

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 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	Dennis Maze
Andrew Brumleve	Austin Sellars
Patrick Brumleve	David Stewart

Also Present: Cathy Sheeley, Jillian Miller

Minutes of April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Britt, to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 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.

Visitors:

Jillian Miller and Cathy Sheeley were present as representatives of the Cobden Spay and Neuter Coalition. The mission of their organization is to reduce the stray cat population in Union County. They are in need of funds as their organization operates on donations. Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Britt, to contribute \$750.00 to the Cobden Spay and Neuter Coalition. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – A. Brumleve

Motion declared carried. Ms. Miller and Ms. Sheeley then left the meeting.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that presented bills in the amount of \$31,500.81 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 Sellars, 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.

Grocery Tax Receipts

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to deposit funds received from the grocery tax into the General Administration 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.

Trustee A. Brumleve arrived at the meeting.

Police Vehicle Savings transfer

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to close the Police Vehicle Savings account and deposit the funds into the Illinois Funds Police Vehicle Savings Account. 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 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 March 31, 2026 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 P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve the Village Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the period ending March 31, 2026 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.

Budget Public Hearing

The Public Hearing regarding the 2025-2026 Revised Budget Ordinance and the 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance was called to order at 6:12 p.m. There were no members of the public present or correspondence from the public presented. The hearing ended at 6:13 p.m.

Ordinance No. 2026-1071 Revised Budget 2025-2026

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by P. Brumleve, to pass Ordinance No. 2026-1071 – An Ordinance to Revise the Annual Budget of the Village of Cobden, Union County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 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.

Ordinance No. 2026-1072 Budget 2026-2027

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Sellars, to pass Ordinance No. 2026-1072 – An Ordinance to Set Forth the Annual Budget of the Village of Cobden, Union County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027. 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.

Hiring Part-time Personnel – Summer Employees

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by A. Brumleve, to hire Eric Daville, Everette Whitaker, Drake Culbreth, Tradon Stroehlein, Jaxson Boutwell and Joel Garcia as part-time summer employees at the rate of \$15.00 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.

Thomas Ebenhoh – Ten Year Bonus

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve paying Thomas Ebenhoh One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars as his ten-year longevity bonus. 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.

America 250 Celebration

A meeting to discuss the America 250 Celebration activities will be held April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Application for Use of Park – American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Post #259

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Britt, to approve the Application for Use of the Park submitted by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary Post #259 for a Family Community Day on September 26, 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.

Cobden Encampment

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to sponsor the Cobden Encampment in the Community Park on June 6 and 7. 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 event is in preliminary planning stages.

Minutes of the Recreation Property Acquisition Committee Meetings

The Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Recreation Property Acquisition Committee Meeting were presented. The next committee meeting will be May 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Cobden Women's Club contribution

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to contribute \$500.00 to the Cobden Women's Club for plants and soil for planters in the downtown area. 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 Sellars, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk