

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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
Elvis Pearson
David Stewart

Also Present

B. J. Hale, Chad Eads, Chris Clark, Larry E. Nance, Gary Sweitzer

Minutes of the August 17, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Lions Club – October Event

Gary Sweitzer and Chris Clark represented the Cobden Lions Club in its request to close a portion of North Appleknocker Drive on October 10 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm to accommodate the October festival held by the Lions Club at The Old Feed Store. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to approve the temporary street closure. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried.
Mayor Tomazzoli will issue a Class C liquor license to the Lions Club for the event.

Eclipse 2017

Information was presented to the Board pertaining to planning meetings for the solar eclipse in 2017. Southern Illinois is declared to be the one spot in the world where visitors can see the solar eclipse for the maximum amount of time. A large number of people are expected to be in Southern Illinois for this event. Trustee Brumleve is planning to attend the meeting sponsored by the Southern Illinois Tourism Bureau on October 13, 2015.

Liquor Advisory Board Recommendation

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Brumleve, to accept the recommendation of the Liquor Advisory Board and revise the Liquor Code to permit four Class D licenses. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 0 – None
Motion declared carried. This was in response to a request from Ray and Rose Hogan for a Class D license for The Old Feed Store.

Ameren Electric Meter Upgrade

Ameren Illinois has notified customers that they are beginning a program of upgrading residential and business electric meters.

Update and Supplement Revised Code

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to authorize the Village Clerk to work with Illinois Codification Services for a final proposal to update and supplement the Revised Code. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Janitor for the Village Hall

The Village Clerk was authorized to seek someone to hire as janitor for the Village Hall.

Resignation – Larry E. Nance

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to accept the resignation of Larry E. Nance effective November 4, 2015. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried. Superintendent Nance intends to retire from the position of Village Superintendent on that date.

Appointment of Village Superintendent

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Gomez, to appoint William Chad Eads to the position of Village Superintendent effective November 4, 2015 for a three-month probationary period. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank – SPIN

An invitation to attend Anna-Jonesboro National Bank's Student Parent Information Night was presented.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Brumleve, that presented bills in the amount of \$116,407.79 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Budget Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending August 31, 2015, as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Line Item and Other Transfers

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

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Annual Treasurer's Report as Published in Newspaper

Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Brumleve, to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2015, as published in the newspaper. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Discontinue Depreciation Transfers

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to discontinue monthly transfers from the police and fire accounts to the Illinois Funds Public Safety Depreciation Savings account. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried. The reason for discontinuing the transfer is interest earned is less than one dollar per year and the processing of the transfer check exceeds the amount of interest earned.

Investment Recommendations

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to approve the following investment recommendations. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

1. Close IL Funds General Account and change direct deposit of tax revenue directly to our existing General Account at US Bank in Cobden.
2. Close IL Funds Motor Fuel Tax account and open account at Farmers State Bank for the monthly direct deposit and for check-writing capabilities.

3. Close IL Funds Water Savings account and purchase a Certificate of Deposit at Farmers State Bank. Purchase a \$20,000 CD using the savings balance supplemented with funds from the checking account.
4. Close IL Funds Gas Savings account and purchase a Certificate of Deposit at Farmers State Bank. Purchase a \$5,000 CD using the savings balance supplemented with funds from the checking account.

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

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

State Disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax and Video Gaming Tax

The Village Clerk informed the Board that the State of Illinois did not disburse Motor Fuel Tax or Video Gaming Tax for August.

Equipment Storage Building

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize the purchase of a Carolina Barn Boxed Eave Style building at a base cost of \$3,440.00 as recommended by Superintendent Nance. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Repair for Footbridge on South Front Street

Superintendent Nance presented a proposal for replacing the footbridge on South Front Street. He was asked to obtain another proposal for consideration along with the one presented.

Request for Caution Sign

A request from Barbara Dangbar for a caution sign on Mt. Glen Road was presented. Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Brumleve, to place a sign on Mt. Glen Road to warn drivers of children playing in the area. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Monthly Police Report

The Police Report for August 2015 was presented.

Trick or Treat Hours

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to set the time for Trick or Treat for the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2015 for children ages 12 years and younger. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Tour de Shawnee Bicycle Ride

The Tour de Shawnee Bicycle Ride will pass through the Village on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

Purchase of Appleknocker Welcome to Cobden Banners

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Gomez, to purchase four "Welcome to Cobden – Home of the Appleknockers" banners from Frankenstitch Promotions. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Revision to Grave Opening Fees

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to direct the Village Clerk to prepare an ordinance providing that grave opening fees for services beginning after 2:00 p.m. be increased to the rate of weekend and holiday grave openings. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Britt, Brumleve, Gomez, Maze, Pearson, Stewart

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

Motion declared carried.

Request for Sewer Adjustment – Larry Hackethal

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to credit Larry Hackethal's sewer account the amount of \$38.42 due to a water leak in the basement of his rental property. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Request for Sewer Adjustment – Ethel Blunt

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to credit Ethel Blunt's sewer account the amount of \$14.69 due to a water leak in her basement. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

USDI Proposal for Service Removal

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Pearson, to accept the proposal from USDI to remove three gas service lines at an estimated cost of \$1,000. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk