

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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:

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| Jean A. Britt    |
| Andrew Brumleve  |
| Patrick Brumleve |
| Dennis Maze      |
| Austin Sellars   |
| David Stewart    |

**Minutes of September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2025, regular meeting as presented. 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- Lisa Britt**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by A. Brumleve, to approve a sewer account credit adjustment in the amount of \$237.60 for Lisa Britt for a leak in her basement. 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.

**Zoning Permit – Yoger and Keren Levy**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve Zoning Permit No. 1011 submitted by Yoger and Keren Levy for a screened in porch. 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.

**Zoning Permit – Laura Garcia**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve Zoning Permit No. 1012 submitted by Laura Garcia for a manufactured home. 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.

**Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that presented bills in the amount of \$24,212.86 and regular salaries be approved for payment. 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.

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

**Employee Expense and Overtime Report**

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending August 31, 2025 was presented.

**Annual Treasurer's Report for Publication**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report to be published in the newspaper. 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.

**Kemper CPA Group Communication with Governance Letter**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve the communication with governance letter as presented by Kemper CPA Group. 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.

**Kemper CPA Group Management Letter**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve the management letter as presented by Kemper CPA Group. 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.

**FY 2025 Annual Financial Report for Comptroller**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the FY 2025 Annual Financial Report for Comptroller. 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.

**Consolidated Year-End Financial Report**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Consolidated Year-End Financial Report. 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. 5- 2025 – Safe Route to Schools Program**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to pass Resolution No.5-2025 – **A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program.** . 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. The resolution reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, in the interest in promoting safe and healthy active transportation to schools, the Village of Cobden and Cobden Unit School District 17 have partnered to improve pedestrian infrastructure.

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of both the Village and School District to implement infrastructure improvements, conduct educational and encouragement programs for the health and benefit of school children, and improve safe travel to and from schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to support IDOT's "Safe Routes to Schools" program ("Program") and is committed to provide the necessary support and funds in the event that the Village of Cobden receives grant funding to reimburse the Village's investment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Cobden intends to install certain infrastructure improvements along school walk routes and crossings ("Improvements") as recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, the improvements are eligible for reimbursement under the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has available funds in the General Fund to finance the Improvements until reimbursed by the Program, and the financial capability to maintain the Improvements in a safe and attractive manner for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village President and the Board of Trustees have considered the Village's participation in the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program and determined that it is in the best interests of the Village of Cobden and its residents to enter into the program for the benefit of the projects; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS**, as follows:

**SECTION ONE: RECITALS.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated in, and made a part of, this Resolution by this reference as findings of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden.

**SECTION TWO: APPROVAL.** The Village's participation in the Illinois Safe Routes to Schools Program and financial commitment to install and maintain the eligible Improvements is hereby approved.

**SECTION THREE: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

**Hiring Public Works Employee**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to authorize Superintendent Eads to hire a public works employee for a three-month probationary period at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. 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.

**Trick or Treat Hours**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to set Trick or Treat hours from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31. 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 6:14 p.m.

  
Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk