

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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:

Patrick Brumleve
Larry Hackethal
Dennis Maze
Austin Sellars

Absent: Jean A. Britt
Todd Dietterle

Also Present: Police Chief Jesse Spencer

Minutes of February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Maze, to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that presented bills in the amount of \$38,441.48 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Budget Report and Line Item Transfers

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

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

Delta Dental Insurance Renewal

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Maze, to approve renewal of employee dental insurance coverage through Delta Dental of Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending February 28, 2023 was presented.

Proposal to Remove Tree

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Maze, to accept the proposal in the amount of \$1,600.00 submitted by T's Trees to remove a tree at 328 East Poplar Street contingent with the property owner agreeing to pay half of the cost. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Animal Control Advisory Board

Correspondence from County Administrator Angie Johnson was presented about the possibility of developing an animal control advisory board. She asked for a representative from the Village to serve. Upon consent vote, Mayor Tomazzoli's appointment of Larry Hackethal and Jesse Spencer to serve on the proposed board was approved. Consent roll call vote was as follows:

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

Albert Foreman Cemetery Trust

Correspondence from Bank of America stating the expected distribution from the Albert Foreman trust for the year 2023 is \$12,367.00 was presented.

Utility Bill Late Charges

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Maze, to waive utility late charges if 50% of the entire amount due for all utilities is paid by the due date of the 20th of the month for the March and April 2023 billing. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion declared carried. Note: This is due to 35 days of usage, extreme cold weather and an increase in the cost of natural gas causing high gas bills.

Ordinance No. 2023-1039 Water Rates

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Sellars, to pass Ordinance No. 2023-1039 – An Ordinance Amending Section 38-3-79 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Cobden, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion declared carried. Note: This ordinance updates the Revised Code to reflect the rate for Alto Pass Water District approved at the February 21, 2023 meeting.

Ordinance No. 2023-1040 Drug Free Workplace

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Brumleve, to pass Ordinance No. 2023-1040 – An Ordinance Amending Sections 11-8-21 and 11-8-23 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Cobden, Illinois. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion declared carried. Note: This ordinance updates the Revised Code to reflect changes in the Illinois Controlled Act and the Cannabis Control Act.

Easement for New Well – Danielle R. Baity

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to approve payment of \$1,385.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Danielle R. Baity for an easement for the development of the new well on property recently purchased for that purpose. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Approval of Scholarships

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Maze, to offer scholarships as follows:

\$500.00 R. G. "Jack" Williams Award.

Two \$250 scholarships for Homer Forby Award (in field of science).

Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Dietterle

Motion declared carried.

Scholarship Committee

Mayor Tomazzoli's appointment of Austin Sellars, Dennis Maze and Patrick Brumleve to serve on the Scholarship Committee was approved by consent vote as follows:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars

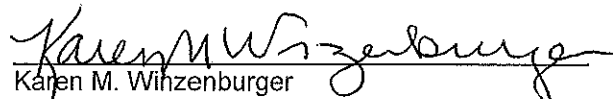
Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Dietterle

The Scholarship Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on April 24, 2023.

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 6:09 p.m.


Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk