



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 ("Village"), 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 of the Village of Cobden, subsequent to the referendum and pursuant to 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, aggregated the residential and small commercial retail electric loads located in the Village of Cobden and arranged for competitive electric supply to these retail electric accounts; and

Whereas, the Village Board of the Village of Cobden finds that the Opt Out Municipal Electric Aggregation program continues to serve the best interests of the Village through solicitation of bids and entering into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder; 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 of Cobden 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, 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 residential and small commercial retail customers in the Village of Cobden, Illinois.

Further be it resolved that this Resolution shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the year 2015 electricity aggregation program electric supplier selection process has been completed.

#### **Minutes of Liquor Advisory Board Meeting**

The Minutes of the Liquor Advisory Board meeting held on September 12, 2014 were presented.

#### **Ordinance No. 906 – Liquor Classification – Limits**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to pass **Ordinance No. 906 – An Ordinance to Amend Section 21-2-6 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, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried. This ordinance creates a third Class D liquor license.

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

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, that presented bills in the amount of \$31,239.40 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **Budget Report**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending September 30, 2014 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

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: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **Budget Status Report**

The Budget Status Report for the period ending September 30, 2014 was presented.

### **Employee Expense and Overtime Report**

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending September 30, 2014 was presented.

### **Recycling Rebate**

The Village received a recycling rebate in the amount of \$1,000 from Republic Services/CWI. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, that this rebate check be allocated to the Park Improvement Project. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

### **Request for Cemetery Entrance Sign**

A request from Gary Wiggs, Chairman of St. Joseph Cemetery Committee, to replace the cemetery entrance sign on East Ash Street was presented. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to place two signs on East Ash Street warning drivers of the cemetery entrance located in the curve of the street. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

### **K9 Trade Agreement**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to enter into a K9 Trade Agreement with Ryan Williams of K9 Companions who agrees to serve as the Village's K9 Auxiliary Officer for a term of five (5) years or until services are no longer needed. In return for this service, he will take full ownership and custody of the Cobden Police K9 "Euri" for life. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

### **Resignation – John Bosecker**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to accept John Bosecker's resignation as part-time police officer. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

### **Cobden Police Monthly Report**

The Cobden Police Department Monthly Report for September 2014 was presented.

### **COPS Grant Denied**

Police Chief Hale advised the Board that the Department's application for a COPS Hiring Program Grant was not approved. He will apply again next year.

### **Purchase of Taser Gun**

Chief Hale advised the Board of extra expense involved with the purchase of the taser (cartridges, holders, battery pack, etc.). He was authorized to purchase the extra items.

### **Application for Use of Park – Millis Auction Service**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to approve an application for use of the Cobden Downtown Park on November 28, 2014 submitted by Dale Millis Auction Service pending all requirements in the application are met. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

### **Application for Use of Park – CCBA**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve an application for use of the Cobden Community Park on October 11, 2014 submitted by the Cobden Community and Business Association pending all requirements in the application are met. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

### **Improvements to Walking Path at Cobden Community Park**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to pay the cost of asphalt material for repairs to the walking path in the Cobden Community Park. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

NOTE: E. T. Simonds Construction donated the labor and equipment for the repair.

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to reseal the walking path. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **Display of Flags**

Trustee Stewart will seek prices for flags to display in the downtown area.

#### **IMGA Gas Operator Training**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to enroll employees in the Gas Operator Qualification training offered by Interstate Municipal Gas Agency. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **Request for Sewer Adjustment – Appleknocker Car Wash**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to issue a sewer account credit of \$301.99 to the Appleknocker Car Wash due to a water leak from a broken hose. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **Request for Sewer Adjustment – R. V. Lamer**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to issue a sewer account credit of \$27.78 to R. V. Lamer due to a water leak outside of his house. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **APGA Dues**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to pay dues in the amount of \$350 to APGA for 2015 membership. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **ICC Gas Pipeline Safety Conference**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to authorize two employees to attend the ICC Gas Pipeline Safety Conference in Effingham October 20-22, 2014. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **Certificate of Commendation**

The Village has received a certificate of commendation from the Illinois Department of Public Health for fluoride compliance.

#### **Purchase of Mulcher for Cemetery**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to purchase an Exmark mulcher for the cemetery for the cost of \$279.00. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

#### **Purchase of Laptop Computer**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to authorize the purchase of a laptop computer for the utility department. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze

Motion declared carried.

**SIWOA Small Systems Conference**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to authorize two employees to attend the SIWOA Small Systems Conference in Makanda October 21 and 22. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Ordinance No. 907 – Date for TIF District Public Hearing**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to adopt **Ordinance No. 907 – An Ordinance to Set Date of a Public Hearing for the Village of Cobden Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project.** Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Brumleve, Gomez, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 2 – Britt, Maze  
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 7:38 p.m.

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Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk