

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Call to Order

Village President Molly Beckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Patrick Brumleve
Alan Eddington
Alma Gomez
Dennis Maze
David Stewart
Frances Swedlund

Also Present

Larry E. Nance, Stephen Thayer (SIMEC)

Minutes of the December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

First Baptist Church - Vacation of a Portion of an Alley/Gas Line Replacement

Legal documents pertaining to the First Baptist Church's request for vacation of a portion of an alley and replacement of the gas line in the alley were presented. It was agreed that the documents would be returned to the church's attorney for revision to indicate that the extent of the replaced gas line is between South Appleknocker Drive and South Walker Street and not just under the proposed structure. Superintendent Nance will contact Reverend Falgout regarding this revision.

First Baptist Church – Sign on Church Property on South Appleknocker Drive

The Board reviewed a proposal from Roth Signs for the First Baptist Church for placement of a sign on the church's property located at the intersection of West Maple Street and South Appleknocker Drive. The sign is in compliance with Chapter 32 (Sign Regulations) of the Revised Code of Ordinances.

Electricity Aggregation – SIMEC

Stephen Thayer provided proposals from Constellation, Homefield Energy, and First Energy Solutions Corporation for the Board's review. These proposals will be forwarded to the Village Attorney by Mayor Beckley for review.

Stephen Thayer left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Village Board Meeting Schedule for 2013

Following is the Village Board meeting schedule for 2013:

January 7 and January 22 (Tuesday)
February 4 and February 18
March 4 and March 18
April 1 and April 15
May 6 and May 20
June 3 and June 17
July 1 and July 15
August 5 and August 19
September 3 (Tuesday) and September 16
October 7 and October 21
November 4 and November 18
December 2 and December 16

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, that presented bills in the amount of \$61,285.41 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Budget Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending December 12, 2012 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Line Item and Other Transfers

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

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

Budget Status Report

The Budget Status Report for the period ending December 12, 2012 was presented.

Village Clerk's Monthly Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Village Clerk's Report for November, 2012 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Village Treasurer's Monthly Report

Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Brumleve, to approve the Village Treasurer's Report for November, 2012 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending November 30, 2012 was presented to the Board.

Resolution No. 4 – 2012 – Motor Fuel Tax 2013

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to adopt Resolution No. 4–2012 – Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Resolution No. 4-2012 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 \$35,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining street and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those streets, highways, and 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 Clerk shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the period as given above, submit to the Department of Transportation, on forms furnished by the said Department, a certified statement showing expenditures from and balances remaining in the account(s) for this period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall immediately transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation, at Carbondale, Illinois.

Police Chief Bobby J. Hale Salary

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to pay the hourly wage of \$16.50 to Bobby J. Hale effective December 27, 2012 which is the date that he takes over duties as Chief of Police. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Monthly Police Report

The Police Report for November 2012 was presented.

B. J. Hale, Jon Meirndorf and Dennis Heavrin entered the meeting room.

Job Opening for Full-time and Part-time Police Officer

It was again stated that all applicants will be required to be certified police officers in the State of Illinois. Officer Hale was advised to schedule Shawn Knupp for part-time duties if needed. The hiring of Knupp and review of applications on file will be on the Agenda for the January 7, 2013 meeting.

B. J. Hale, Jon Meirndorf and Dennis Heavrin left the meeting room.

Cemetery Board of Managers

The Cemetery Board of Managers will meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Illinois Rural Water Association Training

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to authorize two utility employees to attend training offered by the Illinois Rural Water Association on January 17, 2013 at John A. Logan Community College. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Lick Creek Water District

Superintendent Nance advised the Board that the Lick Creek Water District continues to be interested in purchasing additional water from the Village and that he will remain in contact with the District regarding this matter.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk