

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 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
Patrick Brumleve
Alma Gomez
Dennis Maze
Frances Swedlund

Absent: David Stewart

Also Present

Rollie Hawk, Allie Jane Davis, Sarah Brown, Ryan Gillespie, Tara Davis, Larry E. Nance, B. J. Hale, Jesse Adams, Jesse Spencer, Jon Meirndorf, Tim Goodman, Cody Behm

Minutes of the February 2, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Stewart

Motion declared carried.

Note: The meeting scheduled for February 16, 2015 was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

Rollie Hawk – Union County CEO Program

Rollie Hawk, Chairman of the Union County CEO Program, gave an update on the status of the program in Union County. He asked the Village to consider a three-year commitment of \$1,000 each year. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to have the request put on the Agenda for the March 16, 2015 meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Stewart

Motion declared carried.

Tara Davis – Comments about Police Department

Tara Davis, along with Sarah Brown, Ryan Gillespie and Allie Jane Davis, expressed their belief that the Police Department is too aggressive with traffic stops in the Village for minor traffic violations. Chief Hale explained that many times this is how police officers are alerted to impaired drivers. They also questioned the need for the number of police officers and this, too, was addressed by Chief Hale. The visitors were thanked for bringing their concerns to the Board.

Rollie Hawk, Ms. Brown, Ms. Gillespie, Ms. Davis and Mrs. Davis left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Resolution No. 1 – 2015 – Authorizing Execution of Service Agreement for the Supply of Electricity

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to pass and approve Resolution No. 1 -2015 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT OPT OUT OF SUCH A PROGRAM (Municipal electric aggregation). Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Stewart

Motion declared carried. Resolution No. 1 – 2015 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 1-92 of the Illinois Power Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, permits a municipality, if authorized by referendum, to adopt an ordinance by which it may operate a program to solicit bids and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of electricity and related services and equipment to residential and small commercial customers who do not opt out of such a program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cobden, in a referendum held on November 6, 2012, submitted the public question of whether it should operate the program as an opt-out program; and

WHEREAS, the referendum passed by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting on the question; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the best interests of the Village are served by entering into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder, pursuant to 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, to aggregate the residential and small commercial retail electric loads located within the Village and to arrange for competitive electric supply to these retail electric accounts; and

WHEREAS, because electricity is a commodity for which supply bids typically are made each morning and expire the same day at the close of business, the Village must act promptly to accept any such desired bid in

order to contractually guarantee a per kilowatt hour electric rate for its residential and small commercial retail customers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Cobden, Union County, Illinois, that the President of the Village Board of the Village of Cobden, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the Village Clerk of the Village of Cobden, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to attest to said execution of a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program, said execution and attestation to take place within the applicable time constraints required by the bidder; provided, however, that the energy price to be paid per kilowatt hour pursuant to the agreement is less than the default rate currently in effect, resulting in savings for the Village's residential and small commercial retail customers.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the electricity aggregation program electric supplier selection process has been completed.

Welcome to Cobden Signs – Cobden Lions Club

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Gomez, to contribute \$500 to the Cobden Lions Club for replacement of "Welcome to Cobden" signs. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Approval of Bills and Salaries – February 16, 2015

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that presented bills in the amount of \$11,443.42 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, that presented bills in the amount of \$49,249.09 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Budget Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending February 26, 2015, as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Line Item and Other Transfers – February 16, 2015

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

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

Budget Status Report

The Budget Status Report for the period ending February 26, 2015, was presented.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending January 31, 2015 was presented.

Document Scanning Program Upgrade

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve an upgrade to the document scanning program for a cost of \$1,200.00. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Village Clerk's Monthly Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Village Clerk's Report for January 2015 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Village Treasurer's Monthly Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve the Village Treasurer's Report for January 2015 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Budget Information

Draft proposals for revision of the 2014-2015 budget and the proposed budget for 2015-2016 were presented. Budget Officer Karen M. Winzenburger will continue to update and prepare these documents for passage in April.

Motor Fuel Tax Audit Report No. 09-071

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to accept Motor Fuel Tax Audit Report No. 09-071 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Replacing Steps on North Front Street

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to accept a proposal from Adams Construction to remove and replace the steps and install handrails in front of 110 North Front Street at a cost of \$1,300.00. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Appointment of Auxiliary Police Officer – Douglas Meadows

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve Chief Hale's appointment of Douglas Meadows as Auxiliary Police Officer. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Monthly Police Report

The Cobden Police Report for January 2015 was presented.

Fire Department Minutes

The Minutes of the January 2015 meeting of the Fire Department were presented.

Closed Session – Continued Employment of Cody Behm

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to enter into closed session for the discussion of continued employment of Cody Behm. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Stewart
Motion declared carried and the Board entered closed session at 7:40 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to return to regular session. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Stewart
Motion declared carried and the Board returned to regular session at 7:47 p.m.

Dismissal of Cody Behm

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to terminate employment of Cody Behm. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Jesse Spencer Hired as Full-time Police Officer

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to hire Jesse Spencer as full-time Police Officer at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Note: The six-month probationary period for employment applies to this position as with all other positions within the Village.

Ordinance No. 914 – Sewer Rate Increase

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Brumleve, to pass and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 914 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 38-2-11 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1 ENTITLED “REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF 1974”, ENACTED ON THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 1974. Upon roll call, the vote

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

Gas Utilities Alliance – Spring Training Seminar

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to authorize Chad Eads and Shayne Eddleman to attend the Gas Utilities Alliance Spring Training Seminar in Mt. Vernon on March 24, 2015. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Gas Public Awareness Program – Paradigm Mailing

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Gomez, to participate in the 2015 Gas Public Awareness Collaborative Program with Paradigm at the cost of \$0.68 per mailing. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Ordinance No. 915 – Installation of Gas

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Gomez, to pass and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 915 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 38-3-1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1 ENTITLED “REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF 1974”, ENACTED ON THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 1974. Upon roll call, the vote

Ayes: 5 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Stewart
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 7:53 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk