

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 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 (6:05)	Austin Sellars
Patrick Brumleve	David Stewart

Also Present: Eric Ralls, L. J. Hackethal, Chris, Jessica, Dean and Drilee Hines.

Minutes of May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 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:

(Trustee A. Brumleve arrived at the meeting.)
 Jessica Hines, Youth Advocate Representative, was present to offer the placement of a community library box in the Village. Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve the placement of a library box in the Community Park. 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 Hines family then left the meeting.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by A. Brumleve, that presented bills in the amount of \$50,599.93 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 Sellars, 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 April 30, 2026 was presented.

Village Treasurer's Monthly Report

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Village Treasurer's Monthly Report for the period ending April 30, 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 Clerk's Monthly Report

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by P. Brumleve, to approve the Village Clerk's Monthly Report for the period ending April 30, 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 Annual Report

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Village Treasurer's Annual Report for the period ending April 30, 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.

2026-2027 Wage Consideration

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Maze, to table consideration of 2026-2027 wages until the June 1, 2026 meeting. 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.

Strong Communities Program – Illinois Housing Development Authority

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, to pursue funding through the Strong Communities Program for returning vacant residential properties to productive and taxable use. 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.

MFT Resolution No. 2 – 2026

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to adopt Resolution No. 2 – 2026 – Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code 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. Resolution No. 2 – 2026 reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden, Illinois, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$63,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those operations as listed and described on the approved Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Cobden shall submit within three months after the end of the maintenance period as stated above, to the Department of Transportation, on forms available from the Department, a certified statement showing expenditures and the balances remaining in the funds authorized for expenditure by the Department under this appropriation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified originals of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

Police Vehicle Savings transfer

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to close the Police Vehicle Savings account and deposit the funds into the Police operating 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. At an earlier meeting a transfer was approved to Illinois Funds, but it would be more readily accessible in the operating account if needed.

America 250 Celebration – Cobden Encampment

Plans continue for the Cobden Encampment to be held June 6 and 7 in the Community Park.

Trees Forever – Illinois Community Canopy Grants

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to pursue funding through the Trees Forever Illinois Community Grants program for tree planting, removal and management. 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.

Recreation Property Acquisition Committee

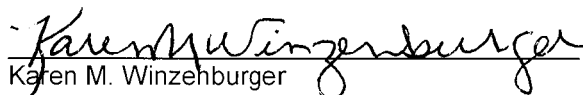
The Committee met recently but there have been no updates to the property acquisition plan.

Application for Use of the Park – Illinois Migrant Council

The Board was in agreement to allow the Illinois Migrant Council to use the Community Park for a Health and Resource Fair. Their official application will be on the next meeting agenda.

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 6:22 p.m.


Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk