

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

Also Present: Eric Ralls, Tim Smith, Lucas Roney and Nick Ellis (Horner & Shifrin representatives)

Minutes of June 15, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Britt, to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2026, 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.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that presented bills in the amount of \$64,935.48 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 Sellars, seconded by P. Brumleve, 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.

Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance

Two options for the tax levy for 2026-2027 were presented. The first option suggested a corporate tax rate of .25% for the general fund (\$21,400.00). The second option suggested a corporate rate of .32% for the general fund (\$27,395.00). The consensus of the Board was to prepare an ordinance using the rate of .32%. A Truth in Taxation hearing will be scheduled.

IMRF Employer Rate

The IMRF Employer Rate for 2027 will be 4.29%. The current rate is \$4.66%.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending June 30, 2026 was presented.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal I- Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to renew employee health insurance coverage through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. 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: The monthly premium will increase from \$6,270.88 to \$7,458.50. Currently the premium is paid from the utility funds. The premium will now be paid from the utility and street funds.

Intergovernmental Dispatch Agreement Invoice

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to pay Invoice #2026-26 in the amount of \$9,348.00 to the Union County Treasurer as the 2026 share of police dispatch services. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Nays: 1 – Sellars

Absent: 0 - None

Motion declared carried.

There was discussion regarding dispatch services and options will be investigated.

Request for Sewer Adjustment

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to issue a credit of \$54.35 to Randy Rawson's sewer account due to a leak outside of his house. 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.

Sanitary Sewer Location & Lift Station Pay Estimate #1

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve Pay Estimate #1 submitted by Skuta Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$59,560.25. 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.

New Well & Infrastructure Improvements – Engineer Services Agreement

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to enter into an Engineer Services Agreement with Horner & Shifrin concerning the new well and infrastructure improvements project. 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. 3-2026 – Peach Festival Parade

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to adopt Resolution No. 3-2026 requesting a permit from IDOT for the Peach Festival Parade. 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.

WHEREAS, The Village of Cobden is sponsoring a parade in the Village of Cobden which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this parade will require the temporary closure of Old Hwy 51, a State Highway in the Village of Cobden from Locust Street to East and West Maple Streets;

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden that permission to close off Old Hwy 51 from Locust Street to East and West Maple Streets as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between 4:15 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of conducting the Cobden Peach Festival Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of the highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. The detour routes shall be as follows: Lingle Street to West Poplar Street to south on Centennial Street to Mountain Glen Road to South Appleknocker to Maple; Chestnut to Jefferson to East Ash or East Poplar Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Cobden assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the Village of Cobden be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency vehicles in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all debris shall be removed by the Village of Cobden prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Village of Cobden as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the Village of Cobden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Village of Cobden shall be responsible for any and all injuries to persons or damages to property, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Illinois Department of Transportation, its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, lawsuits, actions, costs and fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) of every nature or description, arising out of, resulting from or connected with the exercise of authority granted by the Department which is the subject of this resolution. The obligation is binding upon the Village of Cobden regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by the act, omission or negligence of the Department or its officers, employees or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Cobden shall provide a comprehensive general liability policy or an additional named insured endorsement in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per person and \$2,000,000 aggregate which has the Illinois Department of Transportation, its officials, employees and agents as insureds and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing. A copy of said policy or endorsement will be provided to the Department before the road is closed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

Application for Use of Park – Cobden Women's Club

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve the request submitted by the Cobden Women's Club for use of the Community Park on September 12, 2026, and to waive the deposit. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 - None

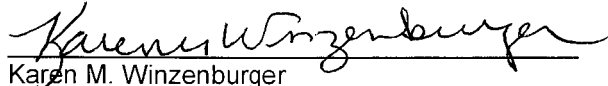
Motion declared carried.

Email from Sarah Watkins, Stinson Library Director

An email from Sarah Watkins was received regarding OSLAD grant funding. Trustee Sellars contacted Ms. Watkins and made her aware of the Village's efforts to develop a recreational field when property is located and apply for OSLAD funding at that time.

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 6:40 p.m.


Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk