

## CHAPTER 1

## ADMINISTRATION

## ARTICLE I – GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

## DIVISION I – TITLE

**1-1-1 TITLE.** Upon the adoption by the Village Board of Trustees, this Village Code is hereby declared to be and shall thereafter constitute the official “**Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Cobden**”. The Revised Code of Ordinances shall be known and cited as the “**Village Code**”, and it is hereby published by authority of the Village Board and shall be kept up-to-date as provided in Section 1-1-3 under the direction of the Village Attorney, acting for said Village Board. Any reference to the number of any section contained herein shall be understood to refer to the position of the same number, its appropriate chapter and article heading and to the general penalty clause relating thereto as well as to the section itself when reference is made to this Village Code by title in any legal document. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/12-3)**

**1-1-2 ACCEPTANCE.** The Village Code as hereby presented in printed form shall hereafter be received without further proof in all courts and in all administrative tribunals of this State as the ordinances of the Village of general and permanent effect, except the excluded ordinances enumerated in Section 1-1-8. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-6)

**1-1-3 AMENDMENTS.** Any ordinance amending this Village Code shall set forth the article, chapter, or section number of the section or sections to be amended, and shall constitute a sufficient compliance with any statutory requirement pertaining to the amendment or revision by ordinance of any part of this Village Code. The Village Clerk shall prepare all such amendments or revisions as material for insertion in its proper place in each copy of this Village Code. Each such replacement page shall be properly identified and shall be inserted in each individual copy of the Village Code by the holder of each copy.

**1-1-4 CODE ALTERATION.** It shall be deemed unlawful for any person to alter, change, replace or deface in any way, any section or any page of this Code in such a manner that the meaning of any phrase or order may be changed or omitted. Replacement pages may be inserted according to the official instructions when so authorized by the Village Board. The Clerk shall see that the replacement pages are properly inserted in the official copies maintained in the office of the Clerk.

Any person having in his custody an official copy of this Code shall make every effort to maintain said Code in an up-to-date and efficient manner. He shall see to the immediate insertion of new or replacement pages when such are delivered to him or made available to him through the office of the Village Clerk. Said Code books, while in actual possession of officials and other interested persons shall be and remain the property of the Village and shall be returned to the office of the Clerk upon termination of office or separation of duties.

**1-1-5 JURISDICTION.** Unless otherwise provided herein, this Code applies to acts performed within the corporate limits of the Village. Provisions of this Code also apply to acts performed outside the corporate limits and up to the limits prescribed by law, where the law confers power on the Village to regulate such particular acts outside the corporate limits.

**1-1-6 – 1-1-7 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION II – SAVING CLAUSE**

**1-1-8 REPEAL OF GENERAL ORDINANCES.** All general ordinances of the Village passed prior to the adoption of this Code are hereby repealed, except such as are referred to herein as being still in force or are, by necessary implication, herein reserved from repeal [subject to the saving clauses contained in the following sections], from which are excluded the following ordinances, which are not hereby repealed:

Tax Levy Ordinances; Appropriation Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Boundaries and Annexations; Franchise Ordinances and other Ordinances Granting Special Rights to Persons or Corporations; Contract Ordinances; and Ordinances Authorizing the Execution of a Contract or the Issuance of Warrants; Ordinances Establishing, Naming, or Vacating Streets, Alleys, or Other Public Places; Improvement Ordinances; Bond Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Elections; Ordinances Relating to the Transfer or Acceptance of Real Estate by or from the Village; and all Special Ordinances.

**1-1-9 PUBLIC UTILITY ORDINANCES.** No ordinance relating to railroads or railroad crossings with streets and other public ways or relating to the conduct, duties, service or rates of public utilities shall be repealed by virtue of the adoption of this Code or by virtue of the preceding section, excepting as this Code shall be considered as amending such ordinance or ordinances in respect to such provisions only.

**1-1-10 COURT PROCEEDINGS.** No new ordinance shall be construed or held to repeal a former ordinance, whether such former ordinance is expressly repealed or not, as to any offense committed against such former ordinance or as to any act done, any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred, or any right accrued or claim arising under the former ordinance, or in any way whatever to affect any claim arising under the former ordinance or in any way whatever to affect any such offense or act so committed or so done, or any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred or any right accrued or claim arising before the new ordinance takes effect, save only that the proceedings thereafter shall conform to the ordinance in force at the time of such proceeding, so far as practicable. If any penalty, forfeiture or punishment be mitigated by any provision of a new ordinance, such provision may be, by the consent of the party affected, applied to any judgment announced after the new ordinance takes effect.

This Section shall extend to all repeals, either by express words or implication, whether the repeal is in the ordinance making any new provisions upon the same subject or in any other ordinance.

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any general ordinance of the Village herein repealed and the provisions of all general ordinances contained in this Code shall be deemed to be continuing provisions and not a new enactment of the same provision; nor shall this Chapter be deemed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accrued or to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm or corporation, or as waiving any right of the Village under any ordinance or provision thereof in force at the time of the adoption of this Code.

**1-1-11 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS.** Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Code is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Code, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

**1-1-12 VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.** The Village Clerk's Certificate shall be substantially in the following form:

VILLAGE CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 COUNTY OF UNION ) ss.  
 VILLAGE OF COBDEN )

VILLAGE CLERK’S OFFICE

I, Karen M. Winzenburger, Village Clerk of the Village of Cobden, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Cobden, Illinois of 2008, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees were duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden, Illinois, approved by the Mayor and published in book form according to law on this date, and that these ordinances are true and perfect copies of the ordinances, as passed, approved and now of record and on file in my office as provided by law.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Village of Cobden, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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 Village Clerk  
 Village of Cobden

1-1-13 – 1-1-14 RESERVED.

DIVISION III – DEFINITIONS

**1-1-15 CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS.** Whenever any word in any section of this Code, importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this Code by words importing the singular number only, or the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and females as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this Code which contains nay express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or content may be repugnant thereto.

**1-1-16 DEFINITIONS.** Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code, they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

**“AGENT”** as used in this Code shall mean a person acting on behalf of another.

**“BOARD OF TRUSTEES”** unless otherwise indicated shall mean the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cobden.

**“CODE” OR “THIS CODE”** shall mean the **“Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Cobden”**.

**“CORPORATE AUTHORITIES”** shall mean the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2(2))

**“COUNTY”** shall mean the County of Union.

**“EMPLOYEES”** shall mean the following: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **“of the Village”**.

**“FEE OR FEES”** as used in this Code shall mean a sum of money charged by the Village for carrying on a business, profession or occupation.

**“FISCAL YEAR”** The “fiscal year” for the Village shall begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and end on April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2[5])

**“KNOWINGLY”** imports only a knowledge that the facts exist which bring the act or omission within the provisions of this Code. It does not require any knowledge of the unlawfulness of such act or omission.

**“LEGAL HOLIDAY”** shall mean the holidays as authorized and recognized by the Village Board in the employee agreement.

**“LICENSE”** as used in this Code shall mean the permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

**“MAY”** as used in this Code means permissible.

**“MAYOR”** as used in this Code shall mean the Village President or President of the Village Board of Trustees. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2.1)

**“MISDEMEANOR”** as used in this Code shall mean any offense deemed a violation of the provisions of this Code which is a lesser offense than a felony as defined by state law.

**“NEGLECT”, “NEGLIGENCE”, “NEGLIGENT” AND “NEGLIGENTLY”** import a want of such attention to the nature of probable consequences of the act of omission as a prudent man ordinarily bestows in acting in his own concern.

**“NUISANCE”** shall mean anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village or any act or thing repugnant to or creating a hazard to or having a detrimental effect on the property of another person or to the community.

**“OCCUPANT”** as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

**“OFFENSE”** shall mean any act forbidden by any provision of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code.

**“OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”** Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village Officer or employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words “of the Village” and shall be taken to mean the officer or employee of this Village having the title mentioned or performing the duties indicated.

No provision of this Code designating the duties of any officer or employee shall be so construed as to make such officer or employee liable for any fine or penalty provided in this Code for a failure to perform such duty, unless the intention of the Village Board to impose such a fine or penalty on such officer or employee is specifically and clearly expressed in the section creating the duty.

**“OFFICIAL TIME”** Central Standard Time shall be the official time for the transaction of Village business, except during applicable Daylight Savings Time set by National or State standards when the official time shall be advanced one (1) hour. All clocks and other timepieces in or upon public buildings or other premises maintained by or at the expense of the Village shall be set and run at the official time prescribed by this paragraph.

**“OPERATOR”** as used in this Code shall mean the person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

**“OWNER”** as applied to a building or land shall include any part-owner, joint-owner, tenant-in-common, joint-tenant or lessee of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

**“PERSON”** shall mean any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association, or corporation in his or its own capacity as administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, receiver or other representative appointed by the Court. Whenever the word “person” is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine as applied to partnerships or any such word as applied to corporations, it shall include the officers, agents, or employees thereof who are responsible for any violation of said section.

**“RETAILER”** as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

**“SHALL”** as used in this Code means mandatory.

**“STATE” OR “THIS STATE”** unless otherwise indicated shall mean the “State of Illinois”.

**“STREET”** shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public squares, public places and sidewalks.

**“TENANT”** as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

**“WILLFULLY”** when applied to the intent with which an act is done or omitted implies simply a purpose or willingness to commit the act or make the omission referred to. It does not require any intent to violate law, or to injure another, or to acquire an advantage.

**“WRITTEN” AND “IN WRITING”** may include printing and any other mode of representing words and letters, but when the written signature of any person is required by law to any official or public writing or bond prescribed by law, it shall be in the proper handwriting of such person, or in case he is unable to write, by his proper mark.

**1-1-17 CATCHLINES.** The catchlines of several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.

**1-1-18 – 1-1-19 RESERVED.**

#### **DIVISION IV – GENERAL PENALTY**

**1-1-20 PENALTY.**

(A) Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for any one (1) offense.

(B) Any minor or person designated as a juvenile by this State convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for any one (1) offense, but may not be confined except by provisions of the Juvenile Court Act of the State of Illinois.

(C) Whoever commits an offense against the Village or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission is punishable as a principal.

(D) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which, if directly performed by him or another would be against the Village, is punishable as a principal.

(E) **Guilty Plea – No Court Appearance.** All municipal ordinance offenses may be satisfied without a court appearance by written plea of guilty and payment of the minimum fine, plus court costs, unless a court appearance is required by the ordinance violated. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-7 and 5/1-2-8)

(F) **Community Service.** Any penalty imposed for the violation of an ordinance may include, or consist of, a requirement that the defendant perform some reasonable public service work such as but not limited to the picking up of litter in parks or along public highways or the maintenance of public facilities. (#617; 02/02/1998)

**1-1-21 SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL.** In all actions for violation of any municipal ordinance where the fine would not be in excess of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) and no jail term could be imposed, service of summons may be made by the Municipal Clerk by certified mail, return receipt requested, whether service is to be within or without the State. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-9.1)

**1-1-22 APPLICATION.**

(A) The penalty provided in this Chapter shall be applicable to every section of this Village Code, the same as though it were a part of each and every separate section. Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Village Code, where any duty is prescribed or obligation imposed, or where any act which is of a continuing nature or declared to be unlawful, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day such duty or obligation remains unperformed or such act continues, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Village Code.

(B) In all cases where the same offense is made punishable or is created by different clauses or sections of this Village Code, the prosecuting officer may elect under which to proceed; but not more than one (1) recovery shall be had against the same person for the same offense; provided that the revocation of a license or permit shall not be considered a recovery or penalty so as to bar any other penalty being enforced.

(C) Whenever the doing of any act or the omission to do any act constitutes a breach of any section or provision of this Village Code, and there shall be no fine or penalty specifically declared for such breach, the provisions of this Code shall apply and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a breach or violation occurs or continues.

**1-1-23 LIABILITY OF OFFICERS.** The failure of any officer or employee to perform any official duty imposed by this Code shall not subject such officer or employee to the penalty imposed for violation of this Code, unless a penalty is specifically provided for.

**1-1-24 LICENSE.** When a person is convicted of a violation of any Section of this Code, any license previously issued to him by the Village may be revoked by the court or by the Village Board.

## ARTICLE II – VILLAGE OFFICIALS

### DIVISION I – VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**1-2-1 COMPOSITION AND GENERAL POWERS.** The Village Board shall consist of six (6) Trustees, elected in conformity with this Code and State laws governing elections in villages and shall have such powers as are granted by Chapter 65, Illinois Compiled Statutes, as amended. The term of office shall be for four (4) years or until their successors are elected and have qualified. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-25-5 and 5/3.1-10-50(D))

**1-2-2 REGULAR MEETINGS.** The regular stated meetings of the Village Board shall be held in the Village Hall building on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. When the meeting date falls upon a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following Tuesday at the same hour and place, unless otherwise designated. Adjourned and reconvened meetings may be held at such times as may be determined by the Trustees. (#456; 09/20/1993) (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS Sec. 120/1 et seq.)

**1-2-3 SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Village Board may be called by the Mayor or any three (3) Trustees by giving at least forty-eight (48) hours notice thereof by delivering to them personally written or printed notices of the time of such meeting at the residences of the Trustees. Such notices shall be served by mail, by the Village Clerk or a designated representative. Said notices shall specify the purpose of said special meeting and the business to be taken up at that time and place. Such notice shall be posted at the Village Hall and shall be provided to any local newspaper of general circulation or any local radio or television station that has filed an annual request for such notice. Said notice shall be provided to such news media in the same manner as said notice is given to the Mayor and members of the Village Board, provided such news media has given the Village an address within the Village at which such notice may be given. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS Sec. 120/2.02 and 120/2.03)

**1-2-4 COMMITTEES.** The following standing committees of the Village Board are hereby established, to-wit:

- (A) (1) Finance and Property Development
- (2) Utilities
- (3) Public Safety
- (4) Parks and Activities
- (5) Streets and Sidewalks
- (6) Cemetery

(B) The committees shall be appointed annually by the Mayor. In addition, the Mayor shall appoint the Chairman of each committee.

(C) The Mayor shall be ex-officio Chairman of each and every standing committee.

(D) So far as is practicable, reports of committees shall be in writing.

(E) As provided by law, any report of a committee of the Board shall be deferred for final action thereon to the next regular meeting of the same after the report is made, upon the request of any two (2) Trustees present. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-35)

(F) Each standing committee of the Village Board shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the department of municipal government with which it is connected; shall ascertain the condition and needs of said department; shall from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and Village Board so that a full understanding thereof may be had, and generally, shall do all acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the Department.

(G) All committee meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Act requirements and minutes shall be taken. (See 5 ILCS Sec. 120/1 and 120/2.06)

**1-2-5 SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** Special Committees may be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, as may be needed from time to time.

**1-2-6 QUORUM.** At all meetings of the Village Board, a majority of the corporate authorities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and if no such quorum attends such meeting of the Board, the Trustees may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is present; and shall have power to compel the attendance of absent members, except when such members are physically unable to attend such meetings. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** When the Board has a Mayor and six (6) Trustees, a quorum is four (4), which may consist of the Mayor and three (3) Trustees, or four (4) Trustees.

**1-2-7 COMPELLING ATTENDANCE.** It shall be the duty of each and all Trustees to attend all regular meetings of the Village Board and all special meetings when each has been duly notified of the date and place of such meeting. If, at any meeting duly called a quorum is not present, the Trustees in attendance may adjourn the same to some stated time; and any Trustee duly notified in writing by the Clerk of the time and place of such adjourned meeting may be compelled to attend; provided that the foregoing shall not apply when any Trustee is absent from such meeting or meetings on account of sickness, unavoidable accident, or is working.

Any member of the Village Board who shall neglect to or refuse to attend at least one (1) meeting per month of the Village Board without good and sufficient excuse to be passed upon by the Village Board shall not receive compensation for that month. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20)

**1-2-8 – 1-2-10 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION II – RULES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**

**1-2-11 RULES OF THE BOARD.** The following rules of order and procedure shall govern the deliberations and meetings of the Village Board.

(A) **Order of Business.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to order by presiding officer.
- (2) Roll Call.
- (3) The reading of the journal of the proceedings of the last preceding meeting or meetings, and correction of the same, unless dispensed with by the Board of Trustees and correction of the journal of the proceedings of previous meetings.
- (4) Reports and communications from the Mayor and other Village Officers.
- (5) Visitors
- (6) Reports of Standing Committees.
- (7) Reports of Special Committees.
- (8) Presentation of communications, petitions, resolutions, orders, and ordinances by the Board of Trustees.
- (9) Unfinished business.
- (10) Miscellaneous business.

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the Chair without debate, subject to appeal.

(B) **Duties of Presiding Officer.** The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum and may speak to points of order in preference to other Trustees, and shall decide all question of order, subject to appeal.

(C) **Duties of Members.** While the presiding officer is putting the question, no member shall walk across or out of the Board Chamber.

Every member, prior to his speaking, making a motion or seconding the same shall not proceed with his remarks until recognized and named by the Chair. He shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personalities and refraining from impugning the motives of any other Trustee's argument or vote.

(D) **Visitors.** No person other than a member of the Board of Trustees shall address that body on the same question unless such person has been recognized by the presiding officer.

(E) **Presentation of New Business.** When a Trustee wishes to present a communication, petition, order, resolution, ordinance or other original matter, the member shall read such matter when reached in its proper order.

(F) **Debate.** No Trustee shall speak more than once on the same question, except by consent of the presiding officer or unless three-fourths (3/4) of the corporate authorities agree that one's right to debate should be limited to speak only once and then not until every other Trustee desiring to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; provided, however, that the proponent of the matter under consideration, as the case may be, shall have the right to open and close debate.

The Village Board, by motion, may limit debate. The presiding officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

While a member is speaking, no Trustee shall hold any private discussion, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

(G) **Call of Trustees to Order.** A Trustee, when called to order by the Chair, shall thereupon discontinue speaking and take his seat and the order or ruling of the Chair shall be binding and conclusive, subject only to the right to appeal.



(H) **Appeals from Decision of the Chair.** Any Trustee may appeal to the Board from a ruling of the Chair, and if the appeal is seconded, the Trustee making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the same, and the Chair may briefly explain his ruling; but there shall be no debate on the appeal and no other person shall participate in the discussion. The presiding officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

The Chair shall then put the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?". If a majority of the Trustees present vote "No", the decision of the Chair shall be overruled; otherwise, it shall be sustained.

(I) **Question of Personal Privilege.** The right of a member to address the Board on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his integrity, character, or motives are assailed, questioned or impugned.

(J) **Voting.** Every other member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair shall vote thereon, unless he is personally interested in the question, in which case, he shall take whatever steps are necessary to insure that his vote is not taken.

(K) **Special Order of Business.** Any matter before the Village Board may be set down as a special order of business at a time certain if two-thirds (2/3) of the Trustees present vote in the affirmative, but not otherwise.

(L) **Seconding of Motions Required, Written Motions.** No motion shall be put or debated in the meeting or in committee unless it be seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer before debate, and every motion in the Board, except motions of procedure, shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and the proposer of the motion shall be entitled to the floor.

(M) **Division of Questions.** If any question under consideration contains several distinct propositions, the Trustees, by a majority vote of the Trustees present may divide such question.

(N) **Record of Motions.** In all cases where a resolution or motion is entered in the journal, the name of the Trustee moving the same shall be entered also.

(O) **Announcement and Changes of Vote.** The result of all votes by yeas and nays shall not be announced by the Clerk, but shall be handed by him to the Chairman for announcement, and no vote shall be changed after the tally list has passed from the hands of the Clerk.

(P) **Precedence of Motions.** When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be in order and shall have precedence over each other in order, as listed:

- (1) To adjourn to a day certain.
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take a recess.
- (4) To lay on the table.
- (5) The previous question.
- (6) To refer.
- (7) To amend.
- (8) To defer or postpone to a time certain.
- (9) To defer or postpone (without reference to time).
- (10) To defer or postpone indefinitely.

Numbers (2), (4), and (5) to be decided without debate.

(Q) **Motions to Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the Village Board shall always be in order, except:

- (1) When a Trustee is in possession of the floor.
- (2) While the yeas and nays are being called.
- (3) When the members are voting.
- (4) When adjournment was the last preceding motion.
- (5) When it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

A motion simply to adjourn shall not be subject to amendment or debate, but a motion to adjourn to a time certain shall be.

The Village Board may, at any time, adjourn over one (1) or more regular meetings on a vote of a majority of all the Trustees authorized by law to be elected.

(R) **Previous Question.** When the previous question is moved on the main question and seconded, it shall be put forth on this form: "Shall the main question now be put?". If such motion be

carried, all further amendments and all further motions and debate shall be excluded, and the question put without delay upon the pending amendment in proper order and then upon the main question.

(S) **Motions to Lay on the Table and to Take From the Table.** A motion simply to lay the question on the table shall not be debatable, but a motion to lay on the table and publish, or with any other condition shall be subject to amendment and debate.

A motion to take any motion or other proposition from the table may be proposed at the same meeting at which such motion or proposition was laid upon the table, provided two-thirds (2/3) of the Trustees vote therefor.

A motion to lay any particular motion or proposition on the table shall apply to that motion or proposition only. An amendment to the main question or other pending question may be laid on the table and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(T) **Indefinite Postponement; Motion to Defer or Postpone Without Any Reference to Time.** When consideration of a motion or other proposition is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be again taken up at the same meeting.

A motion to postpone indefinitely shall not open the main question to debate.

A motion to defer or postpone without any reference to time shall not be construed as a motion to postpone indefinitely, but shall be considered to be of the same general nature and to possess the same general attributes so far as applicable under these rules, as a motion to postpone indefinitely or to a time certain.

(U) **Motion to Refer.** A motion to refer to a standing committee shall take precedence over a similar motion to refer to a special committee.

(V) **Motion to Amend.** A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

On an amendment to "Strike Out and Insert", the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be stricken out, then those to be inserted, and finally, the paragraph as it will stand if so amended shall be read.

An amendment to the main question or other pending questions may be referred to a committee and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(W) **Filling of Blanks.** When a blank is to be filled and different sums or times proposed, the question shall be taken on the least sum or the longest time.

(X) **Motion to Substitute.** A substitute for any original proposition under debate or for any pending amendment or such proposition may be entertained notwithstanding that at such time, further amendment is admissible; and if accepted by the Trustees by a vote shall entirely supersede such original proposition or amendment, as the case may be, and cut off all amendments appertaining thereto.

(Y) **Reconsideration.** A vote or question may be reconsidered at any time during the same meeting, or at the first regular meeting held thereafter. A motion for reconsideration having been once made and decided in the negative shall not be renewed, nor shall a motion to reconsider be considered.

A motion to reconsider must be made and seconded by Trustees who voted on the prevailing side of the question to be reconsidered, unless otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that where a motion has received a majority vote in the affirmative, but is declared lost solely on the ground that a greater number of affirmative votes is required by statute for the passage or adoption of such motion, then in such case, a motion to reconsider may be made and seconded only by those who voted in the affirmative on such question to be reconsidered.

(Z) **Adoption of Robert's "Rules of Order Revised".** The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the latest published edition of Robert's "Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the special rules of the Board.

(AA) **Temporary Suspension of Rules – Amendment of Rules.** These rules may be temporarily suspended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the corporate authorities entitled by law to be elected and shall not be repealed, altered or amended, unless by concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of all the corporate authorities entitled by law to be elected.

(BB) **Censure of Trustees – Expulsion of Trustees.** Any Trustee acting or appearing in a lewd or disgraceful manner, or who uses opprobrious, obscene and insulting language to or about any member of the Board, or who does not obey the order of the Chair, shall be, on motion, censured by a

majority vote of the members present, or expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Trustees elected. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-15)

**1-2-12 AGENDA.** An itemized agenda, along with all necessary supporting documentation shall be furnished to each member of the Village Board no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the regular Village Board meeting. In the case of matters of emergency which could not have been reasonably foreseen in sufficient time to comply with this section, a revised agenda shall be furnished to each member of the Village Board prior to the opening of the Board meeting. (#472; 06/30/1994) (See 5 ILCS Sec. 120/2.02)

**1-2-13 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION III – ORDINANCES**

**1-2-14 ORDINANCES.**

(A) **Attorney.** It shall be the duty of the Village Attorney to prepare such ordinances as may be required by the Village Board.

(B) **Introduced.** When a proposed ordinance is introduced, it shall be read one time by title only and referred to the proper committee unless the Board of Trustees shall specifically direct.

(C) **Vote required – Yeas and Nays Record.** The passage of all ordinances for whatever purpose, and of any resolution or motion (1) to create any liability against the Village or (2) for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, shall require the concurrence of a majority of all members then holding office on the Village Board, including the Mayor, unless otherwise expressly provided by the Code or any other act governing the passage of any ordinance, resolution or motion; provided that, where the Board consists of an odd number of Trustees, the vote of the majority of the trustees shall be sufficient to pass an ordinance. The yeas and nays shall be taken upon the question of the passage of the designated ordinances, resolutions, or motions and recorded in the journal of the Village Board. In addition, the corporate authorities at any meeting may be unanimous consent to take a single vote by yeas or nays on the several questions of the passage on any two (2) or more of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions or motions placed together for voting purposes in a single group. The single vote shall be entered separately in the journal under the designation “omnibus vote”, and in such event the Clerk may enter the words “omnibus vote” or “consent agenda” in the journal in each case in lieu of entering names of the members of Village Board voting “yea” and of those voting “nay” on the passage of each of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions included in such omnibus group or consent agenda. The taking of such single or omnibus vote and such entries of the words “omnibus vote” or “consent agenda” in the journal shall be a sufficient compliance with the requirements of this Section to all intents and purposes and with like effect as if the vote in each case had been separately by yeas and nays on the question of the passage of each ordinance, order, resolution and motion included in such omnibus group, and separately recorded in the journal. Likewise, the yeas and nays shall be taken upon the question of the passage of any other resolution or motion at the request of any trustee and shall be recorded in the journal. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-40)

(D) **Ordinances – Approval – Veto.** All resolutions and motions (1) which create any liability against the Village, or (2) that provide for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, or (3) to sell any Village property, and all ordinances, passed by the Village Board shall be deposited with the Village Clerk. If the Mayor approves an ordinance or resolution, the Mayor shall sign it. Those ordinances, resolutions and motions which the Mayor disapproves shall be returned to the Village Board, with the Mayor’s written objections, at the next regular meeting of the Village Board occurring not less than five (5) days after their passage. The Mayor may disapprove of any one (1) or more sums appropriated in any ordinance, resolution, or motion making an appropriation, and, if so, the remainder shall be effective. However, the Mayor may disapprove entirely of an ordinance, resolution, or motion making an appropriation. If the Mayor fails to return any ordinance or any specified resolution or motion with his written objections, within the designated time, it shall become effective despite the absence of the Mayor’s signature. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-45)

**1-2-15 RECONSIDERATION – PASSING OVER VETO.** Every resolution and motion, specified in Section 1-2-14 and every ordinance, that is returned to the Village Board by the Mayor shall be reconsidered by the Village Board at the next regular meeting following the regular meeting at which the Village Board receives the Mayor's written objection. If, after reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of all the Trustees then holding office on the Village Board agree at that regular meeting to pass an ordinance, resolution, or motion, notwithstanding the Mayor's refusal to approve it, then it shall be effective. The vote on the question of passage over the Mayor's veto shall be by yeas and nays, and shall be recorded in the journal. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-50)

**1-2-16 NO VOTE TO BE CONSIDERED AT SPECIAL MEETING.** No vote of the Village Board shall be reconsidered or rescinded at a special meeting unless there are present at the special meeting at least as many Village Trustees as were present when the vote was taken. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-55)

**1-2-17 RESERVED.**

#### DIVISION IV – GENERAL PROVISIONS

**1-2-18 CORPORATE SEAL.**

(A) The Corporate Seal of the Village shall be the same as that heretofore provided and used by the Village. It shall be circular in form, with the words, "**Village of Cobden, Union County, Illinois**" in the exterior circle, and the word "**Seal**" in the center. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/2-2-12)

(B) The Corporate Seal shall be used as such seal in all cases provided for by law or by the ordinances of the Village and in all other cases in which, by law and custom, it is usual and necessary for the corporation to use a seal. The seal shall be and remain with the Village Clerk who shall be the legal custodian. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)

**1-2-19 ELECTIONS.**

(A) **Election Procedure.** The provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 10 concerning municipal elections shall govern the conduct of the Village elections. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-10)

(B) **Inauguration.** The inauguration of newly elected Village officials shall occur at the first regular or special meeting of the Village Board in the month of May following the consolidated election in April. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-15) (#500; 04/03/1995)

**1-2-20 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.** No Trustee of this Village, during the term of office for which he is elected, may accept or be appointed to or hold any office appointed by the Mayor except if such Trustee is granted a leave of absence from such office. However, such Trustee may serve as a volunteer fireman and receive compensation for such service. Any appointment in violation of this Section is void. (See ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-15)

**NOTE: One (1) member may serve on the Library Board, if one exists. (See 75 ILCS Sec. 5/4.1 and 50 ILCS Sec. 105/2)**

**1-2-21 MUNICIPAL OFFICERS – REGULATIONS.**

(A) **Effect.** The provisions of this Division shall apply alike to all officers and employees of the Village regardless of the time of creation of the office or position or the time of the appointment of the officer or employee.

(B) **Qualifications; Appointive Office.**

- (1) No person shall be eligible for any appointive municipal office unless that person is a qualified elector of the municipality or otherwise provided by law.
- (2) The residency requirements do not apply, however, to municipal engineers, health officers, attorneys, or other officers who require technical training or

knowledge, to appointed village treasurers, or to appointed village collectors (unless the Village has designated by ordinance that the Village Clerk shall also hold the office of collector.) (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-6)

(C) **Bond.** Every officer and employee shall, if required by the Village Board upon entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond in such amount and with such sureties as may be determined by the Board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office or position. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-30)

(D) **Books Delivered to Successor.** Every officer shall, upon going out of office, deliver to his successor, all books, papers, furniture, and other things appertaining to such office, and which are the property of the Village. Within **five (5) days** after notification and request, any person who has been an officer of a municipality is required to deliver to his successor in office, all property, books and effects in his possession belonging to the municipality, or pertaining to the office he has held. Upon his refusal to do so, he shall be liable for all damages caused thereby, and shall, upon conviction, be penalized according to the provisions of Section 1-1-20 of this Code. He shall not receive his final check until his Village Code Book and keys are turned over to the Village Clerk. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-35)

(E) **Books Open to Inspection.** Every officer shall, at all times when required, submit the books and papers of his office to the inspection of the Mayor or any committee or member of the Board of Trustees.

(F) **Fees; Report of Fees.** No officer of the municipality shall be entitled to charge or receive any fees as against the Village. All officers of the Village entitled to receive fees shall keep a correct account thereof, and make a report thereof under oath to the Village Board prior to the regular meeting of each month. In the report, they shall specify from whom such fees were received, for what service, and when received. All fees received shall be paid over into the Village Treasury.

(G) **Other Rules and Regulations.** Every officer of the Village shall perform such other duties and be subject to such other rules and regulations as the Village Board may provide by law. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-40)

(H) **Conservators of the Peace.**

(1) After receiving a certificate attesting to the successful completion of a training course administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, the Mayor, Trustees and policemen in municipalities shall be conservators of the peace. Those persons and others authorized by ordinance shall have the power:

- (a) to arrest or cause to be arrested, with or without process, all persons who break the peace or are found violating any municipal ordinance or any criminal law of the State,
- (b) to commit arrested persons for examination,
- (c) if necessary, to detain arrested persons in custody over night or Sunday in any safe place or until they can be brought before the proper court, and
- (d) to exercise all other powers as conservators of the peace prescribed by the corporate authorities.

(2) All warrants for the violation of municipal ordinances or the State criminal law, directed to any person, may be served and executed within the limits of the municipality by any policeman of the municipality. For that purpose, policemen have all the common law and statutory powers of sheriffs. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-25)

(I) **Oath.** Before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, all municipal officers, whether elected or appointed shall take and subscribe to the following oath:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the best of my ability.”

The Mayor and the Clerk shall have the power to administer this oath or affirmation upon all lawful occasions. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-20) (See "Administration of Oaths", Section 1-2-73)

**1-2-22 RESIGNATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS.** Any officer of this Village may resign from office. If such officer resigns, he shall continue in office until his successor has been chosen and has qualified. If there is a failure to appoint a Village officer, or the person fails to qualify, the person filling the office shall continue in office until his successor has been chosen and has qualified. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50)

**1-2-23 QUALIFICATIONS: ELECTIVE OFFICE.**

(A) A person is not eligible for an elective municipal office unless that person is a qualified elector of the municipality and has resided in the municipality at least **one (1) year** next preceding the election or appointment except as provided by statute.

(B) A person is not eligible for an elective municipal office if that person is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony until completion of his or her sentence.

(C) A person is not eligible for the office of trustee unless that person has resided in the municipality, at least **one (1) year** next preceding the election or appointment, except as provided in 65 ILCS Secs. 5/3.1-25-75(b) or 5/3.1-20-25. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-5)

**1-2-24 BONDS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS.**

(A) **Amount.** Bonds of Village officers required under **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 65, Section 5/3,1-10-30** shall be executed in the following penal sums:

(1)	Mayor	\$50,000.00
(2)	Village Treasurer	50,000.00
(3)	Village Clerk	50,000.00
(4)	Police Chief	50,000.00

(B) **Premium Payment by Village.** The surety bonds required by law shall be paid by the Village. (See 5 ILCS Sec. 270/1)

(C) **Surety.** The Village Board shall not receive or approve any bond or security whereon the name of the Village Board, any one of the Board of Trustees or any elected or appointed officer of the Village appear as bondsman or security. If, by mistake, a bond containing the name of any such officer is approved by the Village Board or if any bondsman, after becoming such is elected or appointed to any Village office, this Section shall not act as a release of any such obligation incurred.

**1-2-25 LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

(A) **Purchase Of.** The Village Board shall have the power to purchase liability insurance covering and insuring all municipal officers, employees and elected officials; said insurance to cover incidents occurring while in the performance of their duties, which insurance may insure, cover and protect any liability which the municipal corporation, officer, employee or elected official may incur. When the insurance has been purchased, the Village shall be responsible for all premiums and deductible charges called for by any valid liability insurance policy covering the municipal corporation, officer, employee or elected official.

(B) **Indemnification.** If the Village Board elects not to purchase liability insurance covering and insuring municipal officers, elected officials and employees as provided in this Section, then the Village shall indemnify and cause to defend municipal officers, elected officials and employees from any claim filed by an individual, partnership or corporation when the claim is founded on any act or omission of the municipal officers, elected officials or employees while in the performance of their official duties, except the Village shall not indemnify, but shall defend any municipal officer, elected official or employee from any claim made by an individual, partnership or corporation wherein the claim alleges that the municipal officer, elected official or employee acted intentionally, maliciously or wantonly and further, shall not indemnify or cause to defend the officials or employees where the claim is directly or indirectly related

to the negligent care or use of a vehicle as defined by the **Illinois Compiled Statutes**, and the Village shall not indemnify any municipal officer, elected official or employee from any claim made by a municipal officer, elected official or employee.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, the Village shall not indemnify or cause to defend any municipal officers, elected officials or employees if the municipal officers, elected officials or employees have liability insurance insuring the municipal officers, elected officials or employees from the alleged claim; however, the Village shall indemnify the municipal officer, elected official or employee the personal deductible limits of his personal policy. (See 745 ILCS Sec. 10/2-201 et seq.)

#### **1-2-26 BIDDING AND CONTRACT PROCEDURES.**

(A) **Competitive Bidding Required.** Any work or other public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, and all purchases of contracts for supplies, materials, and services shall, except as specifically provided herein, be based whenever possible on competitive bids.

(B) **Formal Contract Procedure.** All work or other public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, and all purchases, orders or contracts for supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services except as provided herein, when the estimated cost thereof shall exceed **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)**, shall be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting bids, unless competitive bidding is waived by a vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees then holding office.

(C) **Notice Inviting Bids.** Notice inviting bids shall be published at least once in a newspaper with general circulation within the Village. The Village shall also advertise all pending work or purchases by posting a notice on the public bulletin board in the Village Hall.

(D) **Scope of Notice.** The newspaper notice required herein shall include a general description of the work to be performed or the articles to be purchased, shall state where specifications may be secured, and the time and place for opening bids.

(E) **Bid Deposits.** When deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees, bid deposits shall be prescribed in the public notices inviting bids. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to the return of their bid deposits upon the award of the contract by the Board of Trustees. A successful bidder shall forfeit any bid deposit required by the Board of Trustees upon failure on his part to enter into a contract within **ten (10) days** after the award.

(F) **Bid Opening Procedure.**

(1) **Sealed.** Bids shall be submitted sealed to the Village and shall be identified as bids on the envelope.

(2) **Opening.** Bids shall be opened in public at the time and place stated in the public notice.

(3) **Tabulation.** A tabulation of all bids received shall be made by the Board of Trustees or by a Village employee, in which event, a tabulation of the bids shall be furnished to the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.

(G) **Rejection of Bids.** The Village shall have the authority to reject all bids or parts of all bids when the public interest will be served thereby.

(H) **Bidders in Default to Village.** The Village shall not accept the bid of a contractor who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses or other monies due the Village.

(I) **Award of Contract.**

(1) **Authority in Village.** The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to award contracts within the purview of this Section.

(2) **Lowest Responsible Bidder.** Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of the bid that is in the best interest of the Village to accept. In awarding the contract, in addition to price, the Board of Trustees shall consider:

(a) The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract to provide the service required;

(b) Whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference;

- (c) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder;
- (d) The quality of the performance of previous contracts or services;
- (e) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or service;
- (f) The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service;
- (g) The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required;
- (h) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject of the contract;
- (i) The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.
- (j) Whether the bidder has furnished a Certificate of Insurance indicating Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability coverage and the policy limits for such coverage.

(3) **Performance Bonds.** The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to require a performance bond, before entering into a contract, in such amounts as it shall find reasonably necessary to protect the best interests of the Village.

(J) **Open Market Procedure.** All work and purchases of supplies, materials and services of less than the estimated value of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** shall be made in the open market, without newspaper advertisement and without observing the procedure prescribed by this Section for the award of formal contracts.

(K) **Professional Services Exempt from Bidding Requirements.** All contracts for professional services, including, but not limited to, attorneys, engineers, real estate appraisers and architects and any other profession whose ethical code involved prohibits or discourages involvement in normal bidding procedures, may be entered into by the Village without observing the bidding procedures prescribed by this Section for the award of formal contracts.

(L) **Emergency Purchases.** In case of an apparent emergency which requires immediate work or purchase of supplies, materials or services, the Board of Trustees shall be empowered to secure by open market procedure as herein set forth, at the lowest obtainable price, any work, supplies, materials or services regardless of the amount of the expenditure.

(M) **Cooperative Purchasing.** The Village shall have the authority to join with other units of government in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interests of the Village would be served thereby. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/8-9-1 and 8-9-2)

#### **1-2-27 SALARIES REGULATION.**

(A) **Elected.** No salary or compensation of any elected municipal officer who is elected for a definite term of office shall be increased or diminished during such term.

(B) **Appointed.** No salary or compensation of any appointed official who is appointed for a definite term of office shall be decreased during such term, but may be increased. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5 and 5/3.1-50-10)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The salary of appointed officials and employees may be established in the appropriation ordinance or annual budget. The salary of elected officials must be established in an ordinance other than the appropriation ordinance at least **one hundred eighty (180) days** before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be filed.

#### **1-2-28 CLAIMS.**

(A) **Presentation.** All claims against the Village for goods purchased, damaged, or originating in any other way, except for claims for salaries and other allowances that are fixed by ordinance shall be presented on or before the Monday preceding the monthly meeting of each month to the Village Clerk. All such claims must be in writing and items shall be specified.

(B) **Exception.** This does not prohibit the Village Board from passing on any claims not previously presented to the Village Clerk if, in the opinion of the Board, justice to the claimant requires it.



**1-2-29 MUNICIPAL YEAR.** The municipal year shall commence on May 1<sup>st</sup> and end on the following April 30<sup>th</sup>. No appointments shall be made during the last month of the municipal year in the year of a mayoral election.

**1-2-30 EXPENSES – REIMBURSEMENT.** Each member of the corporate authorities may receive reimbursement from the municipality for expenses incurred by the member in attending committee meetings of the corporate authorities or for other expenses incurred by the member in the course of performing official duties. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-15(B))

**1-2-31 OFFICIAL RECORDS.** All official records, including the Corporate Seal, shall be kept in the Village Hall.

**1-2-32 FEDERAL OLD AGE AND SURVIVOR'S INSURANCE SYSTEM.**

(A) **Eligible employees** shall mean all employees of the Village, eligible under the Federal Act, except persons elected to office by popular election and also the Village Treasurer and Village Attorney.

(B) **Withholdings** from salaries or wages of employees for the purpose provided in sections hereof are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws or regulations, and shall be paid quarterly. (40 ILCS 5/21-101 et seq.)

**1-2-33 ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.**

(A) The Village does hereby elect to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

(B) **Special Tax.** The Village includes in its levy and appropriation ordinance provision for the levying of a special tax to pay the Village's cost of participating in the Retirement Fund and appropriate therefrom funds to pay the cost of participation.

(C) **Coverage.** To be eligible to be included in the IMRF a person shall have to work a minimum of one thousand (1,000) hours per year.

**1-2-34 CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE.** All contractors and subcontractors doing work for the Village shall first provide a Certificate of Insurance indicating Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability coverage and the policy limits for such coverage.

**1-2-35 – 1-2-36 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION V – VACANCIES**

**1-2-37 VACANCY BY RESIGNATION.** A resignation is not effective unless it is in writing, signed by the person holding the elective office, and notarized.

(A) **Unconditional Resignation.** An unconditional resignation by a person holding the elective office may specify a future date, not later than sixty (60) days after the date the resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, at which time it becomes operative, but the resignation may not be withdrawn after it is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy. The effective date of a resignation that has a specified future effective date is that specified future date or the date the resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date occurs later.

(B) **Conditional Resignation.** A resignation that does not become effective unless a specified event occurs can be withdrawn at any time prior to the occurrence of the specified event, but if not withdrawn, the effective date of the resignation is the date of the occurrence of the specified event or the date the resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date occurs later.

(C) **Vacancy Upon the Effective Date.** For the purpose of determining the time period that would require an election to fill the vacancy by resignation or the commencement of the sixty (60) day time period referred to in Section 1-2-41, the resignation of an elected officer is deemed to have created a vacancy as of the effective date of the resignation.

(D) **Duty of the Clerk.** If a resignation is delivered to the Clerk of the Municipality, the Clerk shall forward a certified copy of the written resignation to the official who is authorized to fill the vacancy within seven (7) business days after receipt of the resignation.

**1-2-38 VACANCY BY DEATH OR DISABILITY.** A vacancy occurs in an office by reason of the death of the incumbent. The date of the death may be established by the date shown on the death certificate. A vacancy occurs in an office by permanent physical or mental disability rendering the person incapable of performing the duties of the office. The corporate authorities have the authority to make the determination whether an officer is incapable of performing the duties of the office because of a permanent physical or mental disability. A finding of mental disability shall not be made prior to the appointment by a court of a guardian ad litem for the officer or until a duly licensed doctor certifies, in writing, that the officer is mentally impaired to the extent that the officer is unable to effectively perform the duties of the office. If the corporate authorities find that an officer is incapable of performing the duties of the office due to permanent physical or mental disability, that person is removed from the office and the vacancy of the office occurs on the date of the determination.

**1-2-39 VACANCY BY OTHER CAUSES.**

(A) **Abandonment and Other Causes.** A vacancy occurs in an office by reason of abandonment of office; removal from office; or failure to qualify; or more than temporary removal of residence from the Municipality, as the case may be. The corporate authorities have the authority to determine whether a vacancy under this Section has occurred. If the corporate authorities determine that a vacancy exists, the office is deemed vacant as of the date of that determination for all purposes including the calculation under Sections 1-2-41 or 1-2-42.

(B) **Guilty of a Criminal Offense.** An admission of guilt of a criminal offense that upon conviction would disqualify the municipal officer from holding the office, in the form of a written agreement with State or federal prosecutors to plead guilty to a felony, bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime under State or federal law, constitutes a resignation from that office, effective on the date the plea agreement is made. For purposes of this Section, a conviction for an offense that disqualifies a municipal officer from holding that office occurs on the date of the return of a guilty verdict or, in the case of a trial by the court, on the entry of a finding of guilt.

(C) **Election Declared Void.** A vacancy occurs on the date of the decision of a competent tribunal declaring the election of the officer void.

**1-2-40 ELECTION OF AN ACTING MAYOR.** The election of an acting Mayor pursuant to Section 1-2-42 or 1-2-43 does not create a vacancy in the original office of the person on the Village Board, unless the person resigns from the original office following election as acting Mayor. If the person resigns from the original office following election as acting Mayor, then the original office must be filled pursuant to the terms of this Section and the acting Mayor shall exercise the powers of the Mayor and shall vote and have veto power in the manner provided by law for a Mayor. If the person does not resign from the original office following election as acting Mayor, then the acting Mayor shall exercise the powers of the Mayor but shall be entitled to vote only in the manner provided for as the holder of the original office and shall not have the power to veto. If the person does not resign from the original office following election as acting Mayor, and if that person's original term of office has not expired when a Mayor is elected and has qualified for office, the acting Mayor shall return to the original office for the remainder of the term thereof.

**1-2-41 APPOINTMENT TO FILL TRUSTEE VACANCY.** An appointment by the Mayor or acting Mayor, as the case may be, of a qualified person as described in Section 1-2-23 of this Code to fill a vacancy in the office of Trustee must be made within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs. Once the appointment of the qualified person has been forwarded to the corporate authorities, the corporate authorities shall act upon the appointment within thirty (30) days. If the appointment fails to receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities within thirty (30) days, the Mayor or acting Mayor shall appoint and forward to the corporate authorities a second qualified person as described in Section 1-2-23. Once the appointment of the second qualified person has been forwarded to the corporate authorities, the

corporate authorities shall act upon the appointment within thirty (30) days. If the appointment of the second qualified person also fails to receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities, then the Mayor or acting Mayor, without the advice and consent of the corporate authorities, may make a temporary appointment from those persons who were appointed but whose appointments failed to receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities. The person receiving the temporary appointment shall serve until an appointment has received the advice and consent and the appointee has qualified or until a person has been elected and has qualified, whichever first occurs.

**1-2-42 ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES IN MUNICIPAL OFFICES WITH FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS.** If a vacancy occurs in an elective municipal office with a four (4) year term and there remains an unexpired portion of the term of at least twenty-eight (28) months, and the vacancy occurs at least one hundred thirty (130) days before the general municipal election next scheduled under the general election law, then the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term at that general election. Whenever an election is held for this purpose, the Village Clerk shall certify the office to be filled and the candidates for the office to the proper election authorities as provided in the general election law. If a vacancy occurs with less than twenty-eight (28) months remaining in the unexpired portion of the term or less than one hundred thirty (130) days before the general municipal election, then:

(A) **Mayor.** If the vacancy is in the office of the Mayor, the vacancy must be filled by the corporate authorities electing one of their members as acting Mayor. Except as set forth in Section 1-2-40, the acting Mayor shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor until a Mayor is elected at the next general municipal election and has qualified. However, in villages with a population of less than five thousand (5,000), if each of the trustees either declines the election as acting Mayor or is not elected by a majority vote of the trustees presently holding office, then the trustees may elect, as acting Mayor, any other Village resident who is qualified to hold municipal office, and the acting Mayor shall exercise the powers of the Mayor and shall vote and have veto power in the manner provided by law for a Mayor.

(B) **Trustee.** If the vacancy is in the office of Trustee, the vacancy must be filled by the Mayor or acting Mayor, as the case may be, in accordance with Section 1-2-41.

(C) **Other Elective Office.** If the vacancy is in any elective municipal office other than Mayor or Trustee, the Mayor or acting Mayor, as the case may be, must appoint a qualified person to hold the office until the office is filled by election, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, as the case may be.

**1-2-43 VACANCIES DUE TO ELECTION BEING DECLARED VOID.** In cases of vacancies arising by reason of an election being declared void pursuant to Section 1-2-39(C), persons holding elective office prior thereto shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified or appointed and confirmed by advice and consent, as the case may be. (See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50)

**1-2-44 – 1-2-49 RESERVED.**

## **DIVISION VI – MAYOR**

**1-2-50 ELECTION.** The Mayor shall be elected for a four (4) year term and shall serve until a successor is elected and has qualified. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-5 and 5/3.1-25-15)

**1-2-51 MAYOR PRO-TEM; TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.**

(A) If the Mayor is temporarily absent because of an incapacity to perform official duties, but the incapacity does not create a vacancy in the office, the corporate authorities shall elect one of their members to act as Mayor pro tem. The Mayor pro tem, during this absence or disability, shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor but shall not be entitled to vote both as Mayor pro tem and as a trustee.

(B) In the absence of the Mayor, or the Mayor pro tem, the corporate authorities may elect one of their members to act as a temporary Chairman. The temporary Chairman shall have only the powers of a presiding officer and a right to vote only in the capacity as trustee on any ordinance, resolution, or motion. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-35)

**1-2-52 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.** The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the Village and shall see to the enforcement of all laws and ordinances. The Mayor shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Trustees and perform such duties as may be required of him by statute of law. The Mayor shall have supervision over all of the executive officers and Village employees; provided, however, his or her control is subject to the power of the Village Board to prescribe the duties of various officers and employees. The Mayor shall have the power and authority at any reasonable time to inspect all books, papers and records pertaining to Village affairs and kept by any officer of the Village. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-10 and 3.1-35-20)

**1-2-53 MAYOR'S SIGNATURE.** The Mayor shall sign all Village warrants, commissions, permits and licenses granted by authority of the Village Board, except as otherwise provided, and such other acts and deeds as law or ordinance may require his or her official signature.

The Mayor may designate another to affix his or her signature to any written instrument that requires the Mayor's signature. The Mayor must send written notice of this designation to the Village Board stating: (1) the name of the person whom he or she has selected, and (2) what instrument the person will have authority to sign.

A written signature of the Mayor executed by the person so designated with the signature underneath the signature of the person so designated shall be attached to the notice. The notice with the signature attached shall be recorded in the journal of the Village Board and then filed with the Village Clerk. When the signature of the Mayor is placed on a written instrument at the direction of the Mayor in the specified manner, the instrument, in all respects, shall be as binding on the Village as if signed by the Mayor in person. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-30)

**1-2-54 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.**

(A) **Appointed.** At the first annual meeting in May, the Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Village Board, all officers of the Village whose election or appointment is not otherwise provided for, and said officers shall hold their offices for the ensuing month or year, and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in an appointive office shall be filled in the same manner. The Mayor shall issue a commission or certificate of appointment to all persons appointed to office in the municipality. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)

(B) **Filling Vacancies.** The Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Village Board, all officers of the Village whose appointment will not otherwise be provided for by law; and whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office, which by law or ordinance the Mayor is empowered and required to fill, the Mayor shall, at the next regular meeting of the Village Board, communicate to it the name of the appointee to such office and pending the concurrence of the Village Board in such appointment, the Mayor may designate some suitable person to discharge the functions of such office. (See 50 ILCS Sec. 105/2)

**1-2-55 SUPERVISE CONDUCT OF OFFICERS; REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.** The Mayor shall supervise the conduct of all officers of the Village and see that they faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties of their respective offices. Except where otherwise provided by statute, the Mayor may remove any officer appointed by the Mayor under this Code, on any written charge, whenever the Mayor is of the opinion that the interests of the municipality demand removal. The Mayor shall report the reasons for the removal to the corporate authorities at a meeting to be held not less than five (5) days nor more than ten (10) days after the removal. If the Mayor fails or refuses to report to the corporate authorities the reasons for the removal, or if the corporate authorities by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members authorized by law to be elected disapprove of the removal, the officer thereupon shall be restored to the office from which the officer was removed. The vote shall be by yeas and nays, which shall be entered upon the journal

of the corporate authorities. Upon restoration, the officer shall give a new bond and take a new oath of office. No officer shall be removed a second time for the same offense. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-10)

**1-2-56 DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS' DUTIES.** Whenever there is a dispute as to the respective duties or powers of any appointed officer of the Village, this dispute shall be settled by the Mayor, after consultation with the Village Attorney; and the Mayor shall have the power to delegate to any appointive officer, any duty which is to be performed when no specific officer has been directed to perform that duty.

**1-2-57 FORMAL OCCASIONS.** The Mayor shall act for and on behalf of the Village on formal occasions and receptions, but in the absence or inability to attend any such function, the Mayor may select any other Village officer to so act.

**1-2-58 GENERAL DUTIES.** The Mayor shall perform all the duties which are prescribed by law and shall take care that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed.

The Mayor from time to time, may and annually shall give the Village Board information relative to the affairs of the Village, and may recommend for their consideration such measures as he or she believes expedient. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-5)

**1-2-59 BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSIONER.** The Mayor is hereby designated as License Commissioner to issue and revoke any and all business licenses as prescribed by law, with the advice and consent of the Village Board.

**1-2-60 LOCAL LIQUOR COMMISSIONER.** The Mayor is hereby designated as Local Liquor Commissioner with all the powers to license and/or revoke any Village liquor license according to State and Village laws. (See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-2)

**1-2-61 HEALTH COMMISSIONER.** The Mayor is hereby declared to be Health Commissioner with all powers to abate and remove all nuisances or health hazards within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Village authority as prescribed by law.

**1-2-62 DECIDING VOTE – MAYOR.** The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Village Board. The Mayor shall not vote on any ordinance, resolution or motion, except:

- (A) Where the vote of the Trustees has resulted in a tie; or
- (B) Where one-half (1/2) of the Trustees elected have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution or motion, even though there is no tie; or
- (C) Where a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authorities is required by the Illinois Compiled Statutes to adopt an ordinance, resolution or motion.

In each instance specified, the Mayor shall vote. Nothing in this Section shall deprive an Acting Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem from voting in his or her capacity as Trustee, but he or she shall not be entitled to another vote in his or her capacity as Acting Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-45-5)

**1-2-63 – 1-2-65 RESERVED.**

#### DIVISION VII – VILLAGE CLERK

**1-2-66 ELECTION.** The Village Clerk shall be elected for a four (4) year term and shall serve until a successor is elected and has qualified. (65 ILCS 5/3-5-9)

**1-2-67 VACANCY.** Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of Village Clerk, the office shall be filled by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board for the remainder of the term. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-25-90) (See Division V of this Chapter)

**1-2-68 PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES; BOARD MINUTES; RECORDS.**

(A) **Ordinances.** The Village Clerk shall cause all ordinances passed by the Village Board and approved by the Mayor, imposing any fine, penalty, imprisonment or forfeiture, or making any appropriation to be published or printed in book or pamphlet form, published by authority of the corporate authorities, or be published at least once within thirty (30) days after passage, in one (1) or more newspapers published in the Village. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-5)

(B) **Minutes; Records.**

(1) **Open Meetings.** The Village Clerk shall attend all meetings of the Village Board and shall keep in a suitable book to be styled "The Journal the Village Board", a full and faithful record of its proceedings. The Village Clerk shall record and properly index in a book kept for that purpose, all ordinances passed by the Village Board, and at the foot of the record of each ordinance so recorded, the Clerk shall make a memorandum of the date of the passage, when published, and a memorandum of the publication of such ordinance. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)

(2) **Closed Meetings.** The Clerk shall prepare and preserve the minutes of closed meetings according to the provisions of the Closed Meetings Act. At least twice a year, corporate authorities shall meet to review minutes of all closed sessions and make a public statement as to whether there is still a need to maintain such matters in confidence or whether minutes or portions of minutes from closed meetings no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. (See 65 ILCS 120/2.06(c))

(C) **Bonds.** The Clerk shall also record in proper books for the purpose, all official bonds and note upon each bond so recorded when the same was entered of record and the book and pages where recorded. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-110)

(D) **Issue Notices.** The Clerk shall issue and cause to be served upon all Trustees, notices of all special meetings of the Village Board; also notices to the members of the different committees of that body and all persons whose attendance may be required before any such committee, when so directed by the Chairman thereof. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-4, 5/1-2-5 and 5/3.1-35-90)

**1-2-69 DELIVERY OF PAPERS TO OFFICERS.** The Clerk shall deliver to the several committees of the Village Board and to the officers of this Village, all petitions, communications, reports and resolutions, orders, claims and other papers referred to those committees or officers by the Board on demand therefor. The Clerk shall also, without delay, deliver to the Mayor, all ordinances or resolutions, orders and claims in his or her charge which may require to be approved or otherwise acted upon by the Mayor. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)

**1-2-70 PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND LICENSES.** The Clerk shall prepare all commissions, licenses, permits and other official documents required to be issued by him or her under this Code and shall attest the same with the corporate seal, and the Clerk shall, in like manner, attest all deeds for the sale of real estate owned and conveyed by this Village.

**1-2-71 REPORT OF LICENSES.** The Clerk shall report to the Village Board at its regular meeting each month and more often if the Board so requires the data contained in the license register with respect to licenses issued during the previous month.

**1-2-72 DELIVERY OF LICENSES.** In all cases where the Village required a license to be obtained for the purpose of engaging in or carrying on any business or occupation, and the licensee is required to obtain plates, tags or stickers from the Clerk, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to deliver such plates, tags or stickers to the person paying the license fee.

**1-2-73 ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS.** The Clerk shall have the power to administer oaths or affirmations for all lawful purposes. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-20)

**1-2-74 OUTSTANDING BONDS.** The Clerk shall keep in his office in a book or books kept expressly for that purpose a correct list of all the outstanding bonds of the Village, showing the number and amount of each, for and to whom the bonds are issued; and when the Village bonds are issued, or purchased, or paid, or cancelled, the book or books shall show that fact; [and in the annual report, the Clerk shall describe particularly the bonds sold during the year and the terms of sale with each and every item of expense thereof]. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-110)

**1-2-75 REPORTS.** The Clerk shall, on or before the regular meeting in each month, make out and submit to the Village Board a statement or report in writing of all monies received and warrants drawn during the preceding month, showing therein from or what sources and on what account monies were received, and for what purposes and on what account the warrants were drawn or paid.

**1-2-76 SUCCESSOR.** The Village Clerk shall carefully preserve all books, records, papers, maps and effects of every detail and description belonging to the Village or pertaining to the office, and not in actual use and possession of other Village officers; and upon the expiration of his or her official term, the Clerk shall deliver all such books, records, papers and effects to the successor in office. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 3.1-10-35)

**1-2-77 PAYMENTS.** The Clerk shall prepare monthly an itemized list of all monies received and shall deliver a copy of the same to the Village Treasurer and shall also pay over to the Treasurer all monies received in the office and take a receipt therefor.

**1-2-78 NOTIFICATION TO PERSONS APPOINTED TO OFFICE.** Within five (5) days after an appointment is made, the Clerk shall notify all persons appointed to office of their appointment. The office becomes vacant unless the person appointed qualifies within ten (10) days after such notice.

**1-2-79 OTHER DUTIES.** In addition to the foregoing duties, the Clerk shall perform all such other duties pertaining to the office as are or may be imposed upon the office by law or resolution or ordinance of the Village Board. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-40)

**1-2-80 DEPUTY CLERK.** The Village Clerk, when authorized by the Village Board, may appoint the Deputy Clerk, who shall have the power and duty to execute all documents required by law to be executed by the Clerk and affix the seal of the Village thereto whenever required. In signing any documents, the Deputy Clerk shall sign the name of the Village Clerk followed with the word "By" and the Deputy Clerk's name and the words, "Deputy Clerk".

The powers and duties herein described shall be executed by such Deputy Clerk only in the absence of the Village Clerk from the Village Clerk's office in the Village Hall, and only when either written direction has been given by the Village Clerk to such Deputy Clerk to exercise such power or the Village Board has determined by resolution that the Village Clerk is temporarily or permanently incapacitated to perform such functions. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-10 and 5/3.1-10-45 and 5/3.1-35-95)

**1-2-81 RESERVED.**

#### **DIVISION VIII – VILLAGE TREASURER**

**1-2-82 COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.** There is hereby established a department of the municipal government of the Village which shall be known as the "Finance Committee". It shall embrace the Village Board Committee on Finance, the Village Treasurer and the Budget Officer.

**1-2-83 FINANCE COMMITTEE.** The standing committee on Finance shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Finance Department. It shall ascertain the condition and needs thereof; shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and Village Board so that a full understanding thereof shall be had and generally, shall do all the acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the Department.

**1-2-84 TREASURER APPOINTED; VACANCY.** The Treasurer shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board and shall serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified. All vacancies shall be filled in the manner prescribed in Division V of this Chapter. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)

**1-2-85 MONEY; WARRANTS; ACCOUNTS; PAYMENTS.** The Village Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to this Village and shall pay all warrants signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Village Clerk and not otherwise; and shall keep a separate account of each fund or appropriation and the debits and credits belonging thereto. The Treasurer shall give to every person paying money into the Village Treasury a receipt therefor, specifying the date of payment, and upon what account paid, and shall file copies of such receipts with the Clerk with the monthly reports. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40)

**1-2-86 WARRANT REGISTER.** The Treasurer shall keep a register of all warrants redeemed and paid, showing the number, date, and amount of each, the fund from which paid, and the name of the person to whom and when paid; and the Treasurer shall cancel all warrants as soon as they are redeemed. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40 and 5/3.1-35-45)

**1-2-87 PERSONAL USE OF FUNDS.** The Village Treasurer shall keep all money belonging to the municipality and in the Treasurer's custody separate and distinct from the Treasurer's own money and shall not use, either directly or indirectly, the municipality's monies or warrants for the personal use and benefit of the Treasurer or of any other person. Any violation of this provision shall subject the Treasurer to immediate removal from office by the corporate authorities, who may declare the Treasurer's office vacant. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-55)

**1-2-88 BOND.** The Treasurer shall give bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties and to indemnify the Village for any loss due to neglect of duty or wrongful act on his part; and the amount of such bond shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the highest amount of taxes and special assessments received by the Treasurer during any fiscal year in the preceding five (5) fiscal years, nor less than one and one-half times the largest amount which the Board estimates will be in his custody at any one time, nor less than three (3) times the number of residents of the Village, as determined by the last Federal Census. Such bond shall be filed with the Clerk as required by statute. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-45)

**1-2-89 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** The Treasurer shall collect all payments on special assessments and shall see to it that the same are properly recorded and credited to the particular account entitled thereto. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-85)

**1-2-90 BOOKKEEPING.** The Treasurer shall keep the books and accounts in such a manner as to show with accuracy, all monies received and disbursed for the Village, stating from whom and on what account received, and to whom and on what account paid out, and in such a way that the books and accounts may be readily investigated and understood, and the books and accounts and all files and papers of the office shall be, at all times, open to examination by the Mayor or the Finance Committee of the Board. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40)

**1-2-91 STATEMENTS.** The Treasurer shall report to the corporate authorities at the regular monthly meeting, a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures of the municipality as shown by his books up to the time of the report. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-45)

**1-2-92 REPORT DELINQUENT OFFICERS.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report to the Village Clerk any officer of the Village authorized to receive money for the use of the Village who may fail to make a return of the monies received by the Treasurer at the time required by law or by ordinances of the Village.



**1-2-93 YEAR-END REPORT.** Within six (6) months after the end of each fiscal year, the Treasurer shall prepare and file annually with the Village Clerk an account of monies received and expenditures incurred during the preceding fiscal year as specified in this Section. The Treasurer shall show the following in such account:

(A) All monies received by the Village, indicating the total amounts in the aggregate received in each account of the Village, with a general statement concerning the source of such receipts; provided, however, for the purposes of this paragraph, the term "account" shall not be construed to mean each individual taxpayer, householder, licensee, utility user, or such other persons whose payments to the Village are credited to the general account; and

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (C) of this Section all monies paid out by the Village where the total amount paid during the fiscal year exceeds Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), giving the name of each person to whom paid, on what account paid, and the total amount in the aggregate paid to each person from each account; and

(C) All monies paid out by the Village as compensation for personal services, giving the name of each person to whom paid, on what account paid, and the total amount in the aggregate paid to each person from each account; and

(D) A summary statement of operations for all funds and account groups of the Village as excerpted from the annual financial report, as filed with the appropriate state agency of the State of Illinois.

Upon receipt of such account from the Village Treasurer, the Village Clerk shall publish the account at least once in one or more newspapers published in the Village. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-65)

[NOTE: The Treasurer shall file a copy of the request with the County Treasurer as provided in Sec. 5/3.1-35-70 of Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.]

**1-2-94 RESERVED.**

**1-2-95 DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.**

(A) **Designation by Board.** The Treasurer is hereby required to keep all funds and monies in his or her custody belonging to the Village in such places of deposit as have been designated by Section 1-2-85(F). When requested by the Treasurer, the corporate authorities shall designate a bank or banks in which may be kept the funds and monies of the Village in the custody of the Treasurer. When a bank or savings and loan association has been designated as a depository, it shall continue as such depository until ten (10) days have elapsed after a new depository is designated and has qualified by furnishing the statements of resources and liabilities as required by his Section. When a new depository is designated, the corporate authorities shall notify the sureties of the Village Treasurer of that fact in writing at least five (5) days before the transfer of funds. The Treasurer shall be discharged from responsibility for all funds or money that the Treasurer deposits in a designated bank or savings and loan association while the funds and money are so deposited.

(B) The Village Treasurer may require any bank or savings and loan association to deposit with the Treasurer securities or mortgages that have a market value at least equal to the amount of the funds or monies of the municipality deposited with the bank or savings and loan association that exceeds the insurance limitation provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(C) The Village Treasurer may enter into agreements of any definite or indefinite term regarding the deposit, redeposit, investment, reinvestment, or withdrawal of municipal funds.

(D) Each Village Treasurer may:

- (1) combine monies from more than one fund of a single municipality for the purpose of investing those funds and;
- (2) join with other municipal treasurers or municipalities for the purpose of investing the municipal funds of which the Treasurer has custody.

Joint investments shall be made only in investments authorized by law for the investment of municipal funds. When monies of more than one fund of a single municipality or monies of more than one municipality are combined for investment purposes, the monies combined for that purpose shall be accounted or separately in all respects and the earnings from investments shall be separately and

individually computed, recorded, and credited to the fund or municipality, as the case may be, for which the investment was acquired.

(E) No bank or savings and loan association shall receive public funds as permitted by this Section unless it has complied with the requirements established by Section 6 of the Public Funds Investment Act. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-50 and 30 ILCS Sec. 235/6)

(F) The following bank(s) are herewith designated as places of deposit where the Treasurer of the Village is required to keep all funds and monies in his custody belonging to this municipality:

- (1) US Bank
- (2) US Bank – Illinois Funds
- (3) First Southern Bank
- (4) Farmers State Bank (#861; 03/19/2012)

**1-2-96 – 1-2-97 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION IX – VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

**1-2-98 APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY.** The Attorney shall be appointed by the Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the Village Board for the term of one (1) year, unless sooner removed for cause, and until a successor shall have been appointed and qualified. The Attorney shall have full charge of the law affairs of the Village and shall be known as the Village Attorney, and shall receive reasonable fees for services rendered when, in his or her judgment, or in the judgment of the Mayor or Village Board, the same are necessary or are for the best interests of the Village. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)

**1-2-99 DUTIES.**

(A) **Prosecute for Village.** The Village Attorney shall prosecute or defend on behalf of the Village in all cases in which the interests of the corporation or any officer thereof are involved; and the Village Clerk shall furnish him or her with certified copies of any ordinance, bond or paper in keeping necessary to be filed or used in any suit or proceedings.

(B) **Preparation of Ordinances.** The Attorney shall, when required, advise the Village Board or any officer in all matters of law in which the interests of the corporation are involved, and shall draw such ordinances, bonds, forms and contracts, or examine and pass upon the same, as may be required by the Mayor, the Village Board, or any committee thereof.

(C) **Judgments.** The Attorney shall direct executions to be issued upon all judgments recovered in favor of the Village, and shall direct their prompt service. The Attorney shall examine all the bills of the officers of courts, and of other officers of the law, and shall certify to their correctness and the liability of the Village therefor.

(D) **Violations of Ordinances.** The Attorney shall institute and prosecute an action in every case of violation of a Village ordinance when instructed to do so by the Mayor or the Village Board.

(E) **Prosecution of Suits.** The Attorney shall not be required to prosecute any suit or action arising under the ordinances of the Village when, upon investigation of the same, the Attorney shall become satisfied that the complaint was instituted maliciously, vexatiously, or without just cause; and shall dismiss or discontinue any such suit or proceeding upon such terms as he or she may deem just or equitable.

(F) **Collection of Taxes.** The Attorney is hereby authorized and instructed to enforce the collection of any and all taxes and special assessments in the collection of which the Village is interested and to attend all sales of real or personal property made to enforce the collection of such taxes or special assessments and to bid thereat on behalf of the Village.

(G) **Commissions.** The Village Attorney shall act as the legal advisory for the Utilities Systems, for the Plan Commission, for the Zoning Board of Appeals and for all other boards and commissions hereafter established by the Village Board. The Attorney shall perform all legal services as may be required for those boards and commissions.

**1-2-100 – 1-2-102 RESERVED.****DIVISION X – VILLAGE COLLECTOR**

**1-2-103 OFFICE ESTABLISHED.** There is hereby established the office of Village Collector who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees.

**1-2-104 DUTIES.** The Village Collector shall have such duties as may be prescribed by statute and shall preserve all warrants returned to the office, and shall keep all books and accounts in a manner that the Board of Trustees may prescribe. All of the Village Collector's warrants, books, and vouchers, and all papers pertaining to the office, may be examined at any time by the Mayor, Village Clerk, or any member or committee of the Board of Trustees. Weekly, and oftener if required by the Board of Trustees, the Village Collector shall pay over to the Village Treasurer all money collected by him or her from any source whatever, taking the Village Treasurer's receipt therefor in duplicate and filing one of the receipts immediately with the Village Clerk. At that time, or on demand, the Village Clerk shall give the Village Collector a copy of any receipt so filed. (65 ILCS 5/3-11-25)

**1-2-105 VILLAGE CLERK AS COLLECTOR.** The person who holds the elective office of Village Clerk may be appointed as Village Collector. Any person serving in both capacities shall receive compensation for each of these offices. (65 ILCS 5/3-13-11)

**1-2-106 COMPENSATION.** The salary of the Village Collector shall be set in the annual budget.

**1-2-107 – 1-2-109 RESERVED.****DIVISION XI – BUDGET OFFICER**

**1-2-110 OFFICE ESTABLISHED.** There is hereby established the office of Budget Officer, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees.

**1-2-111 POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Budget Officer shall have the following powers and duties:

(A) Permit and encourage and establish the use of efficient planning, budgeting, auditing, reporting, accounting, and other fiscal management procedures in all Village departments, commissions and boards.

(B) Compile an annual budget in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/8-2-93.

(C) Examine all books and records of all Village departments, commissions and boards which relate to monies received by the Village, Village departments, commission and boards, and paid out by the Village, Village departments, commissions and boards, debts and accounts owed by or to the Village, Village departments, commissions and boards.

(D) Obtain such additional information from the Village, Village departments, commissions and boards as may be useful to the budget officer for the purposes of compiling a Village budget, such information to be furnished by the Village, Village departments, commissions and boards in the form required by the Budget Officer. Any department, commission or board which refuses to make such information as is requested of it available to the Budget Officer shall not be permitted to make expenditures under any subsequent budget for the Village until such Village department, commission or board shall comply in full with the request of the Budget Officer.

(E) Establish and maintain such procedures as shall insure that no expenditures are made by the Village, Village departments, commissions or board except as authorized by the budget. (65 ILCS 5/8-2-9, 2) (#424; 08/16/1993)

**ARTICLE III – SALARIES**

**1-3-1 OFFICIAL SALARIES.** The salaries of the elected and appointed Village officials shall be as follows:

(A) **Mayor.** The Mayor shall receive an annual salary of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to be paid in quarterly payments of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$375.00). The salary shall not be increased during the two (2) months preceding the Village election.

(B) **Clerk.** The Village Clerk shall receive an annual salary of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid in quarterly payments of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). (#579 04/01/1996)

(C) **Budget Officer.** The Budget Officer shall receive an annual salary of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) to be paid in quarterly payments of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars Fifty Cents (\$187.50). (#579 04/01/1996)

(D) **Trustees.** Each Trustee shall receive an annual salary of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) (Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month) which shall be paid quarterly. All members shall be allowed two (2) absences in each year for which compensation will be paid. Trustees serving active duty in the United States military forces shall be paid for meetings held during their period of active duty.

(E) **Treasurer.** The Village Treasurer shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid in quarterly payments of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). (#735; 02/21/05)

(F) **Zoning Administrative Officer.** The Zoning Administrative Officer shall receive the same compensation as Village Trustees. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5; 5/3.1-50-10; 5/3.1-50-15) (#425; 08/19/93)

(G) **Deputy Clerk.** The Deputy Village Clerk shall receive an annual salary of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) (Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month) which shall be paid quarterly. (#608; 12/01/97)  
(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5; 5/3.1-50-10; 5/3.1-50-15)

**ARTICLE IV – MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**1-4-1 PARTICIPATION.** The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorize and approve membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and directs the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for membership for a period of one (1) year beginning the date the Association commences providing risk coverage to its members and each year thereafter unless this ordinance is repealed.

**1-4-2 CONTRIBUTION.** Each member hereby agrees to contribute to the Association a sum of money to be determined by the Association at the time of application based on the needs of the Association and the loss experience of the Member, which sum shall constitute the cost of the Member's first year contribution for membership in the Association. Membership contributions for second and subsequent years shall be calculated in accordance with the loss experience of the Village, and the needs of the Association including total losses and expenditures of the Self-Insured Retention Fund of the Association.

**ARTICLE V – INVESTMENT POLICY**

**1-5-1 INVESTMENT POLICY.** It is the policy of the Village to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the Village and conforming to all State and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

**1-5-2 SCOPE.** This policy includes all public funds governed by the Board of Trustees.

**1-5-3 PRUDENCE.** Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital, as well as the probable income to be derived.

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio.

**1-5-4 OBJECTIVE.** The primary objective, in order of priority, shall be:

- (A) **Legality.** Conformance with federal, state and other legal requirements.
- (B) **Safety.** Preservation of capital and protection of investment principal.
- (C) **Liquidity.** Maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements.
- (D) **Yield.** Attainment of market rates of return.

The portfolio should be reviewed periodically as to its effectiveness in meeting the Village's needs for safety, liquidity, rate of return, diversification and its general performance.

**1-5-5 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.** Management and administrative responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Treasurer who may establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program.

**1-5-6 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions.

**1-5-7 AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL DEALERS AND INSTITUTIONS.** The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list will also be maintained of approved security brokers/dealers selected by creditworthiness.

**1-5-8 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS.** Investments may be made in any type of security allowed for in Illinois statutes regarding the investment of public funds. Investments shall be made that reflect the cash flow needs of the fund type being invested.

**1-5-9 COLLATERALIZATION.** Collateralization may be required, at the discretion of the Village, on all funds held in banks or savings and loans above the insured limits provided by FDIC or FSLIC. In order to anticipate market changes and provide a level of security for all funds, the collateralization level will be a minimum of one hundred two percent (102%) of market value of principal and accrued interest.

**1-5-10 SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY.** All security transactions, including collateral for repurchase agreements, entered into by the Village, shall be conducted on a delivery-versus-payment (DVP) basis. Securities will be held by an independent third party custodian designated by the Treasurer and evidenced by safekeeping receipts and a written custodial agreement.

**1-5-11 DIVERSIFICATION.** The Village shall diversify its investments to the best of its ability based on the type of funds invested and the cash flow needs of those funds. Diversification can be by type of investment, number of institutions invested in, and length of maturity.

**1-5-12 MAXIMUM MATURITIES.** To the extent possible, the Village shall attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow, the Village will not directly invest in securities maturing more than two (2) years from the date of purchase.

Reserve funds may be invested in securities exceeding two (2) years if the maturity of such investments are made to coincide as nearly as practicable with the expected use of the funds.

**1-5-13 INTERNAL CONTROL.** The Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to insure that the assets of the Village are protected from loss, theft or misuse. The internal control structure shall be designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The internal controls shall address the following points:

- (A) Control of collusion.
- (B) Separation of transaction authority from accounting.
- (C) Custodial safekeeping.
- (D) Written confirmation of telephone transactions for investments and wire transfers.

**1-5-14 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.** The investment portfolio will be managed in accordance with the parameters specified within this policy. The portfolio should obtain a comparable rate of return during a market/economic environment of stable interest rates. Portfolio performance should be compared to benchmarks with similar maturity, liquidity and credit quality as the portfolio maintained by the Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (IPTIP).

**1-5-15 REPORTING.** The Treasurer shall prepare an investment report at least monthly. The report should be provided to the Village Board and available upon request. The report should be in a format suitable for review by the general public. An annual report should also be provided to the Village Board. A statement of the market value of the portfolio shall be issued to the Village Board quarterly.

**1-5-16 INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION AND MODIFICATION.** The investment policy has been adopted by ordinance. The policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Treasurer, and any modifications made thereto shall be made by ordinance.

## ARTICLE VI – ETHICS CODE

### **1-6-1 STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES ETHICS ACT.**

(A) The regulations of Sections 5-15 (5 ILCS 430/5-15) and Article 10 (5 ILCS 430/10-10 through 10-40) of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/1-1 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "Act" in this Section) are hereby adopted by reference and made applicable to the officers and employees of the Village to the extent required by 5 ILCS 430/70-5.

(B) The solicitation or acceptance of gifts prohibited to be solicited or accepted under the Act, by any officer or any employee of the Village, is hereby prohibited.

(C) The offering or making of gifts prohibited to be offered or made to an officer or employee of the Village, is hereby prohibited.

(D) The participation in political activities prohibited under the Act, by any officer or employee of the Village, is hereby prohibited.

(E) For the purposes of this Section, the terms "officer" and "employee" shall be defined as set forth in 5 ILCS 430/70-5(c).

(F) The penalties for violations of this Section shall be the same as those penalties set forth in 5 ILCS 430/50-5 for similar violations of the Act.

(G) This Section does not repeal or otherwise amend or modify any existing ordinances or policies which regulate the conduct of Village officers and employees. To the extent that any such existing ordinances or policies are less restrictive than this Section, however, the provisions of this Section shall prevail in accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 430/70/5(a).

(H) Any amendment to the Act that becomes effective after the effective date of this Section shall be incorporated into this Section by reference and shall be applicable to the solicitation, acceptance, offering and making of gifts and to prohibited political activities. However, any amendment that makes its provisions optional for adoption by municipalities shall not be incorporated into this Section by reference without formal action by the corporate authorities of the Village.

(I) If the Illinois Supreme Court declares the Act unconstitutional in its entirety, then this Section shall be repealed as of the date that the Illinois Supreme Court's decision becomes final and not subject to any further appeals or rehearing. This Section shall be deemed repealed without further action by the Corporate Authorities of the Village if the Act is found unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court.

(J) If the Illinois Supreme Court declares part of the Act unconstitutional but upholds the constitutionality of the remainder of the Act, or does not address the remainder of the Act, then the remainder of the Act as adopted by this Section shall remain in full force and effect; however, that part of this Section relating to the part of the Act found unconstitutional shall be deemed repealed without further action by the Corporate Authorities of the Village.

## ARTICLE VII – MEETING PROCEDURES

### DIVISION 1 – RECORDING CLOSED MEETINGS

**1-7-1 RECORDING CLOSED SESSIONS.** The Village shall keep a verbatim record of all closed or executive session meetings of the corporate authorities of the Village or any subsidiary “public body” as defined by the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1. The verbatim record shall be in the form of an audio or video recording as determined by the corporate authorities. (See 5 ILCS 120/2)

**1-7-2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORDING CLOSED SESSIONS AND MAINTAINING RECORDINGS.** The Village Clerk or his or her designee shall be responsible for arranging for the recording of such closed or executive sessions. In the absence of the Village Clerk or his or her designee, the meeting Chair will arrange for the audio or video recording of the closed or executive session of the Village Board. Each subsidiary public body of the Village shall designate an individual who will be responsible for the recording of any and all closed or executive sessions of the subsidiary body and for providing the Village Clerk with a copy of such recording. The Village Clerk, or his or her designee, shall securely maintain the verbatim recordings of all closed sessions of the corporate authorities of the Village and all subsidiary public bodies of the Village.

**1-7-3 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES.** In addition to the recordings of the closed and executive session as addressed in this Division, the Village will keep minutes of all closed meetings in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2.06.

**1-7-4 PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING.** At the beginning of each closed session, those present shall identify themselves by voice for the audio recording. If the meeting is video-taped, those present shall individually appear on camera and identify themselves by voice at the beginning of the closed session. The meeting Chair shall also announce the times the closed session commences and ends at the appropriate points on the recording.

**1-7-5 BACK-UP EQUIPMENT/PROCEDURE FOR EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION.** The Village shall maintain sufficient tapes, batteries and equipment for the Village to comply with this Division. The Village Clerk or his/her designee shall periodically check the equipment to confirm that it is functioning. In the event that anyone present at a closed session determines that the equipment is not functioning properly, the closed session will be temporarily suspended to attempt to correct any malfunction. In the event that an equipment malfunction cannot be corrected immediately, the closed session will terminate until such time as the closed session may proceed with a functioning recording device.

**1-7-6 PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND RECORDINGS.** At one meeting at least every six (6) months, the agenda shall include the item: “Review of the minutes and recordings of all closed sessions that have not yet been released for public review, and determination of which minutes, if any, may be released.” Minutes shall be reviewed in closed session and shall not be

released unless the corporate authorities of the Village find that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential. As to any minutes not released, the corporate authorities shall find that the "need for confidentiality still exists" as to those minutes. Minutes of closed sessions shall be kept indefinitely.

**1-7-7 MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC RELEASE OF RECORDINGS AND ACCESS TO TAPES.** The audio or video tape recordings of closed sessions shall be maintained for eighteen (18) months after the closed session and shall not be released to the public unless such release is required by a court order or specifically authorized for release by a vote of the Village Board. Members of the corporate authorities may listen to the closed session recordings in the presence of the Village Clerk or his or her designee. Copies of such tapes will not be made or provided to anyone unless specifically authorized by vote of the Village Board.

**1-7-8 PROCEDURE FOR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDINGS.** The Village Clerk or his or her designee is hereby authorized to destroy the audio and video recordings of those closed sessions for which:

- (A) The corporate authorities of the Village have approved the minutes of the closed sessions as to accurate content, regardless of whether the minutes have been released for public review;
- (B) More than eighteen (18) months have elapsed since the date of the closed session;
- (C) There is not court order requiring the preservation of such recording; and
- (D) The corporate authorities of the Village have not passed a motion requiring the preservation of the verbatim recording of that meeting.

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