

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014
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:

Patrick Brumleve
Alma Gomez
Dennis Maze
David Stewart (7:05 p.m.)
Frances Swedlund

Absent: Jean A. Britt

Also Present

Larry E. Nance, B. J. Hale, Alan Eddington, William C. Eads, Keith Moran (Moran Economic Development)

Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Swedlund, seconded by Maze, to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 – Britt, Stewart

Motion declared carried.

Union County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) Program

Alan Eddington, representing the Union County CEO Advisory Board, presented an update of the progress of the Union County CEO program. Mr. Eddington requested the Village Board's consideration of pledging \$1,000 to the program.

Moran Economic Development

Keith Moran, representing Moran Economic Development, delivered a presentation explaining the purpose and development of Tax Increment Financing districts. Mr. Moran will submit a proposal for assisting the Village in developing a TIF district in the hope of drawing new business to the community and encouraging growth of existing businesses.

Mr. Moran and Alan Eddington left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Scholarship Program

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to offer two \$500 scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

The scholarships will be entitled the R. G. Williams Award and the Village of Cobden Scholarship. The deadline for submitting an application is April 25, 2014. The Scholarship Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. May 5, 2014 to review applications and submit the names of recipients to the Board at the May 5 Village Board meeting.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, that presented bills in the amount of \$49,730.35 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

Budget Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending March 13, 2014 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt

Motion declared carried.

Line Item and Other Transfers

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

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Budget Status Report

The Budget Status Report for the period ending March 13, 2014 was presented.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending February 28, 2014 was presented to the Board.

Village Treasurer's Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Village Treasurer's Report for February 2014 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Village Clerk's Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve the Village Clerk's Report for February 2014 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Budget Requests – 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the budget request totaling \$133,100 submitted by Superintendent Larry E. Nance for the Public Works Department. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the budget request totaling \$19,149 submitted by Police Chief B. J. Hale for the Police Department. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the budget request totaling \$18,890 submitted by the Fire Department. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

General Administrative fund – Village Clerk Karen M. Winzenburger advised the Board that the only out of the ordinary expense for the general fund would be to replace the carpet in the Village Hall.

The Board requested that the amount of \$500 be included as a pledge to the CEO program.

Monthly Police Report

The Monthly Police Report for February 2014 was presented.

Establishing the Rank of Captain in Police Department

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to establish the rank of Captain in the Cobden Police Department. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Appointment of Jonathan Meirndorf as Police Captain

Village President Tomazzoli's appointment of Jonathan Meirndorf to the position of Captain in the Cobden Police Department was approved by consent vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt

Sewer Bill Adjustments

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to authorize the following credits to sewer bills due to water leaks.

Nancy Campbell - \$406.02
Christina Hileman - \$122.21
Mary Jo DeRossett - \$70.20

Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Engineering Services Invoice No. 18154

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize payment of \$39,204.01 to J. T. Blankinship, Inc. for engineering services related to wastewater treatment plant improvements. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Community Water Fluoridation Commendation

A letter of commendation from the Illinois Department of Public Health was presented to the Board. This letter recognizes the Village's perfect compliance in 2013 for 12 consecutive months in accordance with the state of Illinois Public Water Supply Regulation Act regarding fluoridation.

Renewal of Contracts – Certified Water Operator and Certified Wastewater Operator

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to enter into renewed contracts with William T. Center for his services as Certified Water Operator and Certified Wastewater Operator for the Village of Cobden. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Britt
Motion declared carried.

Illinois Commerce Commission Gas System Results

Assistant Superintendent William C. Eads presented the results of the gas system audit performed by the Illinois Commerce Commission. Eads was commended for the satisfactory report.

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 8:52 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk