

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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: Superintendent Chad Eads, Officer Eric Ralls, Leroy Bourgeois

Minutes of February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Sellars, to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 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 Maze, that presented bills in the amount of \$41,218.70 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.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

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

Village Clerk's Monthly Report

Motion was made by Sellars, seconded by Maze, to approve the Village Clerk's Monthly Report for the period ending January 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 Maze, seconded by P. Brumleve, to approve the Village Treasurer's Monthly Report for the period ending January 31, 2026 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Public Works Budget

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the 2026-2027 Budget Request prepared 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.

Draft of 2025-2026 Revised Budget

A draft of the 2025-2026 revised budget was presented for review.

Public Safety - Solicitors

Officer Ralls informed the Board that we continue to have unregistered solicitors in the Village. He was advised that he and Chief Smith can discuss the Village's options for enforcement of the ordinance with the Village Attorney.

Request for Placement of a Bench in the Cemetery

Kenny Dunn has approached the Village about placing a bench in an undeveloped area of the cemetery. No action was taken pending additional information from Mr. Dunn regarding the specifications of the bench.

Ordinance No. 2026-1069 – Sewer Rates

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2026-1069 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 38-4-79 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS. 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 rate increase will be effective with the April 1, 2026 utility billing.

Sanitary Sewer Relocation & Lift Station Project

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to accept the bid from Skuta Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$601,250.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Relocation and Lift Station 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.

Information was also presented regarding televising the existing sewer system. No action was taken at this time pending availability of future funds.

Request for Sewer Bill Adjustment – Stuart Herman

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to credit the sewer bill of Stuart Herman the amount of \$799.40 due to a leak at his residence and allow him to extend payments for water usage without late penalties. 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 Bill Adjustment- Leroy Bourgeois

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to allow Leroy Bourgeois to extend payments for water usage without late penalties following a leak on his vacant property. 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: As per usual policy a water bill adjustment was not granted.

Adam Lawrence Probationary Period

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Sellars, that Adam Lawrence's probationary period will be for a twelve month period beginning on the date he returns to work with vacation time being earned beginning after six months. 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.

Minutes of the Recreation Property Acquisition Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the February 9, 2026 Recreation Property Acquisition Committee Meeting were presented. The next committee meeting will be February 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Application for Use of Park – Union County Animal Control

Motion was made by P. Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Application for Use of the Park submitted by Union County Animal Control for a fun-run on April 4, 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.

Spring Community Yard Sale

The Community Yard Sale will be on May 9, 2026.

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