

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013
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, Ron Flamm, B. J. Hale, Daric Smith, Julie Harvey, Terry Bovee, Paul Frank

Minutes of the December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 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.

Alto Vineyards – Trailblazer Signs

Julie Harvey, representing Alto Vineyards, requested the Board's permission to erect tourism Trailblazer signs for Alto Vineyards. One is to be located at the intersection of Oak Street and Skyline Drive, the other at the intersection of East Ash and South Front Streets. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to grant permission to share our park directional sign post at East Ash Street. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

There were no objections to the placement of the sign on Oak Street if allowed by the State of Illinois. Julie Harvey left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Terry Bovee and Paul Frank – Zoning of Locust Street property

Terry Bovee and Paul Frank appeared before the Board to discuss the possibility of rezoning property located on Locust Street from Agricultural to Manufacturing. Mr. Bovee owns a business that manufactures walk-in coolers. The Board felt there may be opposition from property owners in the area and that rezoning may be difficult. Mr. Bovee thanked the Board members for their input and then left the meeting with Mr. Frank at 7:20 p.m.

Environmental Management, Inc. - Highway Authority Agreement – Ruby Enterprises

Correspondence from Environmental Management, Inc. regarding petroleum contamination from a leaking underground storage tank at Ruby Enterprises was presented along with a Highway Authority Agreement for the Village's consideration. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to refer the matter to the Village Attorney requesting an expedited response. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, that presented bills in the amount of \$7,835.86 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 Maze, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending January 7, 2013 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 January 7, 2013 was presented.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending December 31, 2012 was presented to the Board.

A report of overtime worked during holiday snow removal and approved by Mayor Beckley was presented.

Oath of Office – Police Chief Bobby J. Hale

The Oath of Office for the position of Police Chief was administered to Bobby J. Hale by Mayor Beckley.

Daric Smith – Hired as Full-time Police Officer

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to hire Daric Smith as full-time police officer effective immediately for a three month probationary period at the hourly rate of pay of \$15.40. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Shawn Knupp – Hired as Part-time Police Officer

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to hire Shawn Knupp as part-time police officer at the hourly rate of pay of \$12.90. 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 December 2012 was presented.

9-1-1 Call Handling Agreements

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to renew the 9-1-1 Call Handling Agreements between the Village and the Union County Emergency Telephone System Board for the fire and police departments. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

B. J. Hale and Daric Smith 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.

Use of Vehicle – Chad Eads

The Board approved allowing Chad Eads, Assistant Superintendent, to take the municipal truck home as he is frequently called out for after-hour utility matters.

Illinois Rural Water Association Conference

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize two utility employees to attend the Illinois Rural Water Association Annual Conference in Effingham. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Engineering Invoice – Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Grant

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize payment of Invoice No. 17787 in the amount of \$19,200.00 submitted by J. T. Blankinship, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Grant. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

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 7:48 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk