

**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

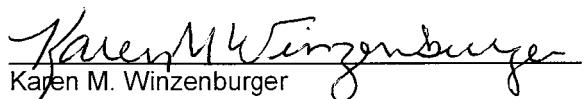
An email from Tim Basler expressing his concern about the area on North Appleknocker Drive around Pro-1 Auto Body was received. Village President Hackethal assured the Board he will make an effort to improve the area.

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