

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026  
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 6:05 p.m.)
Patrick Brumleve
Dennis Maze
Austin Sellars
David Stewart

**Also Present:** Richard Howell of Horner & Shifrin, Morgan Johnson of KFVS12, Chief Tim Smith and Officer Eric Ralls.

**Minutes of January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2026, 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 \$41,167.80 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.

**Employee Expense and Overtime Report**

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

Trustee A. Brumleve arrived at the meeting.

**Village Clerk's Monthly Report**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Village Clerk's Monthly Report for the period ending December 31, 2025 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.

**Village Treasurer's Monthly Report**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by P. Brumleve, to approve the Village Treasurer's Monthly Report for the period ending December 31, 2025 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.

**Horner & Shifrin Invoice 78842 – Sidewalk Program**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve payment in the amount of \$6,401.63 for engineering services for the Front Street sidewalk 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.

**Yearly Renewal of 9-1-1 Call Handling Agreement**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to renew the 9-1-1 Call Handling Agreement with the Union/Alexander County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board. 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.

**Payment of eDispatches 2026 Invoice**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve payment in the amount of \$434.40 for eDispatch services for 2026. 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 Water and Sewer Adjustment - Eisenhower**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to allow Rhonda Eisenhower and Bryan Ward to make monthly payments toward their water and sewer bills without assessing late fees until the large amount due to a water leak is paid. 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. Note: A toilet was running in a vacant property resulting in a large water and sewer bill. Because the water went into the sewer system, an adjustment was not approved.

**WTP & BPS Rehabilitation Project – Payment Request #6 – J. M. Jones, Inc.**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve payment of Payment Request #6 from J. M. Jones, Inc. in the amount of \$13,953.50. 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.

**Bids for Check Valve Replacement**

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to accept the proposal from Cody A. Taylor Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$4,475.00 for replacement of a check valve at the booster pump station. 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. Note: A bid was also received from Scott Escue Construction in the amount of \$5,900.00.

**Renewal of Dues – Southern Five Regional Planning District & Development Commission**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by P. Brumleve, to renew membership in the Southern Five Regional Planning District & Development Commission. 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.

**Water and Sewer Finance Information**

Information regarding the current status of the water and sewer accounts was presented. The Village Clerk was asked to create a report indicating the effect of possible sewer rate increases on the fund balances and customer accounts.

**America250 – Our Southern Illinois Story**

Information about the filming of Coming Together: A Southern Illinois Story at Stinson Library was presented.

**Ordinance No. 2026-1067 – An Ordinance Declaring the Sale, Distribution, and Possession with Intent to Sell or Distribute Kratom Within the Village of Cobden a Public Nuisance and Prohibiting the Same**

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2026-1067 – An Ordinance Declaring the Sale, Distribution, and Possession with Intent to Sell or Distribute Kratom Within the Village of Cobden a Public Nuisance and Prohibiting the Same. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

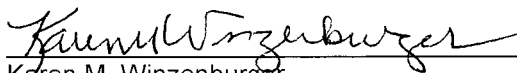
Motion declared carried.

**Solicitor Regulations and Requirements**

The Board was in agreement that the current ordinance pertaining to solicitors in the Village needs to be updated and revised. The matter will be reviewed and discussed at the February 2, 2026, meeting.

**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 6:42 p.m.



Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk