

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 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 (arriving after roll call)
Patrick Brumleve
Dennis Maze
Austin Sellars (arriving after roll call)
David Stewart

Also Present: Eric Ralls

Minutes of March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – A. Brumleve, Sellars
Motion declared carried.

Zoning Permit No. 1016 - Anderson

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to issue Zoning Permit No. 1016 to Linda and Thomas Anderson for a garage. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – A. Brumleve, Sellars
Motion declared carried.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, that presented bills in the amount of \$31,408.96 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – A. Brumleve, Sellars
Motion declared carried.

Budget Report and Line Item Transfers

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Budget Report and Line Item Transfers as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – A. Brumleve, Sellars
Motion declared carried.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending March 31, 2026 was presented.

Proposed Revised Budget Ordinance

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the proposed 2025-2026 Revised Budget Ordinance. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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Ayes: 4 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – A. Brumleve, Sellars
Motion declared carried.

Proposed Budget Ordinance

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the proposed 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Britt, P. Brumleve, Maze, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – A. Brumleve, Sellars
Motion declared carried.

Public Hearing – Revised Budget and Budget

A public hearing regarding the revised budget and proposed budget will be held at the April 20 meeting.

Trustees Sellars and A. Brumleve arrived at the meeting.

Cobden Branch Library request to install book drop

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Britt, to approve Cobden Branch Library's request to install a book drop on South Front Street pending approval of the site by the Village. 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 proposed location appears to be too close to the cellar entrance to the building so the library will be asked to relocate the book drop.

Hiring Part-time Personnel

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to authorize Superintendent Eads to hire six part-time employees for summer employment at the pay 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. A list of those hired will be presented at the April 20 meeting.

Hiring Part-time Police Officer – Brentley Sims

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to re-hire Brently Sims as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$20.50 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.

Memorial Day Service

The Memorial Day service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2026.

Request to Place Bench in Cemetery

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to permit Kenny Dunn to place a memorial bench in the cemetery at a location approved by Superintendent Eads. 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 – Matthew Ferrell

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve a credit of \$428.80 to Matthew Ferrell's sewer account due to a leak in his 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.

Union County Animal Control use of park

Due to inclement weather, the Union County Animal Control's request to use the Community Park was changed to Saturday, May 2, 2026.

America 250 Celebration

A meeting to discuss the America 250 celebration will be held Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Scholarship Awards

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Sellars, to once again offer the R. G. Williams Award (\$500.00) and two Homer Forby Awards (\$250.00 each). 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.

Scholarship Committee

Village President Hackethal's appointment of Patrick Brumleve, Dennis Maze and Austin Sellars to the Scholarship Committee was approved by consent vote as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, A. Brumleve, P. Brumleve, Maze, Sellars, Stewart
 Nays: 0 – None
 Absent: 0 – None

Scholarship Committee Meeting

The Scholarship Committee will meet Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 1-2026 – America250

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to pass Resolution No. 1-2026 – A Resolution of the Village of Cobden in Support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration. 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. 1-2026 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the American colonies' freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, known as the America250 Commission (america250.org) was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, aiming to engage all Americans in commemorating this historic event through educational initiatives.

WHEREAS, the Illinois America250 Commission (IL250.org) was established to develop, encourage and execute an inclusive commemoration and observance of the founding of the United States of America, and Illinois' imperative role in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois America250 Commission encourages communities, libraries, schools, local governments, historical societies, cultural institutions and individuals of all ages to develop inclusive commemorations that reflect on Illinois' role in the nation's history and development; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and supporting the Illinois America250 Commission will help ensure a meaningful and educational commemoration for all residents and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration provides an opportunity to reflect on the state's historical significance, honor the achievements of its people and inspire civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cobden hereby formally supports the Illinois America250 Commission and its mission to commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden expresses its support for the Illinois America250 Commission, and encourages all Illinois communities to organize and participate in local events leading up to and culminating on July 4, 2026, to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

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 6:17 p.m.


Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk