

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 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

Brian Preston, Larry E. Nance, B. J. Hale, Daric Smith

Minutes of the February 18, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Maze, to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2013 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.

Building Permit

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to issue Building Permit No. 894 for Rubi Morales Carmona for a storage building at 107 West 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.

Wisper ISP, Inc – Request for Extension of Deployment Window

An amendment to the proposed extended tower agreement replacing the ten-year term with a five-year term was presented. Brian Preston, representing Wisper ISP, Inc., stated that a new contract would be submitted to the Village indicating a five (5) year term, a ninety (90) day completion date, and revision to the statement pertaining to “exclusive rights” to unlicensed bands. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize the Village President to execute a new agreement with the above provisions. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Abandoned Properties – Correspondence from Village Attorney

A letter from Jill Womick-Bloodworth outlining the procedure and potential expense for cleaning up abandoned properties was presented. The Board discussed two properties in particular that are in question. Mayor Beckley will contact Ms. Womick-Bloodworth to see if she has received any information pertaining to the Lawrence Basket factory. Mayor Beckley will also contact the party who has paid back taxes on the property located south of the Old Feed Store to see what their intentions are for the property.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, that presented bills in the amount of \$22,200.99 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 Maze, seconded by Brumleve, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending February 27, 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 February 27, 2013 was presented.

Dental Insurance Renewal

The Village has been advised that dental insurance rates will remain the same for the coming year with a two-year rate guarantee through April 30, 2015. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to renew coverage with Delta Dental. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Estimate for Building Upgrade

An estimate prepared by Anthony Howell for upgrades to the Frank building was presented. These costs would be in addition to the purchase price of the building.

Budget Information

A draft of the revised budget for 2012-13 was presented. Budget requests from the Fire Department, Public Works Department and Police Department were reviewed and discussed. Requested items will be worked into the proposed 2013-14 budget which will be adopted in April. As part of the budget consideration, Superintendent Nance was authorized to begin the search for a Village Employee to work a limited number of hours from spring through fall.

Monthly Police Report

The Monthly Police Report for February 2013 was presented.

Application for Use of Park – Easter Egg Hunt

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to authorize the Cobden High School to use the Cobden Community for the Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

St. Joseph Church – Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph Church will be conducting the Stations of the Cross on March 23. The procession will begin in Alto Pass at 2:00 p.m. and end at St. Joseph Church. The route taken will be Skyline Drive, Baker Hill Road, West Poplar Street and North Centennial Street to the church. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to grant permission for use of the streets as designated. 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

Figures indicating the Village water system's daily demand were presented indicating the feasibility of supplying additional water to the Lick Creek Water District. Representatives from the Village will attend the District's meeting on March 19 to begin negotiations with the LCWD.

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 8:48 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk