

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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

Larry E. Nance, Ed Falgout, Dean Yates, Danny Hartline, Stephen Thayer (SIMEC), B. J. Hale, Jon Meirndorf

Minutes of the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 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 November 26, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the November 26, 2012 special 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.

Public Hearing – Vacation of a Portion of an Alley

The Public Hearing for public input regarding the Vacation of a Portion of an Alley as petitioned by the First Baptist Church of Cobden began at 7:02 p.m. No members of the public were present to comment and the hearing ended at 7:04 p.m.

First Baptist Church Petition for Vacation of a Portion of an Alley

Legal documents pertaining to the First Baptist Church's request for vacation of a portion of an alley between their buildings and parallel to West Maple and Mountain Glen Road were presented. It was agreed that the documents would be revised to indicate an expense cap of \$12,000, set forth dimensions of the structure, and revise the time frame for completion of replacement of a natural gas line on the property. These revised documents will be presented at the December 17, 2012 Village Board meeting.

Rev. Falgout, Danny Hartline and Dean Yates then left the meeting.

Electricity Aggregation – SIMEC

Public Hearings were held this date at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input regarding the Electric Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance.

Stephen Thayer provided proposed services agreements from Constellation NewEnergy, Homefield Energy, Direct Energy Services and Integrys Energy Services for the Board's review. These agreements will be sent to the Village Attorney for her opinion. Documents to enable the Village to select a supplier will be presented at the December 17, 2012 regular meeting.

Stephen Thayer left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Southern Illinois Clerks' Association Meeting

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize Village Clerk Karen Winzenburger to attend a meeting of southern Illinois municipal clerks on December 12, 2012 in West Frankfort.

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

Mayor's Response to Letter from Cobden Board of Education President

Mayor Beckley's response to the letter received from H. Wesley Wilkins, President of the Cobden Board of Education, was presented.

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that presented bills in the amount of \$12,416.84 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 Eddington, seconded by Brumleve, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending November 29, 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 Eddington, 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 November 29, 2012 was presented.

Parking on South Front Street

The parking area on the west side of South Front Street south of East Ash Street will be striped for parallel parking to alleviate the problem of vehicles being parked too close to the southbound lane of South Front Street.

Appointment of Police Chief

Mayor Beckley's appointment of Bobby J. Hale to the position of Police Chief effective December 27, 2012 was approved by consent vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Gomez
The rate of pay for Hale will be on the Agenda for the December 17 meeting.

Advertising for Full-time and Part-time Police Officer

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to seek applicants for a full-time police officer and for part-time officers. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Brumleve, Eddington, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Gomez
Motion declared carried.
All applicants will be required to be certified police officers in the State of Illinois.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk