

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Call to Order

Village President Paul Z. Tomazzoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Jean Britt
Patrick Brumleve
Dennis Maze
David Stewart
Frances Swedlund

Also Present:

Chad Eads, Tony Calabrese, Estanislao Tomas, B. J. Hale, Pepé Tomas, Ron Flamm, Larry Nance, LaShonna Pinnon, Jason Bergandi

Minutes of the June 3, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Stewart, to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Visitors

Tony Calabrese – Don't Drive Just Run Relay

Tony Calabrese received the Board's encouragement to plan a Don't Drive Just Run Relay in the Village which would be sponsored by the First Baptist Church. The relay would bring visitors to the village and promote local businesses. Mr. Calabrese left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Pepé Tomas – P'urhépecha Cultural Event

Pepé Tomas requested the use of the Community Park for the annual P'urhépecha Cultural Event which is scheduled for August 24 and August 25. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the application for use of the park pending receipt of proof of insurance coverage 30 days prior to the event. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Britt, Brumleve, Maze, Stewart, Swedlund
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Gomez
Motion declared carried. Pepé and Estanislao Tomas then left the meeting.

Jason Bergandi

Jason Bergandi is considering leasing the property at 206 North Front Street for a restaurant. He would like to obtain a liquor license for the proposed business. Mr. Bergandi was advised to submit a business plan to Liquor Control Commissioner Tomazzoli and a meeting of the Liquor Advisory Board would be scheduled to review his request. Mr. Bergandi left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

LaShonna Pinnon – Trail's End Lodge

LaShonna Pinnon advised the Board that the Trail's End Lodge on Skyline Drive was sponsoring an event June 21 and 22 which would require additional parking for their business. They will provide a shuttle service for their customers from the municipal parking lot on South Front Street to their business. Ms. Pinnon left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Building Permits

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to issue Building Permit No. 900 to Timothy Jackson for a storage building. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Ordinance No. 884 – Prevailing Rate of Wages

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to pass ORDINANCE NO. 884 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID VILLAGE. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Approval of Bills and Salaries

Motion was made by Maze, seconded by Brumleve, that presented bills in the amount of \$35,583.40 and regular salaries be approved for payment. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Budget Report

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Swedlund, to approve the Budget Report for the period ending June 13, 2013 as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Line Item and Other Transfers

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

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

Budget Status Report

The Budget Status Report for the period ending June 13, 2013 was presented.

Village Clerk's Monthly Report

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

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

Village Treasurer's Monthly Report

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

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

Employee Expense and Overtime Report

The Employee Expense and Overtime Report for the period ending May 31, 2013 was presented to the Board.

Employee Wages and Benefits for 2013-2014

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve a fifty cent per hour pay increase for all full-time employees, including Maria Braden, retro-active first pay period in May 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve an additional one dollar per hour pay increase for Chad Eads retro-active first pay period in May 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion was made by Swedlund, seconded by Britt, to approve an additional one dollar and fifty cent per hour pay increase for B. J. Hale retro-active first pay period in May 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to approve a twenty-five cent per hour pay increase for part-time public works employees retro-active first pay period in May 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve a fifty cent per hour pay increase for part-time police officers retro-active first pay period in May 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve a one dollar per day pay increase for Brenda Childers effective the 2013-2014 school year. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Ordinance Violation – Weeds – 301 South Walker

The Village Clerk was directed to send a second weed ordinance violation notice to the property owner of 301 South Walker Street. Part of the property has been mowed, but a large area is still in violation.

Parking on Walnut Street

It was brought to the Board's attention that a problem with vehicles being parked on Walnut Street during school activities has developed. An ordinance will be prepared for the July 1, 2013 meeting which will prohibit parking on Walnut Street.

Illinois Traffic Stop Study

Police Chief Hale presented the department's Illinois Traffic Study for 2012.

Monthly Police Report

The Monthly Police Report for May 2013 was presented.

Cobden Police Department K-9 Policy

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to approve the Cobden Police Department K-9 Policy as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Resignation of Part-time Officer Shawn Knupp

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Britt, to accept the resignation of Shawn Knupp as part-time police officer. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Hiring Part-time Officer Jon Derossett

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to hire Jon Derossett as part-time police officer at the current rate of pay for part-time officers. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Roadside Safety Checks

The Police Department will conduct roadside safety checks during July and August. Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to authorize a news release regarding these safety checks. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Peach Festival Parade

The theme for the Peach Festival parade will be "The Dog Days of Summer". The parade marshal will be our K-9 Officer. Parade judges will be Jeannie Britt, Debbie Stroehlein and Karen Winzenburger. (Alan Eddington has agreed to serve as announcer.)

Cemetery – Memorial Area

A letter from John R. Stroehlein was presented. Dr. Stroehlein is interested in working with the Village to "revamp the flag pole and memorial area" across from the cemetery chapel. The project would include a bronze statute of a boy holding an American flag. The Village Clerk was asked to contact Dr. Stroehlein regarding the projected expense of the project.

Wastewater Improvement Funding

Information from Harold Sheffer of J. T. Blankinship, Inc. pertaining to financing wastewater improvements was presented. In order to qualify for loans and/or grants, sewer rates must be increased. The Village Clerk was directed to prepare an ordinance increasing sewer rates by ten percent (10%) effective August 1, 2013.

Illinois Rural Water Association Training

Motion was made by Britt, seconded by Brumleve, to authorize Chad Eads and Waylon Logsdon to attend IRWA training at John A. Logan Community College on July 9, 2013. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Utility Consultants, Inc. – Drug Testing Consortium

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, to enter into the Drug Testing Consortium conducted by Utility Consultants, Inc. Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

Illinois Commerce Commission Gas System Audit Conducted

A recent audit of the Cobden Municipal Gas System conducted by the Illinois Commerce Commission indicated no violations, issues to be corrected or amendments to the operations of our system. Assistant Superintendent Chad Eads was commended for the operation of the gas system.

Gas Utilities Alliance Meeting

Utilities Chairman Dennis Maze reported on a meeting conducted by the Gas Utilities Alliance which he and Superintendent Larry E. Nance attended.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brumleve, seconded by Maze, that the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Karen M. Winzenburger
Village Clerk