

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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 (arrived 6:10 p.m.)  
Patrick Brumleve  
Dennis Maze  
Austin Sellars  
David Stewart

**Also Present:** Eric Ralls

**Minutes of November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Maze, to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 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 Britt, that presented bills in the amount of \$17,185.45 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 P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, 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.

**Finance Comparison Report**

A report comparing finances for the period ending October 31, 2025 was presented.

**2026 Motor Fuel Tax Estimate**

An estimate of Motor Fuel Tax program expenses for 2026 was presented. A resolution will be presented at the December 15, 2025 meeting.

**End of Probationary Period – Eric Ralls**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to end the probationary employment period of Eric Ralls and increase his rate of pay by \$1.00 per hour effective immediately. 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.**

**Christmas in the Village**

Plans continue for the December 6 Christmas in the Village event.

**Email from Tim Basler re: eyesore on Appleknocker Drive**

An email from Tim Basler expressing his concern about the area on North Appleknocker Drive around Pro-1 Auto Body was received. Village President Hackethal assured the Board he will make an effort to improve the area.

**Celebrate America 250**

Trustee Sellars attended the recent Union County Celebrate America 250 meeting and reported on plans for the event in 2026.

**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 6:16 p.m.

  
Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk