

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024
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
Austin Sellars

Also Present

Larry Hale, Scott Wilmouth and Greg Robertson representing the Alto Pass Water District; Police Chief Tim Smith

Appointment of Temporary Chairman

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

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

Minutes of February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Zoning Permits- Maria G. Pitts

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Sellars, to issue Zoning Permit No. 1003 to Maria G. Pitts for a deck. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, that presented bills in the amount of \$90,161.29 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Budget Report and Line Item Transfers

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by A. Brumleve, to approve the Budget Report and make line item transfers as requested. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Village Clerk’s Monthly Report

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Village Clerk’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Village Treasurer’s Monthly Report

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, to approve the Village Treasurer’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Police Personnel

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Sellars, to remove Shawn Stone and Caleb Clover from the Police Department part-time employee roster. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Ordinance No. 2024-1050 – Water Rates

Larry Hale, Scott Wilmouth and Greg Robertson were present to comment and express their concerns about the proposed water rate increase. They left the meeting after passage of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Sellars, to pass Ordinance No. 2024-1050 – 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: 6 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

The rate increase will be as follows:

- In town \$17.00 minimum at a rate of \$8.00 per thousand gallons
- Out of town \$17.75 minimum at a rate of \$8.50 per thousand gallons
- Alto Pass Water District \$500 minimum at a rate of \$6.50 per thousand gallons

Notice to Customers Regarding Water Rate Increase

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Hackethal, to approve the notice to customers informing them of the water rate increase. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Application for Use of Park – Women for Justice

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Hackethal, to approve the application to use the downtown park on March 9, 2024, submitted by Women for Justice and to waive the deposit requirement. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried. The event is to host a visit from Illinois State Comptroller Suzanna Mendoza.

Request to Co-sponsor Suicide Prevention Week event at Community Park

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Maze, to approve the co-sponsorship along with the Cobden Women's Club of a Suicide Prevention Week event at the Community Park on September 14, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Hiring Clerical Employee – Marina Newberry

Motion was made by Hackethal, seconded by Britt, to hire Marina Newberry as a clerical employee at the rate of \$18.75 per hour for minimum of 32 hours per week, with full benefits beginning April 4, 2024, for a three month probationary period. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Hackethal, Maze, Sellars

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by P. Brumleve, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk