

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Call to Order

Village President Larry J. Hackethal 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 (arriving at 6:10 p.m.)
Patrick Brumleve
Dennis Maze
Austin Sellars
David Stewart

Also Present: Richard Howell of Horner & Shifrin, Village Superintendent Chad Eads.

Minutes of October 6, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2025, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that presented bills in the amount of \$32,166.86 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Budget Report and Line Item Transfers

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

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

IML Risk Management Association Renewal

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, to renew participation in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association program at a cost of \$68,906.50. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve
Motion declared carried. Trustee A. Brumleve arrived at the meeting.

Transfer of Funds to Illinois Funds

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve a transfer of \$9,000.00 from the Sewer Debt Service Savings Account to the Illinois Funds Sewer Debt Service Account. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Village Clerk's Monthly Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Village Clerk's Monthly Report for the period ending September 30, 2025 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Village Treasurer's Monthly Report

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Maze, to approve the Village Treasurer's Monthly Report for the period ending September 30, 2025 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Safe Routes to Schools Proposal

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Project Location Map and Cost Estimate for the Safe Route to Schools fund request. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Resolution No. 6 – 2025 – MFT Maintenance

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to pass Resolution No. 6-2025 – Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart
 Nays: 0 – None
 Absent: 0 – None
 Motion declared carried.
 Resolution No. 6 – 2025 reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden, Illinois, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$114,448.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those operations as listed and described on the approved Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Cobden shall submit within three months after the end of the maintenance period as stated above, to the Department of Transportation, on forms available from the Department, a certified statement showing expenditures and the balances remaining in the funds authorized for expenditure by the Department under this appropriation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified originals of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

Union County Animal Control Agreement

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Maze, to table consideration of renewal of the Union County Animal Control Agreement. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Request for Sewer Adjustment – St. Joseph Church

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve a sewer adjustment in the amount of \$711.20 for St. Joseph Church as a result of a water leak outside the building. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Sewer Relocation Project Bid Tabulation

Richard Howell presented the tabulation of bids for the sewer relocation project. Two bids were received which were deemed out of the scope of our funding. Options for additional funding will be explored.

Christmas in the Village

The Minutes of the October 7 meeting of the Christmas in the Village committee were presented. The next meeting will be October 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Resolution No. 7 – 2025 – Christmas in the Village Lights Parade

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to pass Resolution No. 7 - 2025 requesting a parade permit from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Resolution No. 7 – 2025 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The Village of Cobden is sponsoring a parade in the Village of Cobden which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this parade will require the temporary closure of Old Hwy 51, a State Highway in the Village of Cobden from Locust Street to East and West Maple Streets;

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden that permission to close off Old Hwy 51 from Locust Street to East and West Maple Streets as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of conducting the Christmas in the Village Lights Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of the highway shall be detoured over routes with an all-weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. The detour routes shall be as follows: Lingle Street to West Poplar Street to south on Centennial Street to Mountain Glen Road to South Appleknocker to Maple; Chestnut to Jefferson to East Ash or East Poplar Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Cobden assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the Village of Cobden be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency vehicles in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all debris shall be removed by the Village of Cobden prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Village of Cobden as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the Village of Cobden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Village of Cobden shall be responsible for any and all injuries to persons or damages to property, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Illinois Department of Transportation, its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, lawsuits, actions, costs and fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) of every nature or description, arising out of, resulting from or connected with the exercise of authority granted by the Department which is the subject of this resolution. The obligation is binding upon the Village of Cobden regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by the act, omission or negligence of the Department or its officers, employees or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Cobden shall provide a comprehensive general liability policy or an additional named insured endorsement in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per person and \$2,000,000 aggregate which has the Illinois Department of Transportation, its officials, employees and agents as insureds and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing. A copy of said policy or endorsement will be provided to the Department before the road is closed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

Recreation Property Acquisition Committee

Mayor Hackethal's appointment of Austin Sellars and Dennis Maze to the newly formed Recreation Property Acquisition Committee was approved by consent vote as follows:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Austin Sellars will serve as chairperson of the committee.

Bids for Roof Repair

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to accept a proposal from Mike's Metal Sales for replacement of the roof of the cemetery chapel (\$4,121.90), sewer raptor building (\$944.86), water plant office (\$2,848.35) and the water plant (\$4,938.30). Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

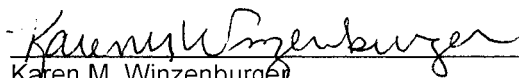
Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Adjournment

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


 Karen M. Winzenburger
 Village Clerk