

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Call to Order

Village President Paul Z. Tomazzoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Jean A. Britt	Dennis Maze
Patrick Brumleve	David Stewart
Alma Gomez	Frances Swedlund

Also Present

Jerry Farmer (Mineral Products, Inc.), Larry E. Nance, B. J. Hale, Jesse Adams, Jesse Vicente, Ron Flamm, Cherry Connolly (arriving at 7:20 p.m.)

Minutes of the March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 Closed Session

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that the Minutes of the May 21, 2007 closed session remain sealed for six months. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Minutes of the July 7, 2014 Closed Session

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that the Minutes of the July 7, 2014 closed session remain sealed for six months. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Jerry Farmer, Mineral Products, Inc.

Jerry Farmer of Mineral Products, Inc. asked the Board to review the Village's natural gas rate structure and consider an industrial rate. He also asked if the Village would consider extending natural gas service beyond the Village limits. Superintendent Nance will contact our engineering firm to see if this is feasible.

Building Permit

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to deny issuing a building permit to Francisco Lara for an addition to his residence. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried. The Zoning Administrative Officer recommended denial of the permit due to lack of sufficient setback area from their property line.

Resolution No. 2-2015 – 66 Corridor Project

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Brumleve, to pass Resolution No. 2-2015 – 66 Corridor Project. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Resolution No. 2-2015 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the five counties of Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Union are located together in southernmost Illinois to form the Southern Five Region within the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, the Village of Cobden is part of the Southern Five Region;

WHEREAS, the Southern Five Region is located within the proposed 66 Corridor Project study area;

WHEREAS, the Southern Five Counties and Municipalities have worked together as a cooperative unit for over 40 years to promote the economic growth and prosperity of the Southern Five Region as a whole, realizing that a benefit to one of the southern five counties is a benefit to all;

WHEREAS, the counties and municipalities of Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Union support the continuation of the 66 corridor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. The Village of Cobden supports a joint resolution and effort by the Illinois Counties of Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Union to support and encourage the continuation and completion of the 66 Corridor Project;
2. The Village of Cobden requests that the current study area for the 66 Corridor Project in Illinois is maintained and that the study is completed;
3. That through this resolution and individual contacts, the FHWA is persuaded to continue providing funding for Illinois' portion of the 66 Corridor Study without undue influence from adjoining States;
4. This joint resolution serves as the five-county region's continued interest and support of the 66 Corridor Project;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this resolution along with letters from the counties and communities therein be prepared and presented to FHWA, IDOT, State Representative Brandon Phelps, State Representative Terri Bryant, State Senator David Luechtefeld, State Senator Gary Forby, Congressman John Shimkus, Congressman Mike Bost, Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Mark Kirk, and Governor Bruce Rauner.

R. G. Williams Award and Village of Cobden/Millis Auction Service Scholarship

A Scholarship Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 4, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. to review scholarship applications and select recipients to recommend to the Village Board for approval.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, that presented bills in the amount of \$28,954.27 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Budget Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending March 31, 2015, as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Line Item and Other Transfers

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to authorize line item and other transfers as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Budget Status Report

The Budget Status Report for the period ending March 31, 2015, was presented.

Proposed Revised Budget 2014-2015

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the proposed revised budget for 2014-2015. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

The proposed revised budget is on display at the Village Hall.

Proposed Budget 2015-2016

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.
The proposed budget is on display at the Village Hall.

Budget Hearing – April 20, 2015

A public hearing for the Revised Budget Ordinance for 2014-2015 and the Budget Ordinance for 2015-2016 will be held April 20, 2015.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending February 28, 2015 was presented.

IMRF – Preliminary Notice of Contribution Rate for 2016

The Preliminary Notice of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Contribution Rate for Calendar Year 2016 has been received. The preliminary rate is 15.4%. The current rate is 13.9%.

Vacating East Elm Street

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to vacate East Elm Street contingent with all incurred expenses for vacating the street be paid by Dollar General or their agent and that the Village be notified in writing that all expenses will be paid. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Monthly Police Report

The Cobden Police Report for March 2015 was presented.

Hiring Jesse Vicente and Douglas Meadows

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to hire Jesse Vicente and Douglas Meadows as part-time police officers at the rate of \$13.90 per hour. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Revisions to Police SOP - Investigations

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to revise the Police Department Standard Operating Procedure to include Investigations – Show-ups, Live and Photographic Lineups. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Cherry Connolly - Concern about drainage area on East Ash Street

Cherry Connolly presented photographs of an area on East Ash Street which concerns her as being a pedestrian hazard. The drainage area is partially grated and she requested that the grate be extended or the area filled in to be less of a drop off. Superintendent Nance will investigate the area to see if the situation can be remedied.

Application for use of Park – Cobden Community and Business Association

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve an Application for Use of the Park submitted by the Cobden Community and Business Association for the Hello Neighbor Festival to be held on May 30, 2015. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Application for use of Park – Union County Farm Bureau

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve an Application for Use of the Park submitted by the Union County Farm Bureau for a tractor show on June 27, 2015. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Dr. Justin Boyles Invoice

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to authorize payment in the amount of \$400 to Dr. Justin Boyles for the northern long-eared bat habitat assessment which was required for the proposed water treatment plant facility. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.

Request for Sewer Adjustment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to adjust the sewer bill of the Alligator and Blue Fox due to a water leak while the business was closed for the winter. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried. The amount to be credited is \$282.34.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk