the Village Proceeds**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Britt, to grant payment of \$100 to the Cobden Community Association for Christmas in the Village expenses. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

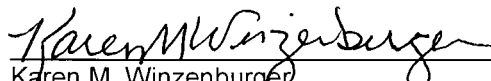
**Veterans for Vets Disc Golf Tournament Proceeds**

Motion was made by A. Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to grant payment of \$1,095 to the Cobden American Legion which represents proceeds from the Veterans for Vets Disc Golf Tournament. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Britt, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

  
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Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk