

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Call to Order**

Village President Molly Beckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Patrick Brumleve
Alan Eddington
Dennis Maze
David Stewart
Frances Swedlund

Absent: Alma Gomez

**Also Present**

Village Attorney Jill Womick- Bloodworth, Larry E. Nance, Brian Preston (Wisper ISP, Inc.), Chad Eads, Ed Falgout, Bill Tweedy, Lisa Tomazzoli (arriving 8:05 p.m.), Jeff Nance (arriving 8:05 p.m.)

**Minutes of the August 6, 2012 Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

**Minutes of the August 6, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting**

The Minutes of the August 6, 2012 Finance Committee meeting were presented.

**Wisper ISP, Inc.**

Brian Preston, representing Wisper ISP, Inc., reviewed the proposed Elevated Structure Agreement between the Village and Wisper which would provide the opportunity for wireless internet to the Village and surrounding area. Negotiations will continue with Wisper and the contract will be presented for final review in the near future. Mr. Preston left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**Anna-Jonesboro National Bank – SPIN Night**

An invitation to participate in the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank – SPIN Night event on September 24 was presented. Trustee Eddington volunteered to represent the Village at this event.

**Ordinance No. 870 – Sale of Surplus Property**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to pass Ordinance No. 870 – AN ORDINANCE TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE VILLAGE OF CODEN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried. This ordinance provides for the sale of the following items:

- 2001 Ford Crown Victoria Police Car
- 1985 Dodge ½ ton pickup truck
- 1976 Ford pickup truck
- 8' Woods 3-point hitch blade
- 4 used push mowers (sold as a lot)
- Used 5 HP 20" Snapper push mower
- Tundel trench box
- Combination top of bed tool boxes with pipe rack for full-size truck
- Snow blower
- Troy-Bilt weed trimmer on wheels
- 3-point hitch disc mower

**Change in Order of Agenda**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to move Agenda item “vacating alley between S. Walker and S. Appleknocker” and related items to this portion of the meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

**Vacating Alley between South Walker Street and South Appleknocker Drive**

Reverend Ed Falgout and Mr. Bill Tweedy of the First Baptist Church were present to discuss the First Baptist Church's request that the Village vacate a portion of the alley between South Walker Street and South Appleknocker Drive which is located between the new and existing buildings belonging to the church. The vacating of this portion of the alley would ensure the safety of church members passing between the buildings. The church hopes to build a structure connecting the buildings and is willing to assume the cost of relocating the gas line in this area and other related expenses for the vacating of the portion of the alley. A utility easement would be granted to the Village. Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Maze, to authorize the Village Attorney to begin the necessary process for vacating the portion of the alley in question. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried. Reverend Falgout and Bill Tweedy left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**Change in Order of Agenda**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to move Agenda item "closed session – purchase of real estate" to the end of the meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

**Approval of Bills and Salaries**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that presented bills in the amount of \$90,464.40 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

**Budget Report**

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

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

**Line Item and Other Transfers**

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

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

**Budget Status Report**

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

**Village Clerk's Monthly Report**

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

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

**Village Treasurer's Monthly Report**

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

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

**Union County Tax Levy Extension for 2011 Tax Year**

The Union County Tax Levy Extension for 2011 Tax Year was presented.

### **Proposed Tax Levy**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to approve a proposed tax levy of \$52,606 for tax year 2012. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried. The Village Clerk will schedule a public hearing to comply with the Truth in Taxation Act as the proposed levy reflects a 30% increase over the 2011 tax extension.

### **Village Superintendent's Report Regarding Issues Raised by Doug Campbell at August 6 Meeting**

Superintendent Nance advised the Board that the following measures have been taken regarding Doug Campbell's requests at the August 6 meeting: a) the area from his property on South Appleknocker Drive onto West Ash Street has been filled in; b) after review with the Streets and Sidewalks Chairman, it was decided that the entrance to the alley at North Front Street will be tarred and chipped rather than have a sidewalk crossing; c) the drainage gutter on North Appleknocker Drive has been cleaned out.

### **Fall Clean Up Day**

CWI - Republic Services has scheduled the Fall Clean Up Day for October 17, 2012.

### **Lisa Tomazzoli and Jeff Nance arrived at the meeting.**

### **Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Program**

The Village will receive the third installment of its share of the *Illinois Jobs Now!* Capital Program sometime in October. The Village's share is \$4,845 and will be deposited in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

### **Fire Department Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes of the Cobden Fire Department's July 23, 2012 meeting were presented. The procedure for selecting Department members was discussed.

### **Fire and Police Department Purchase of Radios**

Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Brumleve, to approve the purchase of eight radios from Roy Walker Communications for the amount of \$4,388.00. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried. The Village has been approved to receive a grant for 50% of the cost of the radios.

### **Community Yard Sale**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to set October 6, 2012 as the date for the Community Yard Sale. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

### **Tenant User Liability Insurance Program (TULIP) – IML/RMA**

The Village has become a participant in the Tenant User Liability Insurance Program (TULIP) offered by IML/RMA which provides short-term, low-cost General Liability insurance for non-municipal individuals/community groups (Tenant Users) who wish to use facilities/properties owned by the Village. The program protects the Tenant User and the Village against claims by "third parties". TULIP protects the Village by designating the Village as an "additional insured" under the policy.

There will be no change in the current process for reserving the use of park and other facilities for private uses. Those reserving the park or other facilities will be advised of the availability of TULIP.

Those requesting use of the park and other facilities for public events will continue to be required to receive Board approval 30 days prior to the event and meet all the stipulations in the Application for Use of the Park.

### **Alto Pass Water District Interconnect Project**

The Village is now able to provide water to the Alto Pass Water District. We are in the process of securing satisfactory water samples prior to putting the new well in use.

### **Training for Chad Eads**

Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Maze, to authorize Chad Eads to attend a one-day training session for supervisors on November 2 in Cape Girardeau, MO. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried.

**Gas Repair Report**

Chad Eads advised the Board of the completion of scheduled leak repairs in the gas system. All known leaks in the gas system are now repaired.

**Closed Session – Purchase of Real Estate**

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Eddington, to enter Closed Session to discuss the purchase of real estate. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Gomez

Motion declared carried and the Board entered Closed Session at 8:28 p.m.

**Regular Session**

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:52 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Eddington, seconded by Brumleve, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Karen M. Winzenburger  
Village Clerk