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

Jean A. Britt
Andrew Brumleve
Patrick Brumleve
Larry Hackethal
Austin Sellars

Absent: Dennis Maze

**Also Present**

Superintendent Chad Eads, Police Chief Jesse Spencer, Louis Britt, Sterrett Collins, Richard Howell of Horner & Shifrin

**Minutes of October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Hackethal, to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Zoning Permits**

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Hackethal, to table consideration of a Zoning Permit application for a carport for Janice Inman due to apparent insufficient distance from the adjoining property. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that presented bills in the amount of \$115,607.44 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Employee Expense and Overtime Report**

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending October 31, 2023 was presented.

**Budget Report and Line Item Transfers**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, 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, Sellars  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Maze  
Motion declared carried.

#### **Village Clerk's Monthly Report**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Village Clerk's Report for the period ending September 30, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

#### **Village Treasurer's Monthly Report**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve the Village Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

#### **Tax Receipt History Report**

A report showing the trend in tax receipts was presented.

#### **Hiring Part-time Police Officer – Cody Hand**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to employ Cody Hand as a part-time police officer at the rate of pay of \$19.00 per hour. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal  
Nays: 1 – Sellars  
Absent: 1 – Maze  
Motion declared carried.

#### **Wastewater Operator Proposal**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to accept the proposal from Blaine Burk to perform services as wastewater plant operator at a fee of \$600 per month. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

#### **Water Operator Proposal**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to accept the proposal from Derek Hogue to perform services as water plant operator at a fee of \$600 per month. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Notice of DCEO Funding Opportunity**

Information from Southern Five Regional Planning District regarding a DCEO funding opportunity was presented. Richard Howell advised the Board that we were in the process of gathering data for this funding. Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Sellars, to proceed with applying for grant funds. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Water Storage Tank Improvements Project**

An update on cost increases for the water storage tank improvements project due to delays were presented.

**Water Storage Tank Improvements Project – Change Order No. 2**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Sellars, to approve Change Order No. 2 for a time extension of the water storage tank improvements project. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Request for Sewer Adjustment – Karla Harvel**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to approve an adjustment of \$170.56 to the sewer account of Karla Harvel due to a water leak. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Coy J. Girtman Probation Ended**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Sellars, to end the probationary period of employment for Coy J. Girtman and increase his pay to \$19.50 per hour retro-active September 26, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Christmas in the Village**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to waive the Food Vendor License fee during the Christmas in the Village event. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Sellars, to co-sponsor Christmas in the Village along with the Cobden Community Association. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Disc Golf Tournament – Veterans for Vets**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by P. Brumleve, to hold the Veterans for Vets Disc Golf tournament on December 9, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Rental of Portable Toilets**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by P. Brumleve, to provide a portable toilet in the downtown park year round. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Rental of Portable Toilets – Christmas in the Village**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by P. Brumleve, to provide an additional portable toilet in the downtown park and at the Community Park for the Christmas in the Village event. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Downtown Park Playground Equipment**

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by A. Brumleve, to accept the quote in the amount of \$5,516.00 from AAA State of Play for a slide for the downtown park playground. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Sellars  
 Nays: 0 – None  
 Absent: 1 – Maze  
 Motion declared carried. A request for donations will be included in the December utility bill.


**2024 Meeting and Holiday Schedule**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, to approve the 2024 Meeting and Holiday Schedule as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Hackethal, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
 Karen M. Winzenburger  
 Village Clerk