

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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  
Dennis Maze  
David Stewart

Absent: Alma Gomez  
Frances Swedlund

**Also Present**

Larry E. Nance, Nealy Flamm, Mike Caldwell, Jaycie Quertermous, Harold Sheffer, Dan Hamilton (Simec)

**Minutes of the November 5, 2012 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant – Engineering Invoice**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to approve Engineering Invoice No. 17753 in the amount of \$20,222.50 for wastewater system improvements. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried. Grant funds will pay \$14,400 of this invoice.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Funding**

Correspondence from J. T. Blankinship, Inc. regarding the cost of a new wastewater treatment plant and funding sources for the wastewater plant was presented. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize J. T. Blankinship, Inc. to proceed with applying for loan funding for the wastewater treatment plant through Rural Development. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.

**Alto Pass Water District Interconnect**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to authorize payment of Change Order #3, the final Periodic Estimate for Partial Payment, and the Final Engineering Invoice for the Alto Pass Water District Interconnect. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.  
(Harold Sheffer left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.)

**Special Use Permit – Nealy Flamm**

Minutes of the Cobden Plan Commission Public Hearing and Meeting were presented along with the Plan Commission's recommend to issue a Special Use Permit to Nealy Flamm for a craft and gift shop at 408 South Jefferson Street. Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Brumleve, to issue the Special Use Permit as recommended by the Plan Commission. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.

**Building Permits**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to issue Building Permit No. 891 to Nealy Flamm for a portable building and Building Permit No. 892 to Kip and Linda Dillow for a carport. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion declared carried.

(Nealy Flamm, Mike Caldwell and Jaycie Quertermous left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

#### **Electricity Aggregation – SIMEC**

Dan Hamilton, representing SIMEC, was present to discuss the next steps for electricity aggregation. A special meeting will be held Monday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall and public hearings will be held at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on December 3, 2012. The Board requested that documents for review be available prior to the meeting. Mr. Hamilton left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

#### **Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, that presented bills in the amount of \$91,894.31 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion declared carried.

#### **Budget Report**

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Shadowens, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending November 15, 2012 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion declared carried.

#### **Line Item and Other Transfers**

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

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

Motion declared carried.

#### **Budget Status Report**

The Budget Status Report for the period ending November 15, 2012 was presented.

#### **Village Clerk's Monthly Report**

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

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

Motion declared carried.

#### **Village Treasurer's Monthly Report**

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

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

Motion declared carried.

#### **Employee Year-End Bonus**

In appreciation of the past year's job performance and service to the Village, motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to approve year-end bonuses as follows: \$350 to Maria Braden, David Isom, Joe Girtman, Karen Winzenburger, Larry Nance, James Wright, Waylon Logsdon, Chad Eads, B. J. Hale, Jon Meirndorf and Shayne Eddleman; \$100 to Tim Smith, Santiago Tomas and Dennis Heavrin; and \$50 to Brenda Childers. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion declared carried.

#### **Child Car Safety Seat Program – US Bank/Illinois State Police**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize US Bank and the Illinois State Police to use the South Front Street parking lot for a child car safety seat program on November 27. Upon roll, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.

**Resignation of Police Chief David Isom**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to accept the resignation of Police Chief David Isom effective December 26, 2012. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.

Appointment of a Police Chief will be on the Agenda for the December 3 meeting.

**Ordinance No. 875 – Sewer Rate Increase**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to pass and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 875 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 38-2-11 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1 ENTITLED “REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF 1974” ENACTED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 1974. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.

An article for the Village Newsletter explaining the need for the increase was approved by the Board.

**Request for Sewer Bill Adjustment**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to credit Robin Nance’s sewer bill the amount of \$32.57 due to a water leak outside her residence. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.

**Resignation/Retirement – James Wright**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to accept the resignation of Village Employee James Wright who is retiring effective December 26, 2012. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Gomez, Swedlund  
Motion declared carried.

**Reception for James Wright and David Isom – December 20**

A reception will be held on December 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Village Hall to honor James Wright and David Isom.

**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 8:31 p.m.

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Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk