

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023  
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
Austin Sellars

Absent: Larry Hackethal  
Dennis Maze

Also Present: Police Chief Jesse Spencer, Superintendent Chad Eads, Sterrett Collins (pastor of First Presbyterian Church)

**Minutes of January 3, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Zoning Permit – Pastor Zamora**

Motion was made by Dietterle, seconded by Brumleve, to issue Zoning Permit No. 995 to Pastor Zamora for the addition of a porch. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that presented bills in the amount of \$29,570.46 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Budget Report and Line Item Transfers**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Budget Report and Line Item Transfer Request as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Employee Expense Report**

The Employee Expense Report for the period ending December 31, 2022 was presented.

**Renewal 9-1-1 Call Handling Agreement**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to approve continuation of the Union/Alexander County 9-1-1 Call Handling. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Periodic Estimate for Payment #3 – Scott Escue Construction**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve payment of Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 in the amount \$104,408.92 to Scott Escue Construction. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**J. T. Blankinship, Inc. Engineering Invoice**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve payment of \$7,705.90 to J. T. Blankinship, Inc. for engineering Invoice No. 21526. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Southern Five Regional Planning District & Development Commission Dues**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Dietterle, to approve payment of \$1,074.00 to Southern Five Regional Planning & District for 2023 annual dues. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Resealing Walking Path at Community Park**

Superintendent Eads will seek a proposal for resealing the walking path at the Community Park and resealing the basketball court in the downtown park.

**Resolution No. 2-2023 – Support of Tax Increment Financing**

Motion was made by Dietterle, seconded by Brumleve, to pass Resolution No. 2-2023 – A Resolution of the Village of Cobden in Support of Tax Increment Financing. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Resolution No. 2-2023 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the **Village of Cobden** has the responsibility to promote economic development and revitalization of underperforming areas within the **Village**; and

WHEREAS, the **Village of Cobden** recognizes that Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a means to address areas of blight, support development and promote local job creation and retention; and

WHEREAS, TIF incentives directly contribute to the expansion of the local tax base and attracts private development and new businesses to the **Village**; and

WHEREAS, the availability of TIF is a critical mechanism to spur economic development for the **Village**;

WHEREAS, the **Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden** find that the availability of TIF as an economic development tool is essential for the continuing economic vitality of the **Village**.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the **Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden** as follows:


Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The **Village of Cobden** urges the Illinois General Assembly and Governor to protect TIF in its current form as a valuable economic development tool without additional restrictions on municipal governments and the communities they serve.

Section 3. The Village Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Illinois Municipal League.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

  
Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk