



Village of Oblong  
Oblong, Illinois 62449

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January 4, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, January 4, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Helen Cook.

Minutes of the December 21, 1977 meeting were approved as read.

President Neeley brought a request from a businessman in Oblong concerning parking trucks on East Illinois Street near a property he is considering buying. It was decided that although there were no legal restrictions concerning parking in this area, that the trucks might become a problem. The board was not in favor of allowing 220 volt wiring to be installed near the street.

Following some discussion a motion was made by Phil Mendenhall and seconded by Les Wells to pay the notary fees necessary to get Terry Gish and Larry Fear designated as Notary Publics for the Oblong Police Department. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

Following an examination of the alternatives available for the Village in making unemployment contributions, a motion was made by Jack Gallion and seconded by Myrl Littlejohn to participate in unemployment compensation on a contributions basis for the year 1978. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Phil Mendenhall and seconded by Jack Gallion to pay the January Board Bills. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

After some consideration a motion was made by Jack Gallion and seconded by Phil Mendenhall not to submit a federal grant application for funds for the Village Park due to the fact that the application would cost about \$1000 to make and no guarantee of returns was possible. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

Some discussion of the ditch that runs behind the Immel property led to the Village Board deciding that the Village would furnish fill-dirt to help correct the problems if Mr. Immel feels it would be helpful.

Once again the problem of parking on North and South Range and East and West Main Streets was brought up. It was hoped that employees of local businesses would use the public parking lots so that local visitors and shoppers could have parking spaces on the streets.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Mendenhall to adjourn. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk

January 18, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, held on January 18, 1978.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Helen Cook, Floyd Hinterscher, Bill Watkins, Terry Gish, Larry Battershell.

Minutes of the January 4, 1978 meeting were approved as read.

The first item of concern brought before the board was presented by Floyd Hinterscher and Bill Watkins. These two men were concerned as the holders of liquor licenses within the Village with the operation of the VFW in Oblong. Specifically they felt that they had been treated unfairly by being forced to close at 11:30 P.M. on Dec. 31, 1977, while the VFW had been allowed to stay open until 1:00 A.M. Jan. 1, 1978. Mayor Neeley and Village Attorney, Larry Battershell, explained the Village's position concerning the operation of the VFW. In the discussion that followed Mr. Hinterscher and Mr. Watkins expressed their concern over the continued operation of the VFW as it presently exists.

A letter to Connor and Connor, was presented to the Board from the Vulcan Sign company pertaining to the Village's claim for replacement of road signs throughout the Village.

After some discussion a motion was made by McGehee and seconded by Wells to give the Crawford County Fair Board \$400.00 for Sunday entertainment at the 1978 fair. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

The Village Board took the opportunity to go on record as taking notice of all the help from area citizens in the recent snow removal operations. The appreciation and gratitude of the Board is extended to all concerned with this operation.

A motion was made by Rex McGehee and seconded by Jack Gallion to purchase two Second-Chance Safety Vests for the Village Police Department. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

At 8:05 P.M. the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel. The executive session ended at 8:20 P.M.

A motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Mendenhall to take Oblong Police Chief Terry Gish off probation and retain him as a full-time Police Chief at a salary of \$865.00 per month. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Mendenhall to establish a petty cash fund of \$100.00 for the Village Police Department. 5 yeas 0 nays Carried.

There being not further business before the board, a motion was made by Farley and seconded by Mendenhall to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. 5 yeas 0 nays Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk

### February 1, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, February 1, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry Fear, Terry Gish, Helen Cook.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M.

A letter was read from Connor and Connor stating that the Village had received credit for sign replacements within the Village. These signs are to be shipped in approximately 45 days. The old signs are to be returned.

Friendly campers wish to use the Village Park April 7, 8, 9, 1978 for a camp-out.

A letter dated January 25, 1978 from the Eaton Water district was read. It asked that the Village of Oblong Water Department stop furnishing water to residents in the Eaton Water District. The letter was referred to the Village Attorney.

Audit Report #40 for MFT from January 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1976 was presented and ordered filed.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the efforts of citizens, C-B Club, Civil Defense Director, and Street and Alley employees for their efforts during last week's blizzard.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

### February 15, 1978

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, February 15, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-President, Phil Mendenhall, Jack Gallion, Les Wells, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Harry Sutton, Clarence Smith, Pam Goodwin, Helen Cook, Larry Battershell, Eleanor Laswell, David Smothers, Terry Gish.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Neeley.

The minutes of the February 1, 1978 meeting were approved as read.

The first people to address the board were Eleanor Laswell and Pam Goodwin. These ladies represented the Area-Wide Housing and Community Development Program which operates out of the University of Illinois. Their purpose in appearing before the Board was to explain their program which consists of helping people obtain loans who are in the \$3000 to \$15,600 wage range. The purpose of these loans is to make home improvement or to purchase homes. People may apply for this assistance only after they have attempted to borrow the money from all commercial sources. Mrs. Goodwin will represent Crawford County area and asked the Board to refer anyone they knew of who qualified to their agency.

David Smothers, Clarence Smith, and Harry Sutton appeared before the board representing the Oblong Little League Association. They asked that the Village consider what assistance the Village might be in helping build a new Little League diamond on property owned by the Oblong School System. It was pointed out that no tax money could be used for such a purpose but the Village Board was willing to provide any other assistance they could when the time to build the diamond arrives.

A letter was presented from Connor and Connor explaining that they have applied for a grant from the state to be used for marking streets, crosswalks, etc. It was explained that the Village is in no way obligated to accept this grant if it has any restrictions placed on the use of the money.

Village Attorney, Larry Battershell, presented Ordinance #78-288 an ordinance prohibiting parking on the East Side of South Range St. between Main and Missouri Sts. After some discussion a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Mendenhall to accept Ordinance #78-288 as printed. (a copy is attached to these minutes.) A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-nay, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yea 1 nay Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Gallion to pay the February Bills. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

At 8:03 P.M. the President of the Board, John Neeley, called the Board into executive session to discuss land acquisitions taking place. The Board came out of executive session at 8:20.

It was pointed out to the Board by Chief of Police Terry Gish that in order to enforce a 20 MPH speed limit in a school zone, that the area had to be posted at 20 MPH. Village Clerk, Dennis Hutchings, was instructed to contact the District Engineer for the Illinois Department of

Transportation, Mr. H.L. Wear, asking that such signs be installed on Route 33 in front of the Oblong Elementary School. A motion was also made by Mendenhall and seconded by Art Farley to purchase two 20 MPH speed limit signs to be installed in the School Zone in front of Oblong High School. 6 yea 0 nay Motion Carried.

President Neeley informed the Board that he had been contacted by CIPS Corporation that CIPS was asking the Village to cooperate in the current energy crisis by asking the residents of Oblong to take whatever steps necessary to conserve electrical energy during the duration of the Coal Miners Strike.

Since the minutes of the January 18, 1978 meeting had not been heard by many of the Board members, they were read and approved at this meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by McGehee to adjourn. 6 yea 0 nay Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk

March 1, 1978

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, March 1, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-President, Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry Fear, Terry Gish, Charles Mouser

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Neeley.

The Minutes of the February 15, 1978 meeting were approved as read.

The First order of business brought before the Board was the effect of the new minimum wage on the part-time employees of the Village. A motion was made by Myrl Littlejohn and seconded by Jack Gallion to raise the salary of the present permanent part-time employees to bring them in line with the minimum wage law effective March 1, 1978. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-abstain, Gallion-yea, Wells-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 4 yea 1 abstain Motion carried.

It was brought to the attention of the Board by the Clerk that the Embarrass River Basin Agency might be interested in putting the Village Librarian under their program. Hutchings was instructed to inform the Agency that the Village was interested if they could be of assistance.

President Neeley presented the board with some information concerning problems at the Activity Center. It was hoped that no action would have to be taken by the Board.

As there had been some question concerning the nature and validity of Village employee, Hubert O. Seaney's claim for workman's compensation, a letter was presented to the Board from Dr. Daniel J. Herman. The letter stated that Mr. Seaney's injury was indeed a new injury which was sustained while working for the Village of Oblong.

Myrl Littlejohn asked for some clarification concerning the policy on blading snow off the roads in Oblong. He was informed by Street Superintendent, Bob Lanter, that all city streets are plowed by the Village employees during bad weather.

Rex McGehee reported that he had received a call from a resident on East Texas Street about the water standing in the ditches. Due to the cold weather it is almost impossible for the water to escape because of the ice which has not yet melted.

After a review of the vouchers, a motion was made by Phil Mendenhall and seconded by Les Wells to pay the March Bills. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Charles Mouser appeared before the Board to present his situation. Mr. Mouser wishes to be hired by the Village as a part-time Police officer. His purpose would be to fill in on vacations, in case of illness, and other special occasions. A motion was made by Jack Gallion and seconded by Les Wells to employ Charles Mouser as a part-time police officer, as needed, at a salary of \$5.00 per hour. Wells-yeas, Mendenhall-yeas, Gallion-yeas, Littlejohn-yeas, McGehee-yeas. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Mendenhall to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk.

March 15, 1978

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, March 15, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Larry Battershell, Bob Lanter, Helen Cook, Homer Smith, Gale Inboden, Larry Fear, Ross Klier, Roger Henderson (Connor and Connor), and Terry Gish.

The meeting was called to order by President Neeley at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes of the March 1, 1978 meeting were read and approved.

Ross Klier and Roger Henderson of Connor and Connor, Inc., Village Engineers, were at the meeting at the request of President Neeley. It was explained that one year ago their firm started a facility plan on Oblong's sewage and water in the storm sewer flow. Oblong is encountering problems, it was reported, from the lift station back west. These gentlemen stated that it appeared as if some of the sewer lines may need to be cleaned out. It was noted that it has been several years since this has been done. Some of the members of the board also pointed out that there are problems with sewers on the North side of the park (the Earl Ulm Residence) and on North Division Street. Connor and Connor were asked to survey the conditions which exist in some of these trouble areas, to try to locate the problem areas, and to propose a plan of correction to the Board.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Inboden then presented their problems with sewer water in their houses to the board. Along with many other residents the recent thawing of snow and rain have caused them much distress. Both men stated that they were glad that the Village engineers were looking into possible corrective measures.

President Neeley presented the request of Mrs. Jean Thompson to the Board. She requested that her mother, Mrs. Alta Wilson, be allowed to pay reduced rent as she has been placed in a Nursing home. A motion was made by Littlejohn and seconded by Gallion to defer any further rent on the housing unit owned by the Village and occupied by Mrs. Alta Wilson, until such time as Mrs. Wilson is able to resume residence there. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

A request from Mack Mason that the Village help him with his problem with cars parking in front of his loading doors was referred to the Street and Alley Committee for their recommendations.

Several citizens in the South end of Oblong are having trouble with dogs running at large. The Village Clerk was instructed to put an ad in the Robinson Paper informing people to keep their dogs penned or leashed as per Ordinance #230. Residents were also to be warned that dogs running at large would be impounded or destroyed, effective immediately.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Wells and seconded by Mendenhall to adjourn. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk.

April 5, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, April 5, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-President, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry Fear, Terry Gish, Roger Henderson, Ross Klier (Connor and Connor)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Neeley.

The Minutes of the March 15, 1978 meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business before the board was a report from the Village Engineers, Connor and Connor, who were represented by Roger Henderson and Ross Klier. The report was dated April 5, 1978. Recommendations of the report on the Village Sewer System were as follows:

- (1) the cleaning of 9064 linear feet of sewer line inside the Village, with priority cleaning to certain sections.
- (2) smoking the sewer lines to locate and identify infiltration and inflow sources to the system.
- (3) install a temporary 12 inch storm water bypass at a point near the lake between Wisconsin and Ohio Streets.

Following the presentation of a proposed appropriations ordinance, a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Farley to adopt Annual Appropriations Ordinance #289 for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1978 and ending April 30, 1979. Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea. 5 yea 0 nay Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Myrl Littlejohn and seconded by Rex McGehee to adopt Ordinance #290 approving a contract with CIPS for street lights. This Ordinance includes all the new street lights installed recently by CIPS. Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea. 5 yea 0 nay Motion Carried.

A letter was read by President Neeley from Connor and Connor to the EPA asking for an extension of time in which to submit additional information on the Step 1 Facilities Grant.

Following some discussion on an inquiry as to whether the Village was interested in purchasing the lot behind the Busy Bee Laundry, a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Wells to purchase the lot behind the Busy Bee Laundry owned by David Smothers. 0 yea 5 nay Motion defeated.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the Village needed to purchase some new mowers for use at the Park. A motion was made by Littlejohn and seconded by Farley to purchase 2 new power mowers for use at the Park and Oil Museum. 5 yea 0 nay Motion Carried.

President Neeley presented a request to the Board made by Mrs. Hope O'Neal that the Village investigate the possibility of a shuttle bus service to Oblong residents. No action was taken.

Following a review of the vouchers, a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Wells to pay the April Board Bills. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Gallion to authorize a bid of \$1500.00 on a used dump truck. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Wells to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk

April 19, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, April 19, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-President, Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry Battershell, Terry Gish, Mrs. Robert Stigler, Mrs. Jack Hoffman, Helen Cook.

The meeting was called to order by President Neeley at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes of the April 5, 1978 meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. Stigler and Mrs. Hoffman appeared before the Board with a request that the Mayor sign a proclamation declaring May 1 as Loyalty Day. President Neeley then signed a proclamation declaring May 1, 1978 as Loyalty Day in the Village of Oblong.

The Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company would like to move the pay phone in Oblong to a new location as it interferes with the people who live where the booth is now located on the southeast corner of Main and Garfield Streets. This question was referred to the Street and Alley Committee for their consideration.

President Neeley reported that he had requested that the Village be given one slot in a new Office of Economic Opportunity program for the coming year.

The Senior Class at Oblong High School requested the use of the Village park for a car wash to be held Saturday April 22, 1978. A motion was made by Mendenhall and seconded by Gallion to grant permission for this fund-raiser. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

After some discussion a motion was made by Myrl Littlejohn and seconded by Les Wells to establish an access to a driveway on East Illinois Street for the use of Clayton Garrard Business soon to be established there. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

A motion was made by Myrl Littlejohn and seconded by Jack Gallion that the Sewer Committee be authorized to purchase a sewer rodding machine from Newton if they agree that the purchase is worthwhile and if the purchase can be made for \$2500.00 or less. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Mendenhall and seconded by Les Wells that the Henpeck CB Club be given permission to use the building behind the grandstand and the Park for a coffee break and flea market from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on May 20, 1978 and from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. on May 21, 1978. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

The Nutrition Center of Oblong has planned to purchase a commercial mixer and is asking for donations toward its purchase. A motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Art Farley to donate \$200.00 toward the purchase of this mixer. The funds to come from the Housing Fund. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

At 8:14 P.M. the Board went into executive session to discuss regulations concerning Village Employees. The executive session ended at 9:45.

A motion was made by Rex McGehee and seconded by Farley that the Village adopt the Guidelines and procedures concerning Village employees as per attached sheet. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Art Farley and seconded by Myrl Littlejohn that the Village establish a temporary street crew to work under the direction of the Street and Alley Committee during the months of June, July, and August. That Superintendent Lanter assign the members of this crew, with the approval of the Street and Alley Committee, with the next higher ranking village employee as per seniority as foreman. During the time he is foreman, said foreman, shall be compensated \$50.00 per month in addition to his regular wages during the months of June, July, and August. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Rex McGehee and seconded by Art Farley to adjourn. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Village Clerk

May 3, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, May 3, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-President, Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry Fear, Helen Cook.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Neeley.

The minutes of the April 19, 1978 meeting were approved as read.

President Neeley read a letter to the board from the Friendly Campers of Charleston, IL, thanking the Village for the use of the park for their campout.

A letter was read addressed to Melvin Larson, Engineer for the State Highway Dept. which stated that the flashing lights recently installed on the South Range Street Railroad crossing were ready for inspection.

A letter from Connor and Connor to the EPA, asking for the forms necessary to get an extension of time on the Secondary treatment requirements was read.

A bid has been received from S & L Sanitation for a spring clean up. An \$875.00 maximum for pickup service of compacted trash or \$90.00 per load if trash is picked up at a deposit site. After some discussion, a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Littlejohn to have a spring clean up in the Village of Oblong. The dates to be published later. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

The Finance committee announced that the Village of Oblong has purchased a sewer rodding machine from the Village of Newton for \$2500.00.

A motion was made by Rex McGehee and seconded by Phil Mendenhall to reimburse Hubert Seaney and Harry Shafer for meals and expenses incurred in attending an insecticide spraying school at Rend Lake Junior College. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

President Neeley stated that Oblong may be eligible for a program under CETA Title IV for 100% funding for an employee for the Oblong Police Dept. This would be a full-time employee. President Neeley stated he would get further details since the Board was interested.

A motion was made by Mendenhall and seconded by Jack Gallion to pay the May bills. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Mendenhall and seconded by Les Wells to Purchase a new printing calculator for the Village Treasurer's use. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Wells and seconded by McGehee to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk

May 17, 1978

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, May 17, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-President, Les Wells, Phil Mendenhall, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Helen Cook, Darrell Shipman, Mike Connor, Floyd Hinterscher.

Minutes of the May 3, 1978 were approved as written.

Mike Connor of Connor and Connor presented the 1978 street maintenance program at an approximate cost \$26,000.00. See attachment.

A motion was made by Littlejohn and seconded by Gallion to approve section 78-00000-00-6M for street maintenance program at \$26,065.18 from the MFT Fund. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mendenhall and seconded by Farley to adopt a resolution for the maintenance of Streets and highways for \$28,000.00. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

Darrell Shipman asked for the Board's permission to use the facilities at the fair grounds from August 9 to 19, 1978 on behalf of the Interdenominational Crusade for Christ. A motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Wells to allow the Interdenominational Crusade for Christ services from August 9-19 at the Fair Grounds. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

Floyd Hinterscher appeared before the Board to ask the permission of the Liquor Comm. to move his tavern to the Burke Building. Permission was granted.

The situation at the Village library was discussed relevant to the release of Cindy Thompson as Village librarian. It was noted that several people have donated time to improving the library. They are Mrs. Marian Stuckey, Jack Gallion, and Myrl Littlejohn. The help of these people and their volunteer work has been greatly appreciated.

A motion was made by Les Wells and seconded by Mendenhall to employ Alice Jo Hammond as temporary village librarian at a salary of \$2.30 per hour for 4 hours per day and 6 days per week. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gallion and seconded by McGeheeto employ 4 part-time employees for summer work for the Village. Three to work on the Street and Alley department and one to work for the Water department. They are to be employed starting June 1, 1978 and paid the minimum wage of \$2.65 per hour. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

There being no other business before the Board, a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Mendenhall to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. 6 yea 0 nay Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk

June 7, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, held on June 7, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry Battershell, Helen Cook, Hubert Seaney, Ivan Parker, Terry Gish, Wanda Lanter, Larry Fear.

The meeting was called to order by President Neeley at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes of the May 17, 1978 meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business before the board was a request by Mr. Ivan Parker for the Oblong Henpeck CB Club to hold a Backyard carnival for Muscular Dystrophy on August 26, 1978. A motion was made by Mendenhall and seconded by Wells to grant permission for the Henpeck CB Club to hold a backyard carnival on August 26, 1978 from Noon to Midnight with South Range Street from Main to Missouri to be closed for this purpose. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

A motion was made by Art Farley and seconded by Gallion to adopt a resolution with the CIPS Co., for the installation of two new street lights within the Village of Oblong at the agreed upon rate. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

The Village Clerk was asked to place a block ad in the Robinson Paper informing the residents of the Village about the ordinance concerning weeds and open burning within the Village.

Phil Mendenhall asked the Board about using village spraying equipment for the Church Camp south of Oblong. A motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Farley to grant permission for Camp Amwako to use the spraying equipment owned by the Village and for the village to provide the chemical necessary to spray for mosquitoes. 6 yea 0 nay Motion carried.

The Street Department Committee presented their program for the construction of sidewalks during the summer. A motion was made by Littlejohn and seconded by McGehee to continue the sidewalk program with the building and replacement of 1026 linear feet, more or less, of sidewalk at the designated locations. Mendenhall-nay, Wells-nay, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 4 yea 2 nay Motion carried.

After some discussion concerning the need for some new lights at the Village Park, a motion was made by Wells and seconded by Farley to purchase 3 new mercury vapor lights for the Park. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried. Myrl Littlejohn also mentioned the need to put up a cable at the end of the drive in front of the Grandstand to keep traffic off of this area. Littlejohn also pointed out the need for the Village to level off the spots where water leaks were repaired along the State right-of-way on East Route 33. This work was to be completed by Village employees at their earliest convenience.

Rex McGehee reported that he had received complaints about the weeds on the property owned by the Oblong Grain Co. on West Missouri St. He had also received complaints about weeds on the lot owned by Myrtle Deatherage behind her home. It was decided that the owners should be contacted and if they didn't mow the weeds the Village would have them mowed and bill the owners for the expenses.

At 7:55 P.M. the Board went into executive session to discuss employee salaries. Executive session ended at 9:15 P.M.

A motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Wells to establish the following salaries for the permanent village employees: Bob Lanter and Terry Gish- \$915.00 per month; Hubert Seaney and Harry Shafer-\$800.00 per month; Wanda Lanter-\$500.00 per month; Bill Sandiford-\$325.00 per month; Larry Fear-\$225.00 per month. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mendenhall and seconded by Gallion to pay the June Board Bills. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Farley and seconded by McGehee to adjourn. 6 yeas 0 nays Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk

June 21, 1978

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, held on June 21, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Dennis Hutchings-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Helen Cook.

The meeting was called to order by President Neeley at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes of the June 7, 1978 meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was the reading by President Neeley of a letter of resignation from Dennis Hutchings from the office of Village Clerk. Hutchings is moving to Sullivan, Illinois soon. A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Farley to accept the resignation of Hutchings effective July 1, 1978. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

A letter was read from the Crawford County Association for Exceptional Citizens. They are trying to build a workshop and are trying to raise money for this purpose. The Clerk was to notify them that the board would like for them to present their program at the July 5, 1978 Board Meeting.

A report on the easements for the new water line showed that most of them are in but that there are still a few to be signed.

The board has received some complaints on the obstruction of vision by some trees on East and West Main Street. It was pointed out that the Village must get the permission of the State to cut these trees. The Street and Alley Committee was asked to check on the cost of this project.

Jack Gallion reported that the Police Department needed a cassette recorder for taking dispositions. A motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Mendenhall to purchase a cassette recorder for the Police Department. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

After some discussion a motion was made by Farley and seconded by Gallion to purchase some tile from Howard Burner for a price of \$200.00. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that Bill Sandiford would like to have some paint to paint some of the display equipment at the Oil Museum. It was decided that this would be worthwhile.

There being no further business before the Board a motion was made by Gallion and seconded by Farley to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hutchings, Clerk

July 5, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, July 5, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorange-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Helen Cook, Barbara Ross, Beverly Kilburn.

The reading of the minutes of the June 21, 1978 meeting was omitted.

To confirm the appointment made by Pres. Neeley, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to approve the appointment of Larry G. Lorance to fill the vacancy in the Village Clerk position until May 1, 1979. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Barbara Ross and Beverly Kilburn, representing the Crawford County Association for Exceptional Citizens, were introduced to the Board. Ms. Ross explained a proposed shelter work-shop to be operated in conjunction with Lawrence County. The work-shop would be located on a parcel of land near Chauncey that has been donated to the Association. Other commitments already made to the Association include an eleven passenger bus, and \$10,000 (Crawford County Board) for operating expenses. It was explained that the immediate need is for a pledge of local funds to match possible Federal or State grants in future years. Phil Mendenhall made a motion to table the subject until the July 19, 1978 meeting when possibly the rest of the Trustees will be present. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea". The motion carried.

Pres. Neeley reminded the Board that the letting of bids for summer street maintenance would be at a special meeting July 17, 1978 at 10:00 A.M.

The roof on the Water Office was reported to be leaking. After some discussion, it was decided to contact some roofing companies to possibly check the problem.

Rex McGehee made a motion to have the Village Park and Fairgrounds sprayed for flies before and after the County Fair. Art Farley seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea". The motion carried.

Some tree problems in the Village were discussed. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to have trees trimmed and removed as needed with the cost not to exceed \$700.00. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

It was decided to try to have a letting of bids for summer sidewalk repair at the July 19, 1978 meeting. The Clerk was instructed to arrange the necessary publications. After a review of the vouchers, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills for the month of June. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Art Farley seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea". The motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

July 17, 1978

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, July 17, 1978, at 10:00 A.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Phil Mendenhall, Art Farley, Rex McGehee.

Others Present: David Kintner, Mike Connors, John Kavanaugh, James Calhoun, Tom Exline.

Pres. Neeley called the meeting to order. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to let bids for MFT Summer street repairs and maintenance.

After reviewing the bids submitted, Les Wells made a motion to accept the bids as follows:

Group III: Bituminous Patch Mix-to be stockpiled in Oblong, 250 ton @ \$16.50 per ton...\$4125.00. Submitted by R & S Asphalt, Inc.

Group I: Bituminous Materials RS-2 Furnished and Applied on Streets, 8,065 gal. @ \$.43 per gal....\$3,467.95. Submitted by Lee Kintner & Sons.

Group II: Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16 Furnished and Applied on Streets, 403 ton @ \$9.80 per ton...\$3,949.40. Submitted by Lee Kintner & Sons.

Group V: Bituminous Materials MC-30 Furnished and Applied on Streets, 2,481 gal. @ \$.43 per gal....\$1,066.83. Submitted by Lee Kintner & Sons.

Art Farley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Wells-yea, Mendenhall-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Since no bids were submitted for Group IV of the proposal, Art Farley made a motion to relet the bids for this item. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried. Les Wells made a motion to adjourn. Art Farley seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorange, Village Clerk

### July 19, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, July 19, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorange-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Randy Fuller

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 5, 1978 and the special meeting of July 17, 1978 were read and approved.

The Board was informed that there would be a special meeting on August 1, 1978 at 2:00 P.M. for letting of bids for Group IV of the MFT summer street repair program.

Bids for sidewalk replacement were opened and reviewed by the Board. The following bids were received: Fuller Trucking & Excavating, Inc.-\$6,545.88, David Krick-\$6,320.16, Robert Powers-\$5,704.56.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to accept the bid of Robert Powers to replace 1,026 linear feet of sidewalk for the amount of \$5,704.56. Art Farley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Wells-yea, Mendenhall-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

A letter from Myrl Price, State Conservation Department Biologist, was read noting that there were too many small fish being taken from the Park Lake. This represents a threat to the restocking program that was carried out in 1977. Myrl asked that fishing be temporarily stopped in the lake until the new stock had adequate time to develop. It was decided to post "No Fishing" signs and publish a notice to try to stop the removal of the small fish.

An item of business that was table at the July 5, 1978 meeting, a request for financial assistance from the Crawford County Association of Exceptional Citizens, was discussed at some length. Since the members were unable to come to a decision, there was no action taken at this time.

Mosquito spraying was discussed. Some fogging has been done with a fogger owned by Robinson. It was decided to check if the fogger might possibly be purchased from Robinson.

Randy Littlejohn has resigned from the part-time summer help staff to take other employment. Mike Bayless will be offered the job for the rest of the summer.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Clerk

### August 1, 1978

Minutes of a special meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, August 1, 1978 at 2:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee.

Others Present: James Calhoun, Bob Lanter, Brent Smitley, Leland Murphy.

Pres. Neeley called the meeting to order. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to let bids for Group IV of the MFT Summer Street Maintenance.

Bids submitted were as follows:

1181 Tons-Aggregate Surface Course TY. B CA-6, 4" Uncompacted Furnished and Spread on Streets.

Smitley Bros.           \$8.75 per ton...\$10,033.75

Leland Murphy         \$5.90 per ton...\$6,967.97

Earl Buckner           \$5.80 per ton...\$6,849.80

Rex McGehee made a motion to accept the bid of Earl Buckner of 1,181 tons of Aggregate Surface Course TY. B CA-6, 4" Uncompacted Furnished and Spread on the Streets for \$6,849.80. (\$5.80 per ton). Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to adjourn. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

August 2, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, August 2, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry G. Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Helen Cook, Joan Jennings, Susie Tracy, Brenda Henry.

The Minutes of the July 19, 1978 Regular Meeting and the August 1, 1978 Special Meeting were read and approved.

Susie Tracy, representing the Young Homemakers Club, told the Board of a club project to upgrade the playground equipment in the park. They told of their plans for new equipment and repairs for some of the existing. They expressed to the Board that any assistance would be appreciated. The Board decided to have the Finance and Park Committee work with the Club and to try to funnel some Revenue Sharing Funds into the project.

At 7:40 P.M. Phil Mendenhall and Bob Lanter left the meeting to answer a fire call.

The condition of the Water Department Truck was discussed. The truck is in need of extensive mechanical repair. Jack Gallion made a motion that the Water and Finance Committee obtain

some estimates of the cost of a new truck and present the information at the next Regular Meeting. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

In response to a request from the Activity Center Board, Jack Gallion made a motion not to pay for paint that was recently applied to the Activity Center floor. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

After a review of the vouchers, Jack Gallion made a motion to pay the bills for the month of July. Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 7:50 P.M.  
The Board returned to Open session at 8:10 P.M.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorange, Village Clerk

#### August 16, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, August 16, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Larry Lorange-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry Fear, Terry Gish, Charlie Mouser, Helen Cook, Stan Ridgeway.

Pres. Neeley called the meeting to order. The reading of the minutes of the August 2, 1978 meeting was omitted.

Stan Ridgeway, representing the Village Auditors, Kemper, Fisher, Faust, Lawrence & Co., presented the audit for the fiscal year, 1977-1978. He particularly called the Board's attention to the improved status of the Water and Sewer Funds. After a review by the Board and some questions answered by Ridgeway, the Board accepted the Audit as presented.

Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance #291 was submitted to the Board. After examining the proposal, Jack Gallion made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance #291 in the amount of \$37,415.00. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

A letter from States Attorney Ray McCamy was acknowledged. The letter noted that there had been a bankruptcy ruling in favor of Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and that part of their long overdue back taxes would possibly be paid in the near future.

A note of appreciation from the family of LeRoy Britton for an expression of sympathy by the Board was acknowledged.

Les Wells made a motion to adjourn. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

### September 6, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, September 6, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Larry Battershell, Mary Lu Ralston.

The minutes of the August 16, 1978 Regular Meeting were read and approved.

After reviewing the vouchers, Les Wells made a motion to pay the bills for the month of August. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Jack Gallion made a motion to advertise for bids for the 1973 Chevy Pickup Truck used by the water department. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

The portable police radios are in very poor operating condition. The maintenance cost is excessive. It was decided to investigate the possible purchase of some new units.

It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce had made a \$100.00 payment as their part of the cost of the annual fall trash pick-up.

Les Wells made a motion to purchase riot helmets for Police Officers Terry Gish and Larry Fear. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

The condition of the overhang on the front of the Standard-Grigsby Building was discussed. It was decided the Park and Building Committee should investigate and see what can be done.

Art Farley made a motion to adjourn. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

September 20, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, September 20, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorange-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Mary Lu Ralston.

Pres. Neeley called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the September 6, 1978 meeting were read and approved.

Bids were opened for the 1973 Chevy pickup formerly used by the Water Department. Only one bid was received, that being from H.L. Lollar, in the amount of \$711.00. Jack Gallion made a motion to accept the bid of H.L. Lollar in the amount of \$711.00 for the 1973 Chevrolet pickup truck owned and formerly used by the Water Department. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

A recent inspection of the Village Library was conducted by the State of Illinois, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The inspection found several unsatisfactory conditions. No action was taken at this time.

A letter from Cargill Salt Company was acknowledged. The letter provided information regarding prices and availability of salt for winter street use.

There was discussion concerning the problems of the local dogcatcher and Officer Gish in capturing a stray dog recently. Jack Gallion made a motion to purchase a noose-type dogcatching apparatus, value approx. \$20.00, for use by the local dogcatcher and Police Officers. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

The evening of October 30, 1978 was designated as "Trick-or-Treat" night in the Village of Oblong.

A letter from the Reverend Father Matthew O'Malley, of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, thanking the Village for rock applied on the Church parking lot was acknowledged.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorange, Village Clerk

October 4, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, October 4, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, R. Palmer Stolte, from Motorola Communications and Electronics.

The minutes of the September 20, 1978 meeting were read and approved.

After a review of the vouchers, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills for the month of September. Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

R. Palmer Stolte, of Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., was called upon to display and explain about his line of portable radios that might be used by our police department. After a very enlightening discussion and some price quotes, the Board decided to table the matter until next meeting or until Mr. Stolte can come up with a demonstrator on our frequency.

The last of the old Veteran Houses in the Park is now empty. As per a previous Board decision, the building will be torn down and removed. Rex McGehee made a motion to allow Loyd Mann to tear down and remove the remaining Veterans Building for the material he can salvage. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Information concerning a new snow blade to be installed on one of the Village trucks was presented by Street Superintendent Lanter. Phil Mendenhall made a motion to order a new snow blade to be installed on a village truck as quickly as possible. The purchase price shall not exceed \$1,600.00. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

The sewer servicing the two houses East of the Park Drives, and also servicing the Grange Hall Building has been causing problems. There is some question about who assumes the responsibility for the maintenance of the sewer.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

October 18, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, October 18, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Helen Cook.

Minutes of the October 4, 1978 meeting were read and approved.

The Library Book Service of the Cumberland Trail Library System was discussed. It was generally agreed that the library is very well stocked and being maintained in an excellent manner. Jack Gallion made a motion to continue using the Cumberland Trail Library Services thru October 1, 1979 at a cost of \$200.00. Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

The broken light pole across Range Street from the Town Hall was discussed. The pole was broken off in a recent automobile accident. The clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to have the pole replaced.

The mobile C.B. units in the Village Trucks are not working properly. Les Wells made a motion to have a committee appointed to purchase two new mobile units to be installed in the Village Trucks. Art Farley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Pres. Neeley appointed Phil Mendenhall and Jack Gallion to purchase two new mobile units to be installed in the Village Trucks.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

### November 1, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, November 1, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Battershell.

The reading of the minutes of the October 18, 1978 meeting was omitted.

A letter from Myrl Price, State Conservation Department Biologist, was read confirming the progress of the restocking program in the park lake. Myrl noted that while conducting an electric shocking test on the lake, many new fish were counted along with a good growth rate of the stocked fish.

After a review of the vouchers, Jack Gallion made a motion to pay the bills for the month of October. Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Village Attorney Larry Battershell reported on the progress made in securing easements for the proposed water line. He also discussed a meeting he attended concerning the improvement of Route 33 West of Robinson. After some discussion Les Wells made a motion that a written request be sent to the State Secretary of Transportation asking that consideration be given to the improvement, widening and straightening of Route 33 between Oblong and Robinson. Art Farley seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

It was noted that Heath Tri-County Roofing has completed some repairs on the Standard-Grigsby Building. They recommended a new roof over the whole building.

Bob Lanter reports that the new snow plow has been received and mounted on a Village truck, ready for use.

Art Farley made a motion to adjourn. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorange, Village Clerk

### November 15, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, November 15, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas, Larry Lorange-Clerk.  
Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Helen Cook.

The reading of the minutes of the November 1, 1978 meeting were omitted.

An audit of the Village Motor Fuel Tax Fund, conducted by the State, was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

A sewer that passed underneath the street in front of the Pete Price residence has apparently been damaged by truck traffic during last summer's street maintenance program. After some discussion, Jack Gallion made a motion to furnish the necessary four inch vitrified clay tile to replace the existing sewer underneath the street in front of the Pete Price residence, with Price to

furnish the installation. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

A vision problem at the corner of North Wilson and West Main Streets was discussed. It seems that some large semi-trucks park along the north side of Main Street nearly every weekend and it becomes very treacherous trying to enter Main from Wilson. It was decided to ask the drivers of the trucks that are normally involved to park their trucks back East of the intersection for enough to allow good vision.

The open cab on the truck that has the new snowplow mounted was discussed. The Board decided there should be some kind of sheet metal cover and a heater installed.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

#### December 6, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, December 6, 1978 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk, Rex McGehee.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Larry Battershell, Floyd Hinterscher, Mrs. Bill Watkins.

The minutes of the November 15, 1978 meeting were read and approved.

After a review of the vouchers, Jack Gallion made a motion to pay the bills for the month of November. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Floyd Hinterscher and Mrs. Bill Watkins asked the Board if they would consider an amendment to the local liquor ordinance to allow the opening of their business places on New Years Eve, which will be on Sunday this year. After some discussion, Art Farley made a motion to amend Local Liquor Ordinance #271 to allow liquor selling establishments to be open on December 31, 1978 from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 3 yea & 2 nay & 1 abstain. Mendenhall-nay, Wells-nay, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-abstain, McGehee-yea.

Board member Littlejohn and Board President Neeley requested that it be noted in the minutes that they are not in favor of the amendment to the Liquor Ordinance.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adopt an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding Street Marking Program #78-00007-00-SP for the Village. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

A letter from Attorney Raymond W. McCamy, representing the Eaton Water District, noting an infringement by the Oblong Water Department into the area served by the Eaton Water District, (Weberty Display House), was acknowledged by the Board.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

### December 20, 1978

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, December 20, 1978, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Larry Battershell, Helen Cook, Tony Williams, Harry Sutton, Gene Smith, Willard Metz, Kay Young, John Lewis, David Earlewine, Rusty Beals, Kevin Utterback, Ray Baker, Howard Allen, Pearl Watts, Margaret Baker, Ronnie Smith, Larry Smith, Richard Smith, Donna Smith, Lenora Cravens, Kevin Cravens, Bertha Lackey, Mabel Davis, Frieda Huff, Victor Brough, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Baker, Janice Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Neighdigh, Jeff Neighdigh, Mary Smith, Jay Spaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Mervin Utterback, Carol Spaugh.

After hearing the reading of the minutes of the December 6, 1978 meeting, Jack Gallion and Rex McGehee requested that it be entered into the December 6, 1978 minutes that they felt that they would not be justified in voting not to allow the proposed amendment to Liquor Ordinance #271 as long as the local VFW Club is allowed to operate as is presently being done. With the addition of this information to the minutes, they were approved.

Pres. Neeley asked the visitors to state their business with the Board. Willard Metz expressed his shocked concern at the amendment to the Liquor Ordinance #271 at the December 6, 1978 meeting. Kay Young read a letter from the First Christian Church expressing their disapproval of the amendment. Howard Allen and Richard Smith, representing their respective congregations expressed their dissatisfaction with the amendment. Petitions carrying the signatures of a large number of the local citizenry were presented in a protest to the amendment. The Board and everyone present were informed that the local VFW Club had been closed indefinitely as of 6:15 P.M. December 20, 1978 by Police Chief Terry Gish, State Trooper Harry Sutton and a State Police Investigator.

Jack Gallion made a motion to amend Liquor Ordinance #271 as to require liquor selling establishments within the Village to be closed on December 31, 1978. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. 5 members voted "Yea", 1 member, Farley, voted "Nay", the motion carried.

Kay Young asked why it took a reaction from the local citizens to initiate some action to stop the illegal practices of the local VFW Club? Pres. Neeley, with the assistance of Attorney Battershell, explained that the VFW is a private club, therefore not being under the control of the Village Board or the Liquor Commissioner.

Tony Williams asks for information about the sewer servicing the Gene Bradbury home and the Grange Hall. The sewer has been giving trouble. It was decided to look back into the minutes of previous meetings to see if there was possibly an agreement whereas the Village agreed to maintain the sewer.

The updated lease between the Village and Standard-Grigsby was acknowledged and placed on file.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to extend Christmas bonuses to the Village Employees as follows: Bob Lanter-\$35.00, Terry Gish-\$35.00, Wanda Lanter-\$35.00, Hubert Seaney-\$35.00, Harry Shafer-\$35.00, Larry Fear-\$25.00, Joann Mendenhall-\$25.00, Alice Jo Hammond-\$25.00, Berniece Henry-\$25.00, Lorraine Bay-\$25.00, Irvin Catt-\$25.00, Bill Sandiford-\$25.00. Art Farley seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Jack Gallion asks why the minutes of the December 6, 1978 meeting were entered in the local newspaper with acknowledgment of each individual vote which had not been a practice in the past? Pres. Neeley replied that he requested the newspaper give complete and accurate coverage to the meeting because of the importance of the issues involved in the meeting.

Les Wells made a motion to adjourn. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

### January 3, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, January 3, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Battershell, Larry Fear, Helen Cook, George Harrison.

The reading of the minutes of the December 20, 1978 meeting was omitted.

After a review of the vouchers, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills for the month of December. Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

A possible grant for the purchase of police radios through Vincennes Trail Law Enforcement Commission (Jack Saunders), was discussed. The Village could be eligible for 1 mobile unit, 1 hand held unit and a charger for the hand held. The Board was informed that if they act now they could purchase a second hand held unit at the same cost the commission is paying. Phil Mendenhall made a motion to purchase a hand held Motorola Radio Unit, (H23BBU3143NSRMT500-Port. 2W.) with a charger, (N1248-Convertacom) through Vincennes Law Enforcement Commission at a cost of \$1,050.40. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

The Board expressed their appreciation for a job well done by Howard Mouser and Charlie Clark in obtaining easements for the proposed new water line. Jack Gallion made a motion to allow Howard Mouser \$540.00 (54 easements @ \$10.00 Per) and \$100.00 (mileage @ \$.23.3 per mile) and Charlie Clark \$540.00 (54 easements @ \$10.00 Per) for their combined efforts in obtaining easements for the new water line. Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

### January 17, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, January 17, 1979, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Helen Cook, Ed Stohl, George Harrison, Kenny Matheny, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Obert, Mark Weber, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Bruner, Hope O'Neil, Olen Christine, Bill Barnbrook.

Minutes of the January 3, 1979 meeting were read and approved.

Mark Weber, representing the local VFW Post 5939 Lackey-Willis, presented petitions to the Board signed by 18 local business men and 162 interested citizens. The petitions read as follows: "We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Oblong Village Trustees to issue a liquor license to VFW Post 5939, Lackey-Willis, and to Amend all relevant ordinances of Oblong so as to authorize the issuance of such liquor license." The Board Members all examined the petitions.

After general discussion, Rex McGehee made a motion that Liquor Ordinance #271 not be amended to provide any additional liquor license. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried. Mr. Weber expressed appreciation to the Board for their consideration of the request.

The possibility of a grant of funds for some additional full time park and street help was discussed. It was agreed a request should be made to the Embarrass River Basin Agency for the funds.

A report of the progress on acquiring the easements for new water line was given.

Art Farley made a motion to adjourn. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

### February 7, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, February 7, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Helen Cook, George Harrison, Kenny Matheny.

Reading of the minutes of the January 17, 1979 meeting was omitted.

After a review of the vouchers, Les Wells made a motion to pay the bills for the month of January. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Pres. Neeley reported on a small private business that would locate in Oblong if a suitable facility could be found. After several possibilities were discussed, Jack Gallion made a motion that the 4-H building in the Village Park shall continue to be used as in the past and not be used for private business. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Correspondence from Country Communications Company was acknowledged. The company is interested in a possible Cable T.V. franchise with the Village. Phil Mendenhall made a motion that the Village carry on the necessary correspondence with Country Communications Company in regard to a possible Cable T.V. franchise for the Village. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Police Chief Terry Gish suggested to the Board that it would be wise to purchase desk top chargers for the new radios the Board has already approved. Jack Gallion made a motion that the in-car charger for the hand held radio approved at the January 3, 1979 meeting be changed to two desk top chargers at approximately the same cost. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

The local Henpeck C.B. Club requests permission to erect a sign to be attached to the Only Oblong signs at the East and West Village limits stating that they monitor channel 14. Phil Mendenhall made a motion that the request be approved. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

### February 21, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, February 21, 1979, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Helen Cook, Alan Price.

The reading of the minutes of the February 7, 1979 meeting was omitted.

Alan Price, representing the local school district, Oblong Community Unit District #4, explained to the Board that the school property is considered private property by the State Motor Vehicle Code. Therefore, Village Police nor County Officers have any jurisdiction on school property unless someone from the school signs a complaint or there is an agreement entered into by the Village, County, and School District. Rex McGehee made a motion that the Village enter into an agreement with the County and Oblong Community Unit District #4 allowing police protection on school property as required by the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

The Police Department speedgun is in need of repair. The prospect of purchasing a new one was discussed. Police Chief Gish has been quoted a price of \$895.00 with trade for a new gun. Les Wells made a motion to purchase a speedgun from O'Herron Supply at a cost of \$895.00 with trade in of old gun. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yes & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Country Communications Company has requested a meeting with the Board. Pres. Neeley appointed a committee of Les Wells and Rex McGehee to accompany him in a meeting with Village Attorney Larry Battershell and the Company.

Pres. Neeley reported on the progress on the proposed new water line.

Les Wells made a motion to adjourn. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorange, Village Clerk

### March 7, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, March 7, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorange-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Helen Cook, Jerry Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Sackrider, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Newbold.

The Minutes of the February 21, 1979 meeting were read and approved.

Howard Newbold explained to the Board that he feels that a ticket issued by Police Chief Gish to Newbold's son John for driving at night without his headlights on was unjust. The offense took place between Adams Street and Grant Street on Main Street. Mrs. Sackrider agreed with Newbold and expressed she thought a warning ticket would have been sufficient. Police Chief Gish explained why he thought his actions were justified. Board Member Gallion expressed that he would not advocate withdrawing the ticket or any other ticket as there would be no end once the practice is started. Board Pres. Neeley commended Chief Gish on past ticket procedures, and suggests to the Newbolds that if the ticket is not just their son will be acquitted in court.

Jerry Smith, a landowner at the west edge of the Village asks the Boards approval to hook onto the Village water line for service to his proposed new home. Jack Gallion made a motion to approve Jerry Smith's hook-up to the Village water line at the west edge of the Village. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

A communication was read from Danville, Illinois noting that the city of Canton, Illinois has filed a suit challenging the Tax Increment Financing Act. They feel all municipalities in Illinois will benefit if they win this suit. Therefore they request financial assistance in the amount of \$750.00 from Oblong. Les Wells made a motion that the Village does not submit any funds to the Tax Increment Financing Act Defense Fund. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills for the month of February. Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

A drainage problem on South Taylor Street was discussed. The Street and Alley Committee was asked to inspect the situation and try to decide what needs to be done.

The storm sewer alongside South Garfield Street and the Baptist Church is collapsing. The Sewer Committee was asked to check and see what action should be taken.

A gas type odor that has been detected in the area along the south side of East Main Street was discussed. It was decided that Sewer Superintendent Lanter would check into the problem along with Gas Company representatives.

Rex McGehee expresses concern over the parking situation along Main Street in the business district. Several autos are being parked in the morning and remain in the same parking place all day. A two-hour parking time limit for the business area was suggested. Much discussion followed concerning what an advantage it would be for shoppers, the fact that signs would have to be erected and parking places marked and how the rule would be enforced. Rex McGehee made a motion that Attorney Battershell draw up an Ordinance to restrict parking to two (2) hours along Main Street from Adams Street to Grant Street and Range Street from Illinois Street to Missouri Street effective from 9:00 O'clock A.M. to 4:00 O'clock P.M. Monday thru Saturday. Art Farley seconded the motion. 4 members voted "Yea", 2 members, (Mendenhall & Wells), voted "Nay", the motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion that a letter of appreciation be sent to Marian Stuckey for her excellent assistance in the Village Library. Art Farley seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Art Farley made a motion to adjourn. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

### March 21, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, March 21, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Larry Battershell, Helen Cook, Roy Schlosser.

The reading of the minutes of the March 7, 1979 meeting was omitted.

The sewer line at the south edge of the Village between Range and Garfield Streets was discussed. Roy Schlosser wanted to know if the alley that contains the sewer extends beyond the Village limits. Schlosser was advised that an attorney's opinion from a reading of Schlosser's abstract should provide the information he was seeking.

The possible TV Cable Franchise was discussed. Pres. Neeley and several of the Board Members along with Village Attorney Battershell met recently with the Cable Company. It was decided to give notice in the newspapers that the Board would consider entering into a contract granting a franchise at the April 4, 1979 meeting.

The gaslike odor that has been so annoying to the businesses using the sanitary sewer along the south side of West Main Street turned out to be gasoline in the sewer from around the tanks at the Standard Oil Service Station. A pump has been installed in a sump at the station to temporarily relieve the situation.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

#### April 4, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, April 4, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Jack Gallion, Art Farley, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Jim Britton-Treas., Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Battershell, Helen Cook, Ed Stoll.

The minutes of the March 21, 1979 meeting were read and approved.

As advised by Connor & Connor, Inc. Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adopt a resolution accepting certain management responsibilities as a designated management agency under the water quality management plan for Illinois. Les Wells seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Pres. Neeley advised the Board that two of the Village employees will be going to Fairfield, Illinois to write on tests to become licensed insect spray operators.

After a review of the vouchers, Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills for the month of March. Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Village Attorney Larry Battershell presented to the Board a proposed Ordinance to grant a franchise for cable TV service for the Village. Jack Gallion made a motion to approve the passing of Ordinance #72-292, an ordinance granting a franchise to Country Communications Co. to build, construct, operate and maintain a cable television system in the Village of Oblong. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Gallion-yea, Farley-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to approve the following people as judges for the April 17, 1979 Village Election. Berniece Henry, Jane Plunkett, Juanita Schlosser, Homer Settlemyer and Harold Ridlen. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Jack Gallion made a motion to grant permission to Max Hargis to make a temporary water hookup at either his home or Gene Purcell's home supply a trailer to be occupied by George Hargis. This hookup not be used more than one year. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. All members voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorance, Village Clerk

#### April 18, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, April 18, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Larry Lorance-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Helen Cook, Wilma Hepner.

The reading of the minutes of the April 4, 1979 meeting was omitted.

A canvass of the votes cast in the April 17, 1979 Village Election was held with the following results tallied: For Clerk-Wilma Hepner-259, Sherry Michl-2, Joe Bayless-1, Helen Cook-1, Larry Lorance-3, Art Farley-1. For Trustee-Art Farley-222, Jack Gallion-165, Myrl Littlejohn-167, Joe Bayless-219, Bob Glezen-199, Charles L. Tuel-69, Helen Cook-45, Rondel Boyd-1, Helen E. Smith-1.

Les Wells made a motion to declare Wilma Hepner, Art Farley, Joe Bayless and Bob Glezen winners in the April 17, 1979 Village Election. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay Homer Settlemyer, Jane Plunkett, Harold Ridlen, Juanita Schlosser and Berniece Henry \$35.00 each for services as election judges. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays, the motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to declare April 22 thru April 28 as National Volunteer Week in the Village of Oblong as per a request by Volunteers in Probation, Incorporated. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to grant permission to the local Ruritan Club to hold a garden tractor pull in front of the grandstands in the Village Park in May of 1979. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to adjourn. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All members present voted "Yea", the motion carried.

Larry G. Lorange, Village Clerk

#### May 2, 1979

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, May 2, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen, James Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Helen Cook, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear.

The minutes of the April 18, 1979 meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Neeley swore in the new members to the Board and handed out the "Official Commission" to the following: Art Farley-Trustee, Joe Bayless-Trustee, Bob Glezen-Trustee, Wilma Hepner-Village Clerk.

President Neeley made the following Committee appointments to the new Board.

Finance Committee: Phil Mendenhall-Chairman, Les Wells, Rex McGehee

Water & Sewer Committee: Les Wells-Chairman, Bob Glezen, Phil Mendenhall

Street & Alley Committee: Art Farley-Chairman, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless

Park & Building Committee: Joe Bayless-Chairman, Art Farley, Bob Glezen

Law Enforcement Committee: Bob Glezen-Chairman, Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells

Public Nuisance Committee: Rex McGehee-Chairman, Joe Bayless, Art Farley

President Neeley reported that the Taverns had given him their applications, along with their checks for \$1,000 and the liquor license had been delivered. He also reported that he had contracted A & W disposal concerning a bid for Spring clean-up day and had received a bid of

\$2,000.00. After much discussion it was decided to table the matter until other possibilities could be explored.

President Neeley announced that on May 9<sup>th</sup> a meeting concerning City Government would be held at the Olney Jr. College. All Board members were invited to attend.

Police Officer, Terry Gish, was present to request that he be allowed two nights a week off duty instead of the one he presently is receiving. A motion was made by Phil Mendenhall and seconded by Les Wells that Charles Mouser be temporarily allowed to work for 16 hrs .during the week to relieve Terry Gish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, motion carried.

After a discussion on the sewer problem on Wilson Street, it was referred to the Sewer Committee who will check out the situation and make a report at the next official Board Meeting.

Art Farley, Chairman of the Street & Alley Committee, reported that another coat of sealer would be applied to streets that were resurfaced last year, as well as other general repairs needed to the other streets.

Jim Britton-Village Treas., reported that he had completed his year end reports and gave an analysis of the revenue & expenditures in the various funds.

It was reported by Village Clerk, Wilma Hepner, that Orlie Virgil Henry had not replied to the letter of March 28, 1979, concerning a Water Line Permit change. It was decided to refer the problem to Attorney Larry Battershell.

After a review of the Vouchers, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills for April. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas & 0 nays, motion carried.

At 8:15 the Board went into executive session to discuss police personnel problems. Executive session ended at 8:30 P.M.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Les Wells, seconded by Art Farley. 6 yeas & 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

May 16, 1979

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois met in regular session on May 16, 1979 at 7 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen-Village Trustees, James Britton-Treas., and Wilma Hepner-Village Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Helen Cook, Keith Bomer, and Tony Williams.

Keith Bomer, on behalf of the Interdenominational Crusade for Christ Committee, requested permission to use the 4-H building and camping spaces for the Crusade beginning August 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Rex McGehee and seconded by Les Wells that they be given permission to use these facilities at no charge. 6 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Tony Williams, Secretary of Fair Board, requested permission to put in a sewer line on the west side of the 4-H barn since the 4-H people have requested that a wash-rack be installed. Motion was made by Phil Mendenhall and seconded by Les Wells that the Fair Board be allowed to put in the sewer line after they have met with the Sewer Committee to draw up specifications to be presented for Board Approval. 6 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley read a report from O.M. Price, State Conservation Department Fisheries Biologist, which requested that the lake be opened for fishing and that state regulations of a daily limit of six (6) bass would be in effect. There is no state "size limit" but fisherman should be encouraged to throw back any bass under 10". Since there was a news release concerning the closing of the lake to fishing, Mr. Price recommended that there be a release notifying the public that fishing is now permitted.

Following the presentation of the proposed Annual Appropriation Ordinance, a motion was made by Phil Mendenhall and seconded by Art Farley to adopt annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 79-293 for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1979 and ending April 30, 1980. The roll vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea. 6 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Reports were heard from the Chairman of each committee concerning their activities the past month.

Summer employees were discussed and it was decided to retain Veach & Dalrymple, summer employees from the previous year and pick one more employee from the applications for employment that are on file.

The need for sidewalk repair was discussed and a motion made by Rex McGehee and seconded by Bob Glezen to spend approximately \$10,000 on these repairs. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea. 6 yeas & 0 nays. Motion carried.

Police Chief Terry Gish reported that a lady had requested permission to ride motorcycles on the City lot. Because of the city's liability involved, this request will be referred to the Village Attorney, Larry Battershell. Gish also requested that the Village furnish him with a typewriter due to the number of reports and the short length of time he has to prepare them. The States

Attorney now insists that a report be on his desk by 10:00 A.M. the day following the arrest. It was agreed that Com. Chairman Glezen and Gish should find one for purchase.

Bob Lanter reported that there is a leak between the Water Meter box provided for the property owned by Donna Polley and the Meters that were installed inside to provide for separate meters for the Newstand and the Polley residence above the newstand. It was decided that since the leak had to be repaired that it would be done by village employees and a statement of expense sent to owner, Donna Polley.

There being no further business to discuss, Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. 6 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried. Adjournment at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

June 6, 1979

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session June 6, 1979 at 7 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Bob Glezen, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry Fear, Jerry Smith, Terry Gish, Larry Battershell.

The minutes of the May 16, 1979 meeting were approved as read.

Jerry Smith, on behalf of the Henpeck C.B. Club, requested permission to block off South Range Street to Missouri Street for a Street Carnival on August 18<sup>th</sup>, the proceeds from the carnival to be contributed to Muscular Dystrophy Research. Phil Mendenhall made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Les Wells. 5 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adopt the Resolution to approve funds totaling \$27,851.65 for Maintenance of Street and Highways from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. 5 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

Regarding Myrtle Deatherage's gift of a lot to the Village of Oblong, Rex McGehee made a motion, seconded by Les Wells, that the gift be accepted providing there is no encumbrances, reservations or restrictions. Motion carried.

President Neeley reported that Charles Mouser was wanting to sell his 1979 LTD car, including all radios and communication equipment for \$9,800. It was the consensus of the board that an automobile is not needed at this time.

Les Wells reported that he and Bob Glezen had been to the fairgrounds and inspected the proposed sewer line installation by the fair board and found their plans to be satisfactory.

Phil Mendenhall reported that the lake was covered with algae and O.M. Price has recommended a copper sulfate treatment which should alleviate this problem. Mendenhall made a motion that this treatment be applied as needed. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

A motion to pay the bills, with the exception of A & W Disposal bill because of failure to pick up the trash as agreed, was made by Les Wells, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

At 8:15 the Board went into executive session to discuss salaries for the following year. Executive session ended at 8:45 P.M.

A motion was made by Mendenhall and seconded by Wells to establish the salaries for this fiscal year as follows: Bob Lanter-\$1,000 per month plus \$175.00 per yr. clothing allowance, Terry Gish-\$1,000 per month plus \$275.00 per yr. clothing allowance, Hubert Seaney-\$885.00 per month plus \$175.00 pr. Yr. clothing allowance, Harry Shafer-\$885.00 per month plus \$175.00 per yr. clothing allowance, Wanda Lanter-\$565.00 per month, Wm. Sandiford-\$350.00 per month, Charles Mouser-\$5.00 per hour plus \$150.00 per yr. clothing allowance.

All other personnel will be on an hourly wage of \$2.90 per hour.

Terry Gish to be paid overtime hours like other permanent employees, when overtime is necessary. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried.

President Neeley informed the board of the resignation of Oblong Policeman, Larry Fear, effective June 6, 1979. The Board acknowledged his good work the past nine years and accepted his resignation as requested.

At 9:50 P.M. Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Glezen. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

June 20, 1979

The official board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on June 20, 1979, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Bob Glezen, Joe Bayless, Art Farley, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the June 6, 1979 meeting were approved as read.

Bob Lanter reported that the lake had been treated for algae and it was the consensus of the board that this treatment should be reported.

President Neeley reported that he had received the Conners report on the Sewer System and proposed Lagoon improvements. He also reported that he had received applications for the position of part-time policeman vacated by the resignation of Larry Fear the sixth of the month.

A motion was made by Les Wells, seconded by Bob Glezen that Gary Crampton of R.R. 2, Robinson be hired for Saturday duty plus special call-in duty. Salary to be set at \$225.00 per month for the 90 day probation period at which time salary to reviewed. Roll vote taken as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Since the first regular session of the Village Board for the month of July would be on a legal holiday the clerk was instructed to inform the public via the new media that the Board of Trustees will meet on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. instead of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Rex McGehee, Public Nuisance Committee Chairman that there had been good response to property owners concerning the cutting of weed and that all complaints had been satisfied.

Art Farley, Chairman of the Street and Alley committee reported that they had examined the sidewalks and were ready for the letting of bids for same. Motion was made by Rex McGehee and seconded by Joe Bayless that we advertise for bids for 1209 linear feet of sidewalk repair. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Joe Bayless, Park & Building Committee Chairman reported that the Young Homemakers Club had been notified that the Playground Equipment for the small children had arrived and that they were deciding on the best place for its location.

At 8:30 P.M. Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

July 3, 1979

Because of the legal holiday on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Village Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 3, 1979.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Bob Glezen, Art Farley, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Doug Westall, Stan Ridgeway, Tom Dennis, Bob Lanter, Helen Cook, Terry Gish.

Stan Ridgeway, representing Kemper, Fisher, Faust, Lawrence & Co., reviewed the Annual Report and discussed the condition of the Sewer System Fund and Water Department Fund. He also reviewed the Schedule of Investments and made recommendations.

Doug Westall, also of Kemper, Fisher, Faust, Lawrence & Co., recommended that the Village adopt the General Ledger System of keeping records and also order pre-numbered checks.

A motion was made by Art Farley, seconded by Bob Glezen, that the Board comply with this recommendation and that the firm of Kemper, Fisher, Faust, Lawrence & Co. be hired to set up the opening entries for the General Ledger. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Tom Dennis was present to request temporary water supply. His request was referred to the Water Committee.

Water Rate increase was discussed and the clerk directed to publish a notice that an ordinance would be adopted at the next village board meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> establishing the rate increase schedule.

Reports were given by the committee chairman concerning the activities of their committee.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the July bills, seconded by Les Wells. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Les Wells made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Art Farley. 6 yeas & 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

July 10, 1979

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, July 10, 1979 at 2:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Phil Mendenhall, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Jim Madlem, Jim Callhoun, Roger Meade, Dave Kintner, Mike Conners.

President Neeley called the meeting to order. The purpose of the Special meeting was to let bids for MFT Summer street repairs and maintenance.

After reviewing the bids submitted, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to accept the bids as follows:

Group I: Bituminous Materials RS-2 Furnished & Applied on Streets-9944 Gallons @ \$.4750 per gal...\$4723.40, Lee Kintner & Sons

Group II: Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16 Furnished & Applied on Streets-497 ton @ \$10.90 per ton...\$5417.30, Lee Kintner & Sons

Group III: Bituminous Patch Mix, Stock Pile in Oblong Illinois-250 ton @ \$18.00 per ton...\$4500.00, R & S Asphalt, Inc.

Group IV: Aggregate Surface CSE TY.B CA-6 4" Uncompacted Furnished and spread on Streets, 500 ton @ \$6.55 per ton...\$3275.00, Jim Madlem.

Group V: Pipe Culverts TY.1 12" (CSP) 20 @ 20 L.F. Furnished, 400 L.F. @ \$4.41 per ft...\$1764.00, Vincennes Industrial Supply.

Les Wells seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Bayless-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas 0 nays, the motion carried.

Their being no further business to discuss, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wima Hepner, Village Clerk

July 18, 1979

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, July 18, 1979, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Bob Glezen, Art Farley, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Gary Crampton, Vernon Camp, Larry Battershell, Helen Cook, Jim Ping, and Charlie Clark.

It was agreed to dispense with the minutes of the regular meeting of July 3 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 10<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of letting of the bids for Street Repair and Maintenance were read and approved as read.

The bids for sidewalk repair were received as follows:

For 1209 linear feet

Robert Powers...\$1.79 per sq. ft or \$8,656.44

Fuller Trucking & Excavating...\$1.54 per sq. ft. or \$7447.44

A motion was made by Rex McGehee seconded by Art Farley that the low bid of \$7447.44 by Fuller Trucking & Excavating be accepted. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Vernon Camp was present on behalf of the elderly, and those living alone. He requested that the board consider lowering the gallons of the minimum bill to 4000 instead of the 6000 presently being used.

Jim Ping asked why the new water lines had not been put in that were to be put in two or three years ago. He also stated that he agreed with Vernon Camp on the gallons being used by the elderly and single households.

Charlie Clark was present to request that the village put in lines to his house. He presently maintains his own lines but has to pay the same water rate as those being owned and maintained by the village.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk presented Tax Levy Ord. #294 for the boards approval. Phil Mendenhall made the motion to adopt Ord. #294. Motion seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

President Neeley presented Police Chief Terry Gish's request to go to a 5 day police school at Champaign or Springfield to learn to give the Breathalyzer test, the cost being approximately \$280.00. Request denied at this time by lack of motion.

Reports were heard by the committee chairmen concerning their activities since last meeting.

A motion was made by Art Farley, seconded by Phil Mendenhall to purchase & install fence to establish a play area for small children at the park. Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Glezen, seconded by Joe Bayless that the Board authorize attorney Larry Battershell to exercise the right to eminent domain to obtain whatever easements are necessary for the water lines. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to adopt Ordinance #295, an ordinance amending the established charges and rates for the use and services of the sewerage system of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, and amending the fixed rates and charges for water and water services furnished by the municipal water works system of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois effective as of August 1, 1979. The motion was seconded by Phil Mendenhall and the rates to be established are as follows:



President Neeley also informed the board that they had been advised by the F.H.A. official at Marshall that there was no grant money available from them to aid in the installation of water lines.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Bob Glezen. A roll call vote taken as follows: McGehee-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

A motion was made to pay Jack Cunningham \$5.00 per hour for the time he spent on police duty in the Village of Oblong during the period after Larry Fear's resignation and the hiring of Gary Crampton. Motion was made by Les Wells, seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote as follows: McGehee-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

At 7:55 Rex McGehee had a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Glezen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

August 15, 1979

The official board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, August 15, 1979, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Bob Glezen, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Gary Crampton.

Minutes of the meeting of August 1, approved as written.

President Neeley reported that permission had been received for the Homecoming Parade. He also reported that he had read where A & W Disposal were raising their rates to \$8.00 and that the Board Members would probably be receiving complaints concerning this although the Village Board has no control over this matter.

President Neeley also reported that more investigation was being done regarding the possibility of a loan from F.H.A. and other sources for money to install the new water lines.

Bob Glezen advised the board that Rick Hall was interested in purchasing a lot previously used for veteran housing. It was decided to table this matter for more time for consideration.

At 8:00 P.M. Bob Glezen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. 4 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

September 5, 1979

The official board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, September 5, 1979, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Bob Glezen, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Jim Ping and Phil Buchanan, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Gary Crampton, Helen Cook.

The minutes of the meeting of August 15 were read and approved.

Dennis Hutchings, have reminded President Neeley, that the Police Department still had his camera, had sent word that he would be willing to sell it for \$40.00 if the Village was interested in purchasing it. Phil Mendenhall made a motion the Board purchase it since a camera was needed. Les Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jim Ping was present to question the Water Ordinance #295. Was the rate change effective August 1. Mean effective with Aug. 1 billing or beginning with Aug. 1 usage. It was the intention of the Board that it begin with the Aug. 1 billing; however, since the question had arisen Mr. Ping was referred to the village attorney, Larry Battershell who was not present for the board meeting.

President Neeley advised the Village Board that the Police car was 2 yrs. old and had other mechanical problems. After discussion its was decided to refer the matter to the police committee for further study and they could present the board with the necessary information at the next regular session.

The problem of the leaking roof at Standard Grigsby was referred to the Building & Grounds committee to get some one to fix it as quickly as possible.

Because of the increase of the work load on treasurer Jim Britton because of the change in the bookkeeping system Rex McGehee made a motion that the treas. salary be increased \$500.00 per year, making the yearly salary for treasurer \$2000.00. Raise to become effective Sept. 1, 1979. Motion was seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Near riot discussed and need of ordinance giving the Mayor (President) of Village authority to impose a temporary curfew. This matter also to be referred to Attorney Battershell.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yea 0 nay  
Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

### September 19, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, September 19, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen-Trustees, and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Gary Crampton, George Harrison, and Jim Ping.

The minutes of the Sept. 5, 1979 meeting were approved as read.

President Neeley advised the Board that the estimate for roof repair on the Standard-Grigsby bldg. was \$2289.00 and the Water office bldg. would cost \$250.00 for patch work repair.

Joe Bayless made a motion to accept this bid, seconded by Art Farley. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

George Harrison from the Stoy Village Board was recognized and he stated that he was present to inquire about the possibilities of FHA financing for village projects.

Jim Ping was present to inquire again into the meaning of the water rate ordinance.

President Neeley read a letter from General Electric stating that they had been awarded the Annual Contract with the State of Ill. for Radio communications equipment and they are offering to all local Government Agencies in the State of Illinois the same low prices that the State of Ill. is receiving.

Art Farley brought to the boards attention that the Village property that the board had requested that their Attorney transfer to the Oblong Cemetery was not on record as having been deeded over to the Cemetery. He also reported that he had a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Victor Baker requesting that something be done to their alley to reshape it so that they could put gravel on it.

Bob Lanter requested that the Village purchase concrete strips for the parking lot to control the parking position of the front of the autos. It was decided that it would probably take 22 strips. Rex McGehee made a motion that these be purchased, seconded by Art Farley. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

Joe Bayless brought to the board attention that there is a need for equipment to drill thru roots to set post holes for the new equipment purchased for the park. It was suggested that the Henpeck C.B. Club be approached about taking on the project of putting up the equipment as a community project for a donation of \$250 from the Village.

Joe Bayless made a motion to ask the C.B. Club if they would be interested in the project for a donation of \$250. Motion seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea. 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Bob Glezen reported that his committee had been unable to find a car suitable for a police car at this time and would wait for the new models to come in.

Bob Glezen made a motion to purchase a Fingerprint Dusting Kit for the Village Police Department. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

At 8:50 the board went into executive session to discuss the retention of part-time police officer Gary Crampton who had been hired for a 3 month probationary period and the 3 months were up. The board returned from executive session at 9:10.

Rex McGehee made a motion to hire Gary Crampton as a permanent part-time police and to raise his salary for Saturday duty from \$225 per month to \$245.00 per month, with clothing allowance and extra duty pay at the same as previous agreement. Motion seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea. 6 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

### October 3, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, October 3, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Rex McGehee, Les Wells, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Gary Crampton.

The reading of the Minutes of the Sept. 19, 1979 meeting was omitted.

President Neeley read a bid of Robert Bunton, Newton for the repair of the gate post and fence at the residence of Myrtle Deatherage-Village owned property. The bid was \$500.00 labor and \$100 material. No action taken by Village Board at this time.

President Neeley also advised the board of the request of Don Bertram for a curb on the northwest corner of his property. Request referred to the Street & Alley Committee.

Bob Glezen reported complaints from residents in the South East part of town concerning unsanitary conditions existing at some of the trailers there. Matter referred to Village Attorney who will advise for further action.

President Neeley announced that the Village would allow "trick or treat" night on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> since the parade and pancake supper would be on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the hours for trick or treating to be from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Phil Mendenhall to pay the bills, seconded by Bob Glezen. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

At 8:25 Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

### October 17, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, October 17, 1979.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen-Trustees, and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Clayton Garrard, Tom Dennis, John Larrabee, and Mary Ferguson.

The minutes of the meeting of October 3, 1979 were approved as read.

Mary Ferguson, representative of American Family Life Assurance Company, was present to present information on their Cancer Care and Intensive Care policies. She explained the coverage on both and said it would take 5 employees interested to make a group but could be purchased on an individual basis. President Neeley informed her that the employees could be thinking about it and the Village Board would vote on it at the next meeting.

Clayton Garrard was present to discuss the possibility of getting water to the residence he planned to build on the Golf Course road, just east of the Larry Kirts property.

Tom Dennis and John Larrabee, who live on the Golf Course road, were present to request that the city purchases the water line they had put in from route 33 to supply water to their property. Request denied by lack of motion.

Bob Glezen made a motion to supply water to the Clayton Garrard property North, on the existing private line. Motion was seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Glezen-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Motion carried 5 yeas 0 nays.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

#### November 7, 1979

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, November 7, 1979, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, Bob Glezen, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Helen Cook, Terry Gish, Gary Crampton, and Bob Steigler.

The minutes of the meeting of October 17, 1979 were approved as read.

President Neeley opened the bids received for the police car. They are as follows: Acme Chevrolet...Impala-\$7200, Hancock Wachtel Ford...LTD-\$6597.

Rex McGehee made a motion to take no action on bids till the different cars are checked out. Motion seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Bob Steigler was present for advice concerning speeding south of Village limits.

After the village trustees and employees present were asked if they desired to purchase cancer care and intensive care insurance as was presented last meeting. Bob Glezen made a motion that this group insurance not be considered by the village. Motion seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Terry Gish requested some paint to fix up the office at the Town Hall building for the police files and the conducting of police business. Les Wells made the motion that this request be granted,

seconded by Art Farley. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Art Farley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### November 21, 1979

The Village Board met for regular session on Nov. 21, 1979, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall and Rex McGehee-Trustees, and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Helen Cook.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. because there were not sufficient members present for a quorum.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### December 5, 1979

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on December 5, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Phil Mendenhall, Bob Glezen, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Helen Cook, Dewey Conner, Roger Henderson, Terry Gish, Gary Crampton.

President Neeley discussed the progress of the Sewer Program as outlined by the EPA, stating that he and the Sewer Committee had met with Dewey Connor and Roger Henderson who were present to discuss in greater detail the application for grants, etc. After much discussion by the board and the engineers Art Farley made a motion that Conner & Conner, Inc. be instructed to write a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stating their reluctance to having to redo Step one of the program again in order to qualify for the grant. Phil Mendenhall seconded this motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to accept the low bid of \$6597 for a Ford LTD from Hancock-Wachtel Ford & Mercury Sales, Inc. of Robinson. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley said he had a request from the phone office for 3 parking signs to be put in front of their office stating a 15 min. time limit. Request denied by lack of motion.

President Neeley having stated that the village had received a request for a donation for the Airport at Lawrenceville, Rex McGehee made a motion to send a \$100.00 donation from the Housing fund. Art Farley seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion to pay bills was made by Les Wells, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, and Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:15 and returned at 8:45 P.M.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to extend Christmas bonuses to the Village Employees as follows: Bob Lanter-\$35.00, Terry Gish \$35.00, Wanda Lanter-\$35.00, Hubert Seaney-\$35.00, Harry Shafer-\$35.00, Gary Crampton-\$25.00, Joann Mendenhall-\$25.00, Alice Jo Hammond-\$25.00, Berniece Henry-\$25.00, Lorraine Bay-\$25.00, Irvin Catt-\$25.00 and Bill Sandiford-\$25.00. Motion seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote taken as follows. Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, and Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Bob Glezen made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Les Wells. 6 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

### December 19, 1979

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on December 19, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen-Trustees, and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Gary Crampton, and Helen Cook.

Minutes of the meeting of December 5<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

President Neeley reported that the insurance carried was not going to cover the repair of the gate posts at the Deatherage House; A letter had been received from Farmers Home Administration requesting more information in regards for our request for money for Water Lines; and other miscellaneous correspondence received since last Board Meeting.

Bob Lanter requested that the Village purchase another pump at an approximate cost of \$800.00 (\$1100 less 25% discount). Bob Glezen made a motion to purchase requested equipment, seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:20 P.M. and returned at 8:40 P.M.

A motion was made by Bob Glezen and seconded by Rex McGehee that the Board accept the recommendations of the Police Committee regarding Gary Crampton's Salary & overtime; Also use of the police car outside the city limits.

(A) The salary level for Gary Crampton will be \$500.00 per month as compensation for two days duty per week. No compensation for duty above this level will be made unless one of the following conditions are satisfied.

1. Sickness, vacation or unavoidable absence of the police chief.
2. Emergency call-out and Court Appearances.
3. Prior approval of the Village Board.

(B) Hours of duty qualifying as overtime will be compensated at the rate of \$6.50 per hour.

(C) The Police Car shall remain within the city limits unless required for emergency or official business outside the city limits.

Roll call vote taken as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 4 yeas 0 nays; Motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to pay Gary Crampton \$70.00 for the 2 pairs of uniform pants ruined recently in the line of duty. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll Call vote taken as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 3 yeas 2 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Les Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### January 2, 1980

The official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on January 2, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Bob Glezen, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., and Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Spaugh, and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the meeting of December 19, were approved as read.

President Neeley reviewed the accomplishment of the past year and thanked everyone for their cooperation. There being nothing to report by the committee chairmen, President Neeley asked for approval of the monthly bills.

Rex McGehee made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Glezen-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea 6 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Art Farley. 6 yeas 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

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Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Spaugh, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the meeting of January 2, 1980 were approved as read.

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Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Spaugh, and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the meeting of December 19, were approved as read.

President Neeley reviewed the accomplishment of the past year and thanked everyone for their cooperation. There being nothing to report by the committee chairmen, President Neeley asked for approval of the monthly bills.

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Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

February 6, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on February 6, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Bob Glezen-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Gary Crampton, Linda Cravens.

The minutes of the meeting of January 16, 1980 was approved as read.

President Neeley reported that the Town Hall roof had been patched and that the Township carries the insurance on it. He also reported that it is time to renew the contract with the School District #4 to give Jurisdiction to Village Police.

Les Wells made a motion that the contract with the School be renewed. Motion seconded by Bob Glezen. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

President Neeley reported that he had received a letter from F.H.A. which said that we would have to try to get our money thru Bonding Companies first, for our water line project. Also Wachtel Ford had advised him that they were going to be unable to get the Police car package but offered a car off the floor for \$75.00 less than our bid.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays  
Motion carried.

Jim Britton, treasurer requested permission to rent a lock box for Village C.D.'s and other important papers belonging to Village. Phil Mendenhall made a motion, seconded by Rex McGehee, that a box be rented and the treasurer and village clerk sign for access to it. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 8:00 P.M. and returned at 8:50 P.M.

The work schedule of the Police Department was referred to the Police Committee for recommendation.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

February 20, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on February 20, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Ed Stoll, Bob Lanter, Gary Crampton, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh.

The minutes of the meeting of Feb. 6, 1980 were approved as read.

President Neeley read a thank you note from Carol Spaugh to the Village employees for clearing of snow on day of funeral.

Having received a request from the EUM Church to put up temp. signs designating a place for unloading the handicapped, Art Farley made a motion to grant this request. Motion seconded by Les Wells. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

The president also said he had received a request for Halliburton Services to park their trailer at the camping area for at least 30 days. Since other campers are not wanting the space at this time the board agreed that this request should be granted.

Ed Stoll of the Oblong Oracle was present to question the progress on Cable T.V. in Oblong.

The following estimates for roof repair to the Town Hall are as follows: Type A- Asphalt...\$3500.00 with a 2 yr. guarantee, Type B-VCP (Vynal)...water tight roof system...\$5550.00 with a 10 yr. gua.

Rex McGehee reported that the insurance company had agreed to pay 1/3 of cost of type of roof presently on. The Township has agreed to pay half of the remaining cost with the Village to pay other half. Joe Bayless made a motion that we go with Type B. Motion seconded by Bob Glezen. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

President Neeley reported that the Village was going to get a police car as originally planned...with production date to be Feb. 28, possible delivery by middle of March.

Rex McGehee reported that he and Les Wells had been to a meeting at the Courthouse regarding purchase of land for landf ll.

The Board went into executive session at 8:00 P.M.-returned at 9:06. A motion was made by Bob Glezen, seconded by Les Wells that part-time duty policeman, Gary Crampton, be returned to salary and hours as originally hired. Which was-base pay of \$245.00 per month as payment for working all Saturdays and \$6.50 per hour for court appearance or emergency call out. This change to be effective March 1, 1980. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-nay, Glezen-yea 4 yeas 1 nay Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

March 5, 1980

The Off cial Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on March 5, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh.

The minutes of the meeting of February 20, 1980 were approved as read.

President Neeley read the comments from the State of Illinois Clearing House which had been requested by F.H.A.

The vouchers were reviewed by the board after which Les Wells made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### March 19, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on March 19, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh, Jim Ping.

President Neeley reported that the new Police Car had arrived, the new roof on the Town Hall was completed, and that financing for the new Water System is still being sought.

Jim Ping was present to express concern regarding the trash pick-up service. Also, he requested that the board consider sending out the Water Bills on a monthly basis rather than bi-monthly.

Red Fenner of McDonnell Oil Co. sent a letter of request to the board for three additional water meters. They, (McDonnell Oil Co.) will pay for the meters and labor for installation, and will continue to maintain the line to the meter from route 33 to the new meters.

Les Wells made a motion to grant the McDonnell Oil Co.'s request. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote taken as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to put the 1977 Chev. Police car up for bids on Apr. 2, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried. Secretary instructed to place legal notice of bids in the paper twice before April. 2, 1980.

There being no further business to discuss, Bob Glezen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Art Farley. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

April 2, 1980

The official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on April 2, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, Bob Glezen, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Harold Ridlen, Bill Weaver, Randy Fuller, Stella Richardson, Carol Spough, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the meeting of March 19, 1980 were approved as read.

The sealed bids for the 1977 Chevrolet police car were opened and read as follows: Rondel Boyd-\$385.00, Jack Vaughn-\$410.00, Jerry D. Ping-\$660.00

Bob Glezen made a motion to accept the high bid of \$660.00 from Jerry Ping. Motion seconded by Art Farley. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Stella Richardson, Red Ridlen and Bill Weaver were present to express their concern regarding the lack of garbage pick-up in the Village.

Randy Fuller was present to submit figures for a possible franchise with the village for garbage pickup. He stated that he had received several phone calls regarding pickup. He quoted the price per household as \$6.00 per month per household with 5 bag limit. He would provide phone service in the city. Would pick up on Fridays until July 1 and after that it would be subject to change of days. Would pick up Village containers and containers at park free of charge. Would provide a roll-off box in the spring for people to put large items in.

President Neeley appointed Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless as a committee to look into this matter of the franchise, with Les Wells to act as chairman of the committee.

The Service Contract on the radios was discussed. Phil Mendenhall made a motion to table any action at this time. Motion seconded by Les Wells. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

President Neeley reviewed the correspondence received last month. Of pertinent information was the letter from Attorney Battershell regarding parental responsibility up to \$500.00 for damages by a minor, injuring a person or property.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion seconded by Les Wells to raise Irvin Catts beginning salary this season to \$3.00 per hr. with review along with other employees in June.

The Official Board went into executive session at 8:30 and returned at 9:00.

Bob Glezen made a motion to instruct the secretary to write a letter of termination to Gary Crampton, stating that due to conflict of his full time job and the hours needed to work for the village that the Board of Trustees was terminating his employment. Motion seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 6 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

Possible candidates for a part time policeman were discussed with the decision that there was no suitable candidate at this time. During the time we need to use Civil Defense volunteers it was agreed to give them \$6.00 per hour as had been done in the past.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

April 16, 1980

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Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Bob Glezen-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Roy Dean Jourdan.

The Minutes of the meeting of April 2, 1980 were approved as read.

Roy Dean Jourdan was present to request permission for a Crusade at the Park beginning August 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. He also requested permission to park one or two campers during that time for the Crusade evangelist and song evangelist. Joe Bayless made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Les Wells. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried. Roy Dean thanked the Board for granting permission for this year and previous three years.

After reviewing the proposed Annual Appropriation Bill for the coming year Les Wells made a motion, seconded by Rex McGehee, to adopt Annual Appropriation Bill No. 80-296 for the fiscal year commencing the first day of May A.D., 1980 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April

A.D., 1981. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

The Committee regarding information on the letting of a franchise for garbage pick-up reported that they had been advised by the attorney that they would have to open it for bids. Joe Bayless made a motion, seconded by Les Wells that bids be received at our regular meeting on May 7, 1980. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley reported that Charlie Clark of the Ruritan Club had offered their assistance in putting up new street signs to replace the bent and rusty ones and assist in other areas of work were needed as a community service.

Bob Glezen reported that he had interviewed Charlie Hoke as a possible candidate for part time policeman, and made a motion that he, Charles Hoke Jr., be hired for Saturday Duty at a salary of \$225.00 per month, plus \$5.50 per hour for overtime duty, for a 3 month probationary period, after which if hired on a permanent basis, his salary would again be reviewed. In lieu of a clothing allowance, uniforms to be purchased from a rental agency. Employment to begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, after having completed the Firearms Training School at DuQuoin. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the \$55.00 registration fee for Charlie Hoke to attend the firearms school and \$100.00 for expenses for the three days he will be at DuQuoin. Les Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Glezen-yea 5 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

Bob Lanter reported that the representative of the O.E.O. will supply three boys to the Village this summer, beginning approximately June 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Glezen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### May 7, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on May 7, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh, Larry Battershell, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Fuller.

The Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 1980 were approved as read.

The Bids for the Franchise for hauling trash and Annual Village Clean-Up were opened and read as follows: A & W Disposal-\$5.50 to city residents per mo., +.25 per bag over 5 bag limit, with Village clean-up to be discussed later; Fuller Trucking & Excavating-\$6.00 per city residents per mo., +.50 per bag over 5 bag limit.

Art Farley made a motion that we accept the bid of Fuller Trucking & Excavating as per terms as set out in proposed ordinance. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Art Farley made the motion to adopt Ordinance 80-297 granting franchise to Fuller. Motion seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

President Neeley read a letter from Merle Price, Southern Area Fishery Biologist, stating that he knew of a catf sh farmer that was going to have channel catf sh for sale in the near future for 12-15 cents each for 4 to 6 inch f sh. If the order was 1,000 it could be delivered at the sight. He recommended that the board consider the purchase of not over 1,000 and not less than 500 for stocking in the park lake.

In another letter Merle Price discussed the growth of filamentous algae at the city park lake and recommended that the Village frequently use the copper sulfate treatment during the summer months. He recommended that the Village keep 50 lbs. On hand. Bob Lanter, Village Superintendent reported that 100 lbs. had already been purchased and the lake had been treated of this date.

Joe Bayless made a motion to purchase 1,000 channel catf sh of the size recommended to stock the lake. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Art Farley made a motion to accept Kenny Darts offer of a donation of \$1085.00 for the use of Village owned property. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Les Wells reported that he had gone with Charlie Clark and Howard Mouser of the Ruritan Club to inspect the street signs and that there were 13 to 15 that would possibly need replaced.

McGehee reported that his committee had checked the streets for needed repairs. Farley, McGehee, and Bayless to check sidewalks for repairs.

There being no further business to discuss Les Wells made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

May 21, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on May 21, 1980.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Spaugh, Terry Gish, Charlie Hoke Jr., Lewis Evans.

The Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 1980 were approved as read.

Lewis Evans from Connor & Connor was present to present the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets in the amount of \$42,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining the streets of Oblong. A motion was made by Rex McGehee, seconded by Art Farley to adopt the Resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley presented a bill from the Illinois Department of Transportation for Railroad Flashers for 10% of cost of \$30,694.44 which would make our cost at \$3,069.44. Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley read a letter from Blunt, Ellis, & Loewi Bonding Co. in which they indicated that it would not be feasible to market a commercial revenue bond at this time because of the high rate of interest-it would result in a 60% increase in disbursements for the Water Department.

The Board discussed the pro's and con's of renting uniforms for the part-time policeman. After considerable discussion Les Wells made a motion to give Charles Hoke a \$150.00 clothing allowance instead of using the rental service. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Art Farley made a motion to approve the appointment of John Middleton to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees created when Bob Glezen moved out of the Village of Oblong. Motion seconded by Les Wells. 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Les Wells reported that the State had installed a breathalyzer machine at the county jail but there was no local personnel who knew how to use it, and reported that the cost for schooling to learn to operate it was \$300.00

Art Farley reported that his committee had run the sidewalks but wished to do more figuring before making any recommendations for repairs.

At 9:25 Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. 4 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

June 4, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on June 4, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Lois Cox, Mary Ferguson.

The minutes of the meeting of May 21, 1980 were approved as read.

President Neeley read two proposed ordinances prepared by Village Attorney Larry Battershell, in regards to abandoned vehicles and litter.

Art Farley made a motion to adopt the Litter Ordinance No. 80-298. Motion was seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made the motion to adopt the Abandoned Vehicle Ord. #80-299. Motion was seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

President Neeley read a notice of hearing on proposed increase on electric and gas service. He also read a letter from EPA regarding visit to Water station. There was also a letter from Embarrass River Basin Agency regarding a project on the North Fork of the Embarrass River. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter stating our approval of the project.

The Clerk was also instructed to write a letter to Motorola advising them that the bill for the Police Radio had not been approved for payment because said radio was inoperable and has been returned for repairs. Payment will be approved when an operable radio is received.

Rex McGehee reported that he had received complaints of trucks parking on the North side of Main Street blocking the view for those exiting the bank drive-thru or I.G.A. parking lot. A motion was made by Joe Bayless, seconded by Art Farley that "No Truck Parking" signs be put up in front of Bank and Don Maus's house (from Adams to N. Wilson). 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Art Farley reported that the sidewalks had been inspected and that there was 1096 linear feet (4384 sq. ft.) of sidewalk that would need to be repaired.

Rex McGehee made a motion to advertise for bids for this repair work. Motion seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:30 P.M. and returned at 9:15 P.M.

A motion was made by Phil Mendenhall, seconded by Joe Bayless to set the salaries of village employees as follows: Bob Lanter & Terry Gish...\$1095.00 per month, Hubert Seaney & Harry Shafer...970.00 per month, Wanda Lanter...620.00 per month, Bill Sandiford...385.00 per month, All part time employees...3.10 per hour. Bob Lanter, Hubert Seaney, Harry Shafer-clothing allowance \$200.00. Terry Gish-clothing allowance \$300.00.

Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay bills for June. Motion seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

June 18, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on June 18, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Rex McGehee, Art Farley, John Middleton-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Spaugh, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the meeting of June 4, 1980 were approved as read.

President Neeley opened the bids for sidewalk repair. They were as follows: John Ginder...\$12,760 (2.91 sq. ft.), Art Taylor...6,356.80 (1.45 sq. ft.), Steve Meadows...10,302.40 (2.35 sq. ft.), Robert Powers...7,803.52 (1.78 sq. ft.), Dave Krick...6,751.36 (1.54 sq. ft.), Fuller Trucking...7,365.12 (1.68 sq. ft.).

Rex McGehee made a motion that we accept the low bid of \$6,356.80 submitted by Art Taylor for repair of 1096 linear ft. of sidewalk. John Middleton seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Middleton-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley announced that a Special Board Meeting had been called for the accepting of bids for the MFT Maintenance Program for Street Repairs on June 24, 1980 at 10:00 A.M.

At 8:00 P.M. John Middleton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

June 24, 1980

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois on June 24, 1980 at 10:00 A.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Spaugh, Lewis Evans, Jim Calhoon, Dave Kintner, Edwin Murphy, Dave Madlem.

President Neeley called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to accept bids for the MFT summer street repairs & maintenance.

After receiving the bids submitted Joe Bayless made a motion to accept the Bids as follows: Group I-Bituminous Materials RS-2 Furnished & Applied on Streets. 19003 gal. @ \$.76 per gal....Kintner & Sons, Oblong, Ill. \$14,442.28. Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16 Furnished & Applied on Streets. 742 tons @\$12.15 per ton...Kintner & Sons, Oblong, Illinois \$9,015.38; Group II: Bituminous Patch Mix, Stock pile in Oblong. 150 ton @ 23.75 per ton. R & S Asphalt, Lawrenceville, Ill. \$3562.50; Group III: Pipe Culverts TY 1 10" (CSP) Village Yard (400.L.F.) 20 @ 20 l.f. @ \$3.92 per ft....Griffen Steel Products, Reynolds, Ind. \$1568.00; Group IV: Bituminous Materials MC-30 Furnished & Applied 1290 gall. @ \$.85 gal. Kintner & Sons, Oblong, Ill. \$1,096.50; Group V: Aggregate Surface CSE TY B CA-6 2" uncompacted furnished & applied 358 ton @ \$7.60 per ton...James Madlem, Casey, Ill. \$2,720.88. Les Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss regarding the bids, Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

July 2, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on July 2, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, John Middleton, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Jerry Smith, Ivan Parker, Carol Spaugh.

The Minutes of the Meetings of June 18<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup> were approved as read.

Ivan Parker and Jerry Smith who have been contracted to repair the awning on the village owned property on South Range, were present to discuss type of material to be used, etc. It was consensus of the board that they do whatever would work best.

President Neeley read a letter from the Crawford. Co. Historical Society who were requesting that the Village put an ad in the book they are making up.

Les Wells made a motion to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance as presented by the Clerk. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried to approve Ord. 80-300 for year ending 4-30-81.

Les Wells made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Art Farley. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea, McGehee-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to take a ½ page ad in the Crawford Co. Historical book. Art Farley seconded the motion. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. It was suggested that pictures of the oil museum and camping signs be used in the ad.

John Middleton presented the price of \$349.00 plus cost of antenna and hook-up for mobile police radios. Les Wells made a motion to purchase, seconded by John Middleton. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Art Farley. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### July 16, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday July 16, 1980.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Pete Belew, Tom Clark, Dyer McCowen.

The minutes of July 2 Board meeting were approved as read.

President Neeley introduced Pete Belew who was there to represent Mutual of Omaha. Mr. Belew explained their health insurance policy, reviewing the coverages, premiums, etc. Also introduced was Tom Clark from the Pulliam Insurance Agency of Newton who represented Bankers Life. He reviewed their health coverages, premiums, etc. President Neeley advised the

insurance representatives that a study would be made by an appointed committee before a decision would be made by the board.

Dyer McCowen, a representative of Dane Bosworth Inc. (a bonding co.) went over their proposal for the water project for the Village of Oblong.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to all the Dane Bosworth Bonding Co. to make a study and decide if it is feasible for the Village to enter into an agreement with them for the financing needed for the proposed water project. Les Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

President reviewed the correspondence received since the last board meeting which included a letter regarding the Revenue Sharing Program which will expire October, 1980.1. Future of Revenue Sharing Program uncertain at this time. He also advised the board that Standard Grigsby had not paid their rent for the last two months and had not turned in a key or moved all their equipment from the building. This matter to be turned over to Attorney Larry Battershell.

Reports were heard from the committee chairmen regarding improvements being made and those already completed.

President Neeley appointed the following to the committee on Insurance: Joe Bayless, Phil Mendenhall, and Les Wells with Phil Mendenhall to act as chairman of the committee.

At 9:00 P.M. Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### August 6, 1980

The official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, August 6, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Betty Finney.

It was necessary to dispense with the reading of the minutes as the Minute book was still at the offices of Kemper, Fisher, Faust, Lawrence & Company, auditors for the Village of Oblong.

Betty Finney appeared on behalf of the Cubscouts in regards to the Jerry Lewis telethon.

A motion was made by Les Wells, seconded by Rex McGehee to give the Cub Scouts permission to close the 1<sup>st</sup> block of South Range from 6 to 8 P.M. on Aug. 21, 1980 for their Muscular Dystrophy activities. 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Bayless, seconded by Les Wells to allow the fair board to build permanent gates across each end of track in front of the grandstand. 4 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Les Wells, seconded by Rex McGehee to pay the bills. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Since it was the end of the probation period for employee Charles Hoke Jr. Rex McGehee made a motion to employ him as a permanent part-time policeman at a salary of \$245.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. All yeas, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Secretary, Protem

#### August 20, 1980

The Official Board of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, August 20, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Dyer McCowan, Charlie Hoke Jr. & Terry Gish.

The minutes of August 6<sup>th</sup>, board meeting were approved as read.

Dyer McCowan, representative of Dane Bosworth, Inc. bonding company was present to review his preliminary findings regarding the possibility of a bond issue for the Water Project of the Village of Oblong.

President Neeley reported that the sidewalk repair was finished but for an estimated additional \$750.00 curbing could be put in from the Bank to Wilson Street. It was decided that this could be done as well as some additional manhole cover repair before the summer maintenance work was completed.

President Neeley read a letter from Merle Price regarding the fish supply in the Oblong Lake as determined after Electro fishing on August 15, 1980.

The Clerk was instructed to write letters to residents who have not complied with the weed ordinance.

Motion was made by Art Farley, seconded by Rex McGehee that we retain the law firm of E.H. Price as representative for the Village of Oblong. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays.

A motion was made by Rex McGehee, seconded by Phil Mendenhall to return the radio purchased for the Police Car from Motorola since it did not perform as expected even after returning for repairs. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas 0 nays Motion carried.

Review of the Health Insurance Coverage and bids of the various companies was made. Phil Mendenhall made a motion to accept the bid price of \$3755.76 from the Mutual of Omaha for employee and their dependents. Motion was seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-nay, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas 1 nay Motion carried.

The franchise with Fuller Disposal company was discussed since questions had arisen regarding Annual Clean-up and the fact that there was no office in Oblong as yet.

Rex McGehee reported complaints regarding all-day parking on Main Street. A check of the records to be made to see if an ordinance was ever passed limiting the parking to 2 hrs. as had been previously discussed in the past.

Art Farley reported complaints of unauthorized people riding in police cars. A review of past minutes recorded regarding this will be made.

There being no further business to discuss Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

### September 3, 1980

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Randy Fuller, Jim Ping, Carol Spaugh, Terry Gish.

Minutes of the meeting of August 20, 1980 was approved as read.

Randy Fuller of Fuller Disposal was present to discuss the fall cleanup. Motion was made by Joe Bayless, seconded by Phil Mendenhall to have the Fall Clean up the week of Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Randy Fuller agreed to furnish the equipment and hauling if the Village would pay for the dumping. The Spring Clean-up to be free to the Village as per franchise agreement with Fuller

Disposal. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea. 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Ad regarding the clean up was to instruct people not to dump auto bodies, dead animals, or garbage in the dump containers.

Jim Ping was present regarding the grain elevator allowing the weeds to grow around the old coal bins and also requesting that water bills be sent on a monthly basis.

President Neeley reported that the Chamber of Commerce was planning some special activities and Chad Harmon, president had requested to close Range Street two blocks north and south of Rt. 33 intersection on November 1. Rex McGehee made a motion that this permission be granted. Motion was seconded by Les Wells. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Because of the extra amount of labor involved in putting up the playground equipment at the park, Joe Bayless made a motion that we donate \$300.00 to the Henpeck C.B. Club instead of the \$250.00 that had been previously decided. Motion as seconded by Phil Mendenhall. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the monthly bills, seconded by Les Wells. All yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Pres. Neeley reported that he had talked to E.H. Price regarding parking ordinances and he would check it out.

Phil Mendenhall reported that he, accompanied by a certified sprayer, had sprayed for mosquitoes the previous week.

Joe Bayless reported that he has spoken to Mrs. Deatherage regarding leaky roof and she had request Sam Crouch to do it. Ross Lewsader had patched the roof and reported to the board the extent of the present damage.

It was decided to have Ivan Parker fix the Standard Grigsby roof and repair the windows. President Neeley reported that the Activity Center had been leaking and the Ruritan Club had checked it out for needed repairs. Also, the Oil Museum equipment is needing painting and the board discussed the need for finding someone to spend a week working there or until equipment was painted.

There being no further business to discuss, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

September 17, 1980

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 17, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Dyer McCowan, Dennis Greene, Carl Spaugh, Chuck Immel, Terry Gish.

Minutes of the meeting of September 3, 1980 were approved as read.

Dennis Green, salesman for Burrough's Office Machines was present to present information for a computerized billing machine for the Water Department which would be useful should they decide to go on monthly billing.

Dyer McCowan, financial advisor regarding the sale of water revenue bonds was present to answer any questions the board might have and to bring them up to date on the possibility of using this method for funding of the Water Project in Oblong.

Chuck Immel, representing the Ruritan Club, requested permission to put in a dump station for campers at the Park. He stated that if the village would order the necessary material, the Ruritan Club would pay for them and also pay for the installation of the dump station. Joe Bayless made the motion that permission be granted, seconded by Art Farley. All yeas, no nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley reviewed the mail he had received which included a letter from Mrs. Harry J. Marting of Rogers Arkansas and a thank you card from Alice Jo Hammond for the flowers sent at the time of the death of her father, True Blankenbanker.

The clerk presented a letter received by treasurer Jim Britton from Mary Etta Whitmer, regarding the County's receipt of Series D Bonds from Penn Cent. R.R. in the amount of \$111,500.00 and \$36,600.00 in series C bonds. They have been offered 69.5% for Series D bonds and 77% for Series C bonds. However they will mature in 1987 and should the taxing bodies decide they should be sold they will have to be sold to the highest bidder. Rex McGehee made motion that no action should be taken on the sale of these bonds at this time. Motion was seconded by Art Farley. All yeas, no nays. Motion carried.

Joe Bayless made motion to adjourn, seconded by Art Farley. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### October 1, 1980

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 1, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Rex McGehee, Les Wells, John Middleton, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh.

Minutes of the meeting of September 17, 1980 were approved as read.

President Neeley reported of bursted stool in one of the bathrooms at the Activity Center. Les Wells made a motion to purchase a replacement and have it installed. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley also reported that there had been a request for a street light at the Corner of Kentucky & Lincoln and also for one on East Georgia. He asked the committee to check this out to verify the need for additional lighting at these locations.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Les Wells. Wells, McGehee, Bayless and Middleton all voted "Yea" There were no nays. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat night was discussed and it was decided that October the 28<sup>th</sup> between the hrs. of 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. would be best night since the 29<sup>th</sup> was a church night, the parade is to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> and there is a ball game on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The clerk was instructed to run a Classified display ad on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> to inform the village residents.

Jim Britton advised the board of the checking account balances and recommended that some of this should be invested until needed. It was decided that \$25,000 could be taken from the water fund and \$20,000 from the General fund to be invested in C.D.'s.

Les Wells made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Middleton. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### October 15, 1980

The village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 15, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Art Farley, John Middleton, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee, Les Wells-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Dyer McCowan, Carol Spaugh, Arlene Watt, Carole Jones, Jim Helm, Gene Miller, Terry Gish.

Minutes of the meeting of October 1, 1980 approved as read.

Carole Jones who with her husband has purchased the property W. of Bob Lanter, (Lots 3,4,5,6,7 and 8 in the E.L. Neeley's First Addition) and are subdividing it. They have extended West Texas Street and request that the Village accept the dedication of this street. Rex McGehee made a motion to accept the dedication of the extension of West Texas Street from Herbert and Carole Jones. Art Farley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken asnd there were 6 yeas, and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Dyer McCowan of Dane Bosworth Corp. was present to report on the feasibility of the sale of bonds for the proposed water project. He stated that at a rate of 9% of 70% of the highest prime rate that it would be impossible to find a market for the bonds. He suggested the FHA route and said he could handle the necessary paper work for the village if they so desire. A motion was made by Phil Mendenhall, seconded by Les Wells that Dyer McCowan be instructed to proceed with the necessary accumulated date as needed by the F.H.A. There were 6 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley reported that Boyd-Ikemire Insurance has requested that all bills concerning a claim be gathered together before presentation for payment.

The problems with Fuller Disposal service and the charge to local business was discussed. Although the franchise was for local residents only it was the understanding of the board that the business should have been contacted personally by Fuller Disposal and pickup rates discussed. Also Fuller has not supplied the business with containers as he had promised he would. President Neeley said he would contact Fuller Disposal regarding these matters.

Joe Bayless reported that his committee had investigated the need for street lights on Kentucky and Georgia Streets but was not sure what could be done at this time since we have a contract for a designated amount of lights at this time. Also he reported that there was 18 windows out at the bandstand due to vandalism. After much discussion it was decided that the windows should be boarded up rather than to be continually replaced.

Terry Gish requested that some kind of curfew be established for the Park and President Neeley said he would contact our attorney regarding this matter.

At 8:10 Art Farley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Mendenhall. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### November 5, 1980

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, November 5, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, John Middleton, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt, Carol Spaugh.

The minutes of the meeting of October 15, 1980 were approved as read.

President Neeley read a letter from Dane Bowsworth indicating they could not furnish bonding for the Water Project. A copy had been sent to the F.H.A. to further establish the need for financing thru F.H.A.

He also read a letter from Office of Revenue Sharing notifying the village of the publication and availability requirements concerning general revenue sharing. Since we have not received our audit reports nor copies of our 1980 Annual Municipal Supplemental Reports to be filed with the State Comptroller the clerk was instructed to contact auditors regarding this matter.

Other correspondence regarding the need to develop and organize community based emergency procedures was discussed, also a letter regarding a school for policemen to aid them in investigating, etc., since they will have to be doing more of this themselves rather than outside investigators being sent in. Also a thank you card from the family of Minnie Seaney was read.

Les Wells made a motion to allow Terry Gish to attend this school and to allow him the necessary expense for meals while attending. John Middleton seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley reported that Mrs. Fuller of Fuller Disposal had called him regarding the pickup of businesses. Mrs. Deatherage had called him about needed repairs to the fence on the back part of the property at 600 E. Main and he had been unable to talk to E.H. Price, village attorney about easements or anything else. He had contacted the T.V. cable co. and they are to send a written progress report. He said he would continue to call them every few days until he heard from them.

President Neeley instructed the clerk to write a letter to Chad Harmon, president of Chamber of Commerce regarding the great job he and the committees had done on the Fall Follies. It was the feeling of the board that the activities did the town a great deal of good and many had expressed their enjoyment of the activities that had taken place.

Because of the continued vandalism at the park the clerk was instructed to run the ad again regarding \$100.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the destruction of Village property.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

November 19, 1980

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, November 19, 1980 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Arlene Watt, Carol Spaugh, Terry Gish, Stan Ridgeway.

Minutes of the Nov. 5, 1980 meeting were approved as read.

President Neeley introduced Stan Ridgeway from the Auditing firm of Kemper, Fisher, Faust, and Co. who explained the audit reports on the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1979 and ending April 30, 1980.

President Neeley also reported that the pre-application to F.H.A. for the Water Project had been accepted and announced that a F.H.A. representative would be at the Town Hall on November 24, 1980 at 5 P.M.

Terry Gish, Police Chief, reported that he had completed the school on Investigating procedures and had learned a great deal. He also reported on the committee meeting that he had attended regarding local emergency procedures.

There being no further business to discuss, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

December 3, 1980

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Dec. 3, 1980, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh, Arlene Watt.

The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 1980 were approved as read.

President Neeley reported that Tom Byers from the F.H.A. Flora district office met with him, Gene Miller, Art Farley, and Les Wells regarding the formal application for funds for the Water line project.

He also reported that he had received a letter from the Sec. Of Treasury regarding the last payment for rev. sharing for this year.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Rex McGehee. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley reported that he was still trying to contact the Cable T.V. personnel.

The board went into executive session at 7:40, and returned to regular session at 7:50.

Les Wells made a motion to pay Christmas bonuses as follows: Bob Lanter-35.00, Wanda Lanter-35.00, Huber Seaney-35.00, Harry Shafer-35.00, Terry Gish-35.00, Charlie Hoke-25.00, Joann Mendenhall-25.00, Alice Jo Hammond-25.00, Berneice Henry-25.00, Lorraine Bay-25.00, Irvin Catt-25.00, and Bill Sandiford-25.00. Art Farley seconded the motion. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Art Farley made a motion to adjourn. Phil Mendenhall seconded the motion. All yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### December 17, 1980

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on December 17, 1980 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee, John Middleton-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt, Carol Spaugh, Terry Gish.  
The minutes of the meeting of December 3 was approved as read.

President Neeley reviewed the correspondence he had received which included a letter and a check for \$5.00 from Hershel Leggit as a donation for camping at the park. He also read a letter from Revenue Sharing, and a letter from the State Controller saying they had received our Annual Audit Report. Also received was a letter from Kemper, Fisher, Faust & Co. regarding the change in the Ill. Revised Statues, Chapt. 74 which enables cities and Villages to lend their name to financing of projects which enhance the economic activity of a city and village. A report from the bureau of census was received indicating that the population count for the village of Oblong was 1858. The housing count was 850. These were preliminary figures and the final count may be different.

President Neeley instructed the secretary to write a letter to Standard Grigsby informing them that we have been in the building to winterize it and to inform them that a window was out and back lock jammed. These would be repaired and a new key for the back door will be sent.

Phil Mendenhall reported that Marathon Oil Co. has a scale model of Robinson Refinery and they had asked if the Village would be interested in taking it for display.

Art Farley made a motion that the Village accept the model if selected. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Middleton-yea, Bayless-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Les Wells made a motion to install a fire band crystal in the police radio. Motion seconded by John Middleton. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to update the street lighting system. Motion was seconded by Les Wells. Roll call as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Their being no further business to discuss, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. All yeas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### January 7, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 7, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, John Middleton-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh, Arlene Watt, Glen Steve Rossn, Leo Schlosser, Bill Watkins.

The minutes of the meeting of December 17, 1980 were approved as read.

President Neeley reviewed correspondence received and reported on phone call made to Country Communications Co. He reported that their new offices were at Box 16, Tuscola, Ill. He also had received word that Charles Hoke has resigned as part-time policeman, however there has been no formal letter of resignation received at this time.

After reviewing of the bills presented, John Middleton made a motion to pay them. Motion seconded by Phil Mendenhall. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 6 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jim Britton reported that Getty Oil was interested in purchasing water on a temporary basis. Max, use would be 5,000 per day every third day, for 200 days.

Bill Watkins arrived at the board meeting about 8:00 P.M. to report that he was selling his property, including the tavern, on January 17<sup>th</sup> and inquired as to the village zoning ordinances, if any, and indicated that if the purchaser wanted to continue operating the tavern, a liquor licenses form would be needed.

The Board went into executive session at 8:20 and returned from executive session at 9:10 P.M. No board action was taken on the return from executive session, and Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Les Wells. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

January 21, 1981

The Board of trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois met in regular session on January 21, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, John Middleton, Joe Bayless-Trustees.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Carol Spaugh, Scott Neeley.

Les Wells reported on a meeting with the official from Getty Oil Company.

Also discussed were the proposed water lines and easements for laying water lines.

President Neeley reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Charles Hoke on Jan. 8, 1981. Les Wells made a motion to accept the resignation. John Middleton seconded the motion. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley also reported that County Communications Company had sold their franchise to another company, a firm in Chicago and the representative from the new company had called that evening at 7:00 P.M. from Washington, D.C. and would like to come to the next board meeting.

Art Farley made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by John Middleton. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Minutes taken by Joe Bayless, secretary pro-tem.

Feb. 4, 1981

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on February 4, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, John Middleton-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Spaugh, Byron Redd.

President Neeley reviewed a letter received regarding revenue sharing allotment.

Les Wells made a motion to adopt the following resolution. Be it resolved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois that the Central Illinois Public Service Co. be and hereby requested to furnish the village of Oblong Illinois the following street lighting service:

No.	Owner	Unit Description & Location	Base Rate	Monthly Billing
3	Co.	175W MV-corner of Jackson & Texas, 175W MV2-poles W. of Jackson on Texas St., 175W MV Pole #624 on Georgia btw Taylor And Grant.	\$120.00	10.00
1	Co.	1-pole 71' Sec. 175W MV-corner of Lincoln & Kentucky St.	\$84.40	7.03

John Middleton seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, Farley-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Joe Bayless made a motion that the Board sign the resolution allowing the Village Police to patrol the school property. John Middleton seconded the motion. All yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Paul Thacker, representing the fair board, was present to explain the proposed fence around the Fair Grounds arena and request permission to build same. Phil Mendenhall made the motion to approve said fence. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Byron Redd from Moore Farm Bldg. Co. of Charleston was present to show pictures and samples of building material as might be desired for housing the model refinery given to the Village by Marathon Oil Co.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion that the Village start monthly billing on water usage with the May 1 billing. Les Wells seconded the motion. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley reported that since Odessa Howe, owner of the present building, known as the Activity Center, had deceased, it would be necessary to sign a new lease. Discussion followed but no action taken at this time.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of the bill from Crawford County title company which included excessive finance charges since 1978. Motion seconded

by John Middleton. It was agreed that if the Crawford County Title Company would drop the finance charges that the bill for service could be paid. Roll call as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

John Middleton presented the information regarding starting salaries and other payroll in Police departments from various places in the area towns. No action taken at this time in regards to adding to our police department at this time.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Middleton. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

Feb. 18, 1981

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Feb. 18, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Art Farley, Les Wells, John Middleton, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh, Arlene Watts, Rick Chandler.

The secretary read the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 4, 1981. They were approved as read.

The bids were opened for the building to house the model refinery. They were as follows: David Krick...\$8,400.00, Paul Heath Const....10,350.00, H & H Const....9,574.00, Cravens Const....8,387.56, Morton Buildings...11,828.00

President Neeley appointed Joe Bayless, Art Farley, and John Middleton to a committee to study the bids. Joe Bayless to act as chairman, with a special board meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion at this time the board decided to reject the above bids and request new ones with some additions to the specs. Les Wells made the motion to do this, seconded by Joe Bayless. All voted yea.

President Neeley reported that he had received a call from Chris Hill of Country Communications stating that they will relinquish their franchise for cable tv in Oblong since they did not know when the work could be started. Rick Chandler of Cox Cable TV of Robinson was present to discuss the possibility of their interest in installing cable tv in this area.

At 8:40 Art Farley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. All yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

February 25, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in Special Session of Wednesday Feb. 25, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. for the purposes of again accepting bids for a building to house model refinery.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Art Farley, John Middleton, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt, Rick Houdasheldt, Mike Christy, Byron Redd.

President Neeley opened the bids. They were as follows: Paul Heath...\$10,350.00, H & H Construction...9,500.00, Cravens Const....8,449.36, Dave Krick...8,610.00, Morton Bldgs...9,960.00 with 6' centers or 10,003.00 with 7.5' centers, Moore Buildings...8,134.00 less discounts=7,980.42.

After studying bids and the material list of each one who presented a list of materials, Phil Mendenhall made a motion to accept the bid of H & H Construction for \$9,500.00. Their material lists included more and better building materials which was to our advantage. Art Farley seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-nay, Middleton-yea 5 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

At 8:00 P.M. Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Middleton. All yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

March 4, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 4, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, John Middleton-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh, Arlene Watt.

President Neeley reviewed the correspondence received which included the information that Cox Cable TV of Robinson, Inc. was in process of compiling data and would be in touch with the utilities offices regarding no. of homes in the village, etc. He also reported that the FHA loan application is down to Flora, waiting for E.H. Price to send the rest of the necessary information.

President Neeley also reported that the new building was underway, with the framework already up.

Joe Bayless made a motion that the bids be let for the concrete work at the next regular scheduled board meeting which would be on March 18, 1981. John Middleton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and there was 5 yea votes and 0 nay votes. Motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote taken as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

March 18, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Les Wells, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee, Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Dave Krick, Rick Houdasheldt, Vernon Camp, Arlene Watt, Terry Gish.

Vernon Camp asked permission for the Ruritan Club to use the park on May 11, 1981 for a Circus. Rex McGehee made the motion that permission be granted. Motion was seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the meeting of March 4, 1981 were read by clerk Wilma Hepner. Minutes were approved as read.

The bid for the concrete work at the new building was opened. They were as follows: Fred Rogers...\$3,962.94, Art Taylor...4,260.00, Dave Krick...4,268.25, H & H Const...2,782.00

Joe Bayless made a motion to accept the bid presented by H & H Construction of \$2,782.00. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Neeley-yea 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Neeley reported that he had received a letter (hand delivered) from Darrell Potts, secretary of the E.U.M. Church trustees, which stated that they would not renew the contract to lease the parking lot. Contract to expire March 31, 1981.

President Neeley reported that the street lights are in that had been contracted for. He also reported that he had talked to Gene Miller of Conner & Conner and they had been in contact with FHA and they reported that the village app. Had went to the state as of this date.

President Neeley also reported receiving a letter from "Risk Management Association" a company which handles all types of City insurance.

Rex McGehee ask permission for the Christian Church to drive over approx. 100 ft. of sidewalk to get to a parking lot of the S. Side of W. Ohio St. Rex McGehee made a motion to grant this permission providing the church be willing to repair any damage to the side walk. Les Wells seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken and there were 4 yeas and 0 nay votes.

Joe Bayless reported that 32 windows were broken out of the building back of the grandstand and the park look littered. It was decided that Irvin Catt should resume his duties at once instead of in April at his usual time, if he was willing, in order to get started on the clean up at the park.

Joe Bayless also requested permission for the Baseball team to use some of the steel benches stored in the park buildings. These would be used in the dug-outs. Les Wells made a motion to loan these benches to the baseball team. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bob Lanter reported that the new street signs were in that the Ruritan had offered to put up for the Village.

Les Wells made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

April 1, 1981

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Neeley-Pres., Phil Mendenhall, Les Wells, Rex McGehee, Art Farley, Joe Bayless, John Middleton-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Rick Houdasheldt, Arlene Watt, Carol Spaugh, Terry Gish.

The minutes were approved as read.

A motion was made by Phil Mendenhall, seconded by John Middleton to install concrete drive to the overhead door of the new Oil Field Museum building. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

A discussion followed regarding type of lights needed, etc. for the new building. John Middleton made a motion to allow the park committee to survey the needs and arrange for the purchase of

material needed. Les Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mendenhall-yea, Wells-yea, McGehee-yea, Farley-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Since this was the last meeting of the fiscal year, according to new law, president Neeley expressed his appreciation for two board members going off the board. Les Wells and Phil Mendenhall expressed their appreciation for the co-operation for those they had worked with on the board the past several years.

President Neeley reported on his talk with Connor & Connor regarding water line-Ambraw River Basin Regional Planning Comm. had to send a letter to F.H.A.

Joe Bayless thanked the employees for getting the benches out to school.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion was seconded by Les Wells. Roll call vote taken. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Wells. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

April 15, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Apr. 15, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, acting in behalf of John Neeley, called the meeting to order and read a letter written to the board by John Neeley. Wilma Hepner asked the newly elected officials to sign the oath of office which she witnessed and then presented each with their Official Commission Certificates and wallet cards.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Members: Art Farley-President, Gary Wilson, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee, John Middleton-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others: Bob Lanter, Rick Houdasheldt, Arlene Watt, Terry Gish, Carol Spaugh, and Otis Griggs Jr.

Art Farley's first act as president was to appoint Otis Griggs Jr. as trustee to fill the vacancy on the board when he was elected President.

Rex McGehee made a motion that the board accept this appointment. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays Motion carried.

Mr. Farley asked Mr. Griggs to take his seat with the other trustees.

Mr. Farley then announced his appointed committees as follows:

Finance Committee: Larry Lorange-chairman & Mayor Pro-tem, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr.

Water & Sewer Committee: Otis Griggs Jr.-Chairman, Joe Bayless, Larry Lorange

Police Committee: Gary Wilson-Chairman, John Middleton, Otis Griggs Jr.

Park & Building Committee: John Middleton-Chairman, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson

Streets & Alley Committee: Joe Bayless-Chairman, Gary Wilson, John Middleton

Sidewalk & Lights: Rex McGehee-Chairman, Joe Bayless, Larry Lorange

Mr. Farley announced that these committees were appointed to act for the next two years.

The minutes of the meeting of April 1, were read and approved as read.

John Middleton made a motion to retain Jim Britton as treasurer for the next fiscal year. Motion was seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call as follows: Griggs Jr.-yea, Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-ye 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rick Houdasheldt was present to announce that he had finished the Oil Museum building and made recommendations as to putting in some top soil, etc.

Art Farley announced at this time that he expected every board member to be involved on all committees.

A discussion followed regarding Spring clean up, Summer Employment, the need for the street committee to get together and also the Police Committee to discuss help for Terry Gish, Police Chief.

A motion was made by John Middleton, seconded by Gary Wilson, that all the present employees be retained. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Griggs Jr.-yea, Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Middleton-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Art Farley, president requested that all members present their ideas as to what needed to be accomplished in the future. He also instructed the clerk to order Illinois Municipal League Handbooks for the four members who do not have one. He also requested that the Secretary of State be contacted as to the availability and cost of more State of Illinois Handbooks like the one he received.

John Middleton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorange. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. after every trustee voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

May 6, 1981

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong in regular session on Wednesday, May 6, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Arlene Watt, Dyer McCowen, Gene Miller, Linda Cravens, E.H. Price, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were approved as read.

President Farley reported that trustee John Middleton was a patient at Barnes Hospital.

President Farley asked Gene Miller of Connor and Connor to give the board the information to date on the Water line project and also the situation with the EPA regarding sewer improvements necessary.

Dyer McCowen of Dane Bosworth was present to discuss alternatives should the Village not be approved for a F.H.A. loan for the Water project.

Joe Bayless reported that Lloyd Mann wanted to give an alley to the Village.

President Farley reported that he had set a date for the cleanup after conferring with Randy Fuller. Fuller Disposal to put ad in paper to notify the residents of Oblong that Clean up day would be May 9, 1981. Correspondence as also received regarding Ill. Con. Telephone Co.'s bid for another rate hike. A check had been received from Standard Grigsby's for another months rent and they had been in contact with Fuller disposal regarding hauling scrap away from the building. They also stated their intentions to move out of the building by June 1. Farley also reported he had received word from Cox T.W. regarding the drawing up of an ordinance. They will need 1 to 5 acres to put up 150' tower. Also reported was the fact that Phil Mendenhall was working on the lights at the Oil Field Museum.

President Farley also submitted some signed notes that owners on Missouri Street had signed for sidewalk repair and the notes had not been paid. Rex McGehee made a motion to request that these notes be paid. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea

Larry Lorance, speaking for the Ruritan Club, asked if it was permissible to park like for the fair (where it is dry enough) when the circus comes to town. He also reported that there was an interested person in the purchases of the Activity Center if the Village would continue to rent it.

Gary Wilson reported that he was checking on tires for the police car. Larry Lorance made a motion to buy two new tires identical to tires on the car at this time. Otis Griggs seconded the

motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, Wilson-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Griggs-yea 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Gary also reported that there was much vandalism in restrooms and beer drinking in the camping area. Secretary was instructed to put ad in the paper again offering \$100.00 for a reward, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.

Bob Lanter reported that he was going to flush the lines on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and suggest an ad be run notifying the residents as there would be complaints of rusty water.

Terry Gish reported that the County Sheriff's Department would be covering for him on Saturday night, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting went into executive session at 9:35 to discuss summer employment.

They returned from executive session at 10:00 P.M. Larry Lorance made a motion to hire Robbie Dalrymple, Earl Smith and Mike Coulter to work for the summer, with salary at \$3.35 per hour. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. All in favor.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### May 20, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 20, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Myers, Arlene Watt, Paul Thacker, Dewey Connor, Keith Foltz, Terry Gish, Pearl Watts, Rich Chandler, Bill Myers, Betty Gallion, Larry Steigler, Marilyn Watkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Paul Thacker was present to explain the plans for purchasing the Ball Park. The plans were to purchase approx. 4 acres with Norman Stoltz & Dixie Musgrave to buy the east half. Their lawyer has suggested they sell bonds for 10% interest. They have already put down \$10,000 and need to raise the balance of \$15,000. In order for them to sell bonds they will need to have the village purchase the land to get the lower rate interest and then in turn sell it to the Fair Association.

Dewey Connor was present to discuss the Street Maintenance Program.

Larry Lorance made a motion to appropriate \$25,000 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the Street Maintenance Program. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Farley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rich Chandler, Cox Cable T.V. went over the proposed T.V. franchise which includes 12 channels, 7 of which are off satellite. He explained their insurance coverage and amount of time to build the system.

Pearl Watts and Bill Myers were present to request permission to install water line to their properties.

Camp Fire Girls representatives, Betty Gallion and Laura Steigler were present to request permission to have a day camp at the park on June 24, 24, 25, and 26 from 12 to 4 each day, with a weiner roast to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Request had also been received for a gospel sing at the park on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Complaints had been received regarding weeds on the Myrtle Deatherage lot and on vacant property owned by Thelma Tipton. Clerk instructed to write letters to them reminding them of the Weed ordinance.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the job well done regarding the Circus and the Ruritan's excellent cleanup procedures.

The chairman of the committees gave their reports.

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 9:20 P.M. and returned at 8:46 P.M.

Otis Griggs Jr. made a motion to hire Keith Foltz as a part time policeman on a 90 day probation period, with salary at \$225.00 per month with no more than a two week training period. Overtime hours to be at \$5.50 per hour. At the end of the probation period, salary will increase to \$250.00 per month with a clothing allowance of \$150.00 per year. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs Jr.-yea, Farley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Marilyn Watkins was present to request something be done about the Garbage piling up behind Keim's muff er shop. President Farley said he would talk to Mrs. Keim.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Otis Griggs Jr. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

June 3, 1981

The Board of trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Carol Myers, Rich Chandler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

President Farley presented the service contract on the air conditioner purchased last year. No action was taken.

He also reported that Standard Grigsby had moved out have paid their rent to date. The waterline easements are progressing. Still have three more descriptions to get and 10 or so more to have signed.

President Farley read the agreement in regards to hooking on to Water line on Rt. 33.

A motion was made by Larry Lorance to rescind Ordinance 79-992 regarding Franchise agreement with Country Communications Cable T.V. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion seconded by Otis Griggs. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rich Chandler was present to explain the proposed ordinance for operation of a Closed Circuit System in the Village of Oblong by Cox Cable Robinson, Inc.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adopt the above mentioned ordinance which shall be number #81-300. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board expressed their thanks to Phil Mendenhall, Jerry Smith, Harold Otey for their work on the Oil Field Museum building, installing the lights and necessary electrical work.

Gary Wilson reported that he had been approached by the Young Homemakers about the possibility of the village purchasing another piece of playground equipment. No action taken until decision is made as to what equipment is desired.

The Board of trustees went into executive session at 8:30 P.M. and returned at 9:15 P.M.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt the following salary schedule for the 1981-82 f scal year. Motion was seconded by Rex McGehee. Bob Lanter...\$1205.00 per month, Wanda

Lanter...860.00 per month, Hubert Seaney...1070.00 per month, Harry Shafer...1070.00 per month, Terry Gish...1205.00 per month, Wm Sandiford...425.00 per month. All part-time employees at \$3.35 per hour. Clothing allowances to remain the same as last year. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

### June 17, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, John Middleton-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Wilfred Cross, Susie Tracy, Joan Jennings, Arlene Watt, Carol Myers.

President Farley reported that word had been received that FHA funding would be available to the Village, however the official word has not been received by the Flora FHA office at this date.

Wilfred Cross was present to discuss the Fair Board's plan to purchase property from the Village of Oblong. Larry Lorance made a motion to resolve to enter into a contract to purchase the Wilson Ball Park property, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Middleton-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Susie Tracy and Joan Jennings, representing the Young Homemakers Club, presented their recommendations for equipment for playground equipment. The board gave approval to order the equipment since money had already been appropriated for it.

President Farley asked for the opinion of the board regarding tearing down the two buildings by the Railroad Tracks which are owned by the Village. It was agreed that since permission had already been granted by the Railroad, that they should proceed with the demolition and the lot cleaned up. The secretary was instructed to write a letter to Jerry Shaw requesting that he remove the motors and other materials which he might have stored in them.

It was also decided that the maintenance crew should be provided with a weed eater.

Committee chairmen reports and recommendations were heard and then the Board went into Executive session at 8:45 P.M. and returned at 9:00 P.M.

John Middleton made a motion to advertise our offer for sealed bids on the Standard Grigsby Building. Bids to be opened, July 1, 1981. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as

follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Middleton-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays.  
Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Middleton. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays.  
Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner

June 22, 1981

Minutes of a special meeting of the official board of the Village of Oblong on June 22, 1981 at 1:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Gary Wilson, John Middleton, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees. Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Jim Calhoun, Mike Conners, Bob Lanter, Dave Kintner, Mrs. Murphy, John Kavanaugh.

President Farley called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting to accept bids for the MFT Summer street repairs and maintenance.

After receiving the bids submitted, Joe Bayless made a motion to accept the bids as follows:  
Group I-Bituminous Materials RS-2, Furnished and applied on Streets...8300 gal. @ \$.84 per gal. Lee Kintner & Sons...Total \$6972.00. Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16 Crushed Stone, Furnished and applied on Streets 346 ton @ 12.60 per ton. Lee Kintner & Sons...Total \$4359.60.

Group II-Bituminous patch mix, Stock pile in Oblong, 150 ton @\$25.00 per ton R & S Asphalt, Lawrenceville. Total \$3825.00.

Group III-Pipe Culverts TY 1 10", furnished (CSP) 10 @ 20 L.F., Village Yard (200 L.F.) @ \$5.00 per ft. Clark County Metal Products, Marshall Total \$1000.00.

Group IV-Bituminous Material MC-30 furnished and applied on Streets, 733 gal. @ \$.98 per gal. Lee Kintner & Sons, Oblong, IL, Total \$718.34.

Group V-Aggregate Surf CSE TY B CA-6 4" uncompacted, furnished and spread on Streets. 150 ton @ 8.80 per ton. Kenneth Murphy, Casey Total \$1320.

Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Wilson-yea, Middleton-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss regarding the bid, Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

July 1, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 1, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Carol Myer, Roger Herder, Gail Inboden.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 1981 and the Special meeting of June 22, 1981 were approved as read.

President Farley opened the bids on the Standard Grigsby building: Rondel L. Boyd...\$6,000.00, David L. Dhom...\$13,000.00. Larry Lorange made a motion to accept the bid of \$13,000.00 from David Dohm. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley read a letter from Conner & Conner stating that our permit with E.P.A. and Ill. State Clearing House had needed to be renewed and they have received the one from E.P.A. but had not heard from the Ill. State Clearing House as yet.

Gail Inboden was present to request the Cleanup of the East side of Roosevelt street, and said hew would do it if the Village would haul the debris away. He was advised the village would cooperate in this matter.

Roger Herder was present to request that the alley by his house be graveled and he was advised that he would have to take care of this matter himself since it was not village policy to maintain this alley.

Parking problems on West Illinois Street were discussed. Joe Bayless made a motion to instruct our attorney to make up an ordinance limiting parking on Illinois Street, from North Range to N. Wilson, to the north side of Illinois Street. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The committee chairmen gave their reports, also report from Terry Gish and Bob Lanter. Jim Britton also reported that several of the 6 month certif cates were coming due and requested permission to check out the best possible interest rates at this time.

Larry Lorange made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Rex McGehee. A roll call vote was taken, with 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Otis Griggs Jr. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

July 15, 1981

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 1981, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Carol Myer, Gene Miller, Harry Lawhead, Stan Ridgway, Lydia Lu.

The minutes of the meeting of July 1, 1981 were read and approved as read.

Pres. Farley turned the meeting over to Gene Miller of Conner & Conner who explained the F.H.A. loan and procedures and letter of conditions. Larry Lorance made a motion to enter into an agreement for Engineering Services for the Village of Oblong, with Conner & Conner, Inc. for engineering duties in connection with design and construction of the proposed 8" water Transmission Line, as required by F.H.A. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Stan Ridgeway went over the 1981 audit as determined by Kemper CPA Group, of Robinson, Illinois.

A letter was read from Central Methodist Church regarding parking on South side of Illinois Street for Sunday Services. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the proposed ordinance as had been previously agreed upon since the New Parking lot would be available which would provide ample parking space. The Ordinance would not go into effect until the parking lot was completed.

A letter regarding rules and regulations regarding Trailer Parks was turned over to the Building Committee for further study.

A letter from the Crawford County Amateur Radio Club expressing their gratitude for use of the Park for their Special Day was read.

Also reported was the fact that all water easements had been signed but three...Myrtle Deatherage, Spec Henry, and John Kelly.

Larry Lorance made a motion to Adopt Annual Appropriation Bill #81-301 for the fiscal year beginning the first day of May, 1981 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1982. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to advertise for bids for 1711 linear feet of sidewalk replacement, more or less. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bob Lanter reported that Olen Evans was working and helping out while Hubert Seaney was ill. Since Olen had worked there before and did not need to be trained it was agreed that he should be paid \$5.00 per hour. Since his check for the past two weeks had already been figured at \$3.35 an hour the clerk was instructed to pay him the additional \$1.65 an hr. for the 34.5 hours on the next pay check.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

Aug. 5, 1981

The Village Board of trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, August 5, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs Jr., Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt, Don Thompson, Gene Miller, Carol Myers.

The minutes of the meeting of July 15, 1981 were approved as read.

Pres. Farley opened the bids for sidewalk repair. Bids were as follows: Robert Powers...\$10,745.08 with step repair...\$10,895.00, Leonard L. Schernekau...\$9,581.60 with step repair...9,756.60, Don Thompson...11,411.36, Steve Meadows...11,703.24, Taylor Construction...10,266.00, Fuller Trucking...11,497.00. Rex McGehee made a motion to accept the low bid of \$9581.60 from Leonard Schernekau. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Farley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Gene Miller, representing Conner & Conner, Inc. went over the procedures for adopting rules and regulations regarding the Water System which we should plan to do at the next board meeting. Also the need to sign contracts with Robinson Township, Oblong Township, and Crawford County Road Commissioners. He also went over the Sewer project and said we needed to adopt a resolution designating Art Farley the official representative to sign the EPA Grant documents.

Larry Lorance made a motion that a resolution be adopted designating Art Farley the official representative to sign the E.P.A. documents. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and Lorance, McGehee, Griggs, and Farley all voted yea. There were no nays and the motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adopt a resolution to enter into an agreement with Conner & Conner for a Sewer System Evaluation Survey for an amount not to exceed \$36,500.00. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Farley-yea. There were 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to enter into a lease agreement with Vic Bostwick for the use of the Activity Center for the sum of \$90.00 per month. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Farley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Art Farley reviewed the correspondence he had received and requests received for permission to use south range street by the Boy scouts and also Vic Bostwick. He also informed the board of Merle Price's recommendations for treating the lake.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance No. 81-302. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs reported the cost of removing trees on E. Georgia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Main Street at \$590.00.

Jim Britton, treasurer, requested that the board look for a replacement for him as treasurer.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

#### August 19, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 19, 1981, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt, Carol Myers, Bill Hoisington, Bob Utterback, Alan Woods.

The minutes of the meeting of August 5, 1981 were approved as read.

Gene Miller, representing Conner & Conner, Inc. discussed the necessary rules and regulations regarding adopting Resolutions as required by F.H.A.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt ordinance 81-303 to establish Rules, Rates, and regulations for the Operation of the Village of Oblong Water System. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adopt an Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Art Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

Otis Griggs Jr. made a motion to adopt Ordinance 81-304, Directing the Sale of Real Estate. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Gary Wilson made a motion to adopt ordinance 81-305 Regulating Parking on West Illinois Street. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The clerk was instructed to raise Keith Foltz's salary to \$250.00 per month since he had finished his 3 month probationary period.

At 10:00 P.M. Otis Griggs Jr. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorange. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### September 2, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Otis Griggs Jr., Larry Lorange, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Jim Britton-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Carol Myers, Kay Young.

The minutes of the meeting of August 19, 1981 were approved as read.

President Farley reviewed the correspondence received since last board meeting.

Kay Young was present to request use of upstairs of Town Hall for space to work on History Fair projects. Decision deferred till next meeting.

Larry Lorange made a motion to pay bills. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Farley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to buy Ford F600 dump truck for \$1000.00 from Marathon Oil company. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Farley-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

At 8:30 Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

September 16, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wed. Sept. 16, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Larry Lorance-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt, Linda Cravens, Rich Chandler, Mort Imlay, Gene Miller, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the September 2, 1981 were approved as read.

After listening to Mort Imlay's explanation of the proposed contract with Gas Utilities, Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt ord. 81-306, authorizing the Gas Utilities Company, an Illinois Corporation, its' successors and assigns to construct, operate and maintain a Gas Utility in the Village of Oblong, County of Crawford, and State of Illinois. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley reported he had received the approval from the state for the closing of Rt. #33 on Sept. 25 for the Homecoming Parade.

Rich Chandler was present to report on the progress of the Cable T.V. and presented Cox Cable's plans for the project.

Gene Miller, Conner & Conner, was present to present the Water Purchase contract with Robinson-Palestine Water Commission as required by F.H.A.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adopt ord. 81-307 pertaining to the adoption of the Water Purchase contract between Rob.-Palestine Water Commission and the Village of Oblong. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley acknowledged letter received from the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding private septic system in use and complaints accordingly. Clerk was instructed to write letter advising that steps had been taken to correct the situation.

A discussion was held on the needed roof repair and deterioration of Town Hall. It was decided to make plans for a special meeting with the Township Board on Thursday evening, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1981.

A request by the E.U.M. church to cross the alley to gain access to the garage being built was mentioned. Rex McGehee made a motion that they be allowed access via the Alley. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Halloween parade was discussed and the possible blockage of the gates at the park during the time of lineup of the participants in the parade.

The board went into executive session at 9:30 and returned at 9:50 P.M.

Gary Wilson made a motion to accept Pres. Farley's appointment of Carol Sue Tracy to the position of Treasurer for Village of Oblong, beginning October 7, 1981, with salary of \$2000.00 per year. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### October 7, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wed. Oct. 7, 1981 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley, Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Susie Tracy, Wilma Hepner.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt.

The group present regarding dog running loose presented their problem and were assured that if they would sign the complaint the police department, both city and county, would approach the dog owner with the complaint.

Rex McGehee reported on his meeting with Ramie Wierman from the Illinois Department of Labor regarding prevailing wages and hiring of contract labor.

President Farley reported the latest progress with the Cox Cable T.V. installation.

Bids were opened for the Standard Grigsby Building and the bid of \$13,000.00 from David Dhom was officially accepted. Larry Lorange made the motion and Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call of Lorange, McGehee, Griggs, Wilson and Bayless were all yeas. (This rebid at the request of Dohm's att. Frank Weber).

The Board agreed to set the date of Halloween trick or treating for Thurs. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion, seconded by Joe Bayless to give \$500.00 to be used for Christmas light rental and installation of Utility pole service outlet. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The committee chairmen gave their reports after which the board went into executive session at 9:20 and returned at 9:40 for discussion.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### October 8, 1981

The Village Board of trustees, in a special called meeting, met with the Oblong Township Board for the purpose of discussing the needs for a new building to replace the present Town Hall Building.

Those present from the Village Board were Art Farley-Pres., Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Rex McGehee, Larry Lorance-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Present from the Township Board were Richard Ralston-Supervisor, Carol Myer, Martha Waldrop, Frank Dart, Pauline Hill, Cleo Dennis, Mary Lu Ralston.

No action was taken at this time.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. All in favor.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### October 21, 1981

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Lorance, McGehee, Griggs, Wilson, Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Myrl Littlejohn, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Linda Cravens.

In the first order of business, Larry Lorance made a motion, seconded by Otis Griggs, to accept President Farley's appointment of Myrl Littlejohn to the board to replace the opening since the death of trustee John Middleton. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley appointed Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless and Myrl Littlejohn to a committee to contact School District and Baseball Association in regard to a memorial to J. Middleton.

A discussion was held on the proposed waterline and progress thereof.

The finance committee was instructed to assemble to figure approximate cost of new municipal building.

Radio in Police car needs to be replaced and it was suggested that prices be checked before making a decision on a replacement.

Regarding the roof of Town Hall, Martinsville Roofing has offered to repair the roof with a layer of felt and mop with tar for the price of \$760.00. A motion was made by McGehee and seconded by Griggs to have this done. There were all yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fall Clean up was set for Nov. 6 and 7, with Dumpsters at R.R. & Park. Myrl Littlejohn to check on cost etc.

Rex McGehee made motion to adjourn, seconded by O. Griggs. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by: Larry Lorance, Sec. Protem.

#### November 4, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Bruce Simmons, Sanford Bailey, Frank Weber, Leon Cunningham.

Sanford Bailey and Leon Cunningham from Peoples Building & Loan and their attorney, Frank Weber were present to discuss the issue of Revenue Bonds.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a memoranda of intent between the Village of Oblong, Crawford Co. Illinois and Peoples Building and Loan Association of Oblong. Providing for the issuance of said Village of Oblong of Approximately 500,000 principal amount of revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of the act as amended. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley reviewed the correspondence and requests he had received and the Chairmen of each committee gave any report they had on activities since the last board meeting.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 8:35 for the purpose of discussion of need for additional personnel and returned at 8:50, at which time Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Larry Lorance. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

Nov. 18, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 18, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Otis Griggs Jr., Larry Lorance, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Arlene Watt, Bruce Simmons, Bob Lanter, Rich Chandler, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the Nov. 4, 1981 meeting were approved as read, after which Pres. Farley asked Rich Chandler to give an update on Cable T.V. installation progress in the Village. Mr. Chandler also reviewed the proposed Lease agreement regarding use, rights and privileges of the Leasee.

Larry Lorance made a motion to accept the lease agreement as presented by Cox Cable T.V. representative, Rich Chandler. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, Wilson-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Pres. Farley read a letter from the EPA which approved an increase in grant moneys of \$27,375.00 for pollution discharge. He also read a letter from Merle Price regarding recent electro-fishing results at the Oblong lake. Pres. Farley appointed Myrl Littlejohn, Joe Bayless, and Gary Wilson to a committee to look into a possible purchase of additional channel cat. Also read was a letter from Marathon thanking Mayors Morris, Farley, and McDaniel for their show of support for Marathon Oil Company. Farley expressed his appreciation to Bob Lanter and other employees for putting up the red ribbons in Oblong. He also expressed appreciation to the Ruritan Club for taking down the temporary fences at the park that had been put up at fair time but had not been removed by the fair board. Pres. Farley also reported being approached by Sheriff Dutch Woods regarding reimbursement for phone answering service. Sheriff Woods also mentioned to the Village had never been charged for keeping their prisoners.

Reports were heard from the Committee Chairmen.

Gary Wilson made a motion to purchase a replacement radio for Police Chief Gish's personal car from the Goss Shop in the approx. amount of \$904.00. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Joe Bayless reported that the school had agreed to work with the Board on the dedication of the ball field to John Middleton.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Otis Griggs. All in favor.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### December 2, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Dec. 2, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Reba Inboden, Bruce Simmons, Terry Gish, Tom Haley, Jim Britton.

The minutes of the Nov. 18, 1981 meeting were approved as read.

Tom Haley was present to express his concern about the condition of the Oblong Lake and offer suggestions for its improvement.

Pres. Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting and reported that three easements were still needed before construction on the Water Lines could begin.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay Christmas Bonuses to the Village Employees. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance, McGehee, Griggs, Wilson, Littlejohn, and Bayless all vote yea. There were no nays. Bonus's were paid as follows: Bob Lanter, Wanda Lanter, Hubert Seaney, Harry Shafer, and Terry Gish-\$35.00. Keith Foltz, Joann Mendenhall, Alice Jo Hammond, Berniece Henry, Lorraine Bay, Gary Lanter, and Wm. Sandiford and Irvin Catt were all given a bonus of \$25.00.

Reports were heard from Committee Chairmen.

Jim Britton reported that his home had been burglarized over the weekend. He had called sheriff's office and they had indicated that since Terry was out of town that we would have to wait until he returned for an investigation.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills, motion seconded by Otis Griggs. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Otis Griggs. All were in favor of adjournment.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### December 16, 1981

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 16, 1981 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Floyd Hinterscher, Reba Inboden, Bruce Simmons, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the Nov. 18, 1981 were approved as read.

Floyd Hinterscher was present to request permission for the taverns to stay open until 1:00 a.m. on Dec. 31, 1981 (New Years Eve).

Otis Griggs made a motion to grant this request. Motion seconded by Larry Lorance. Roll call vote as taken as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-nay, Littlejohn-yea There were 5 yeas and 1 nay. Motion carried.

The correspondence received since the last board meeting was reviewed by President Farley. It was reported also that Myrtle Deatherage had signed the water easement, leaving only two unsigned.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### January 6, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1982, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Hubert Seaney, Terry Gish, Weldon (Pete) Belew, Reba Inboden, Bruce Simmons.

The minutes of the meeting of December 16, 1981 were approved as read.

Weldon Belew was present to explain the present coverage on Hubert Seaney and his family and reported that on Hubert's return to work he would go back on the regular policy.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Otis Griggs. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. All in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### January 20, 1982

The Village Board met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 20, 1982.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Otis Griggs Jr., Myrl Littlejohn, Joe Bayless, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Reba Inboden, Bruce Simmons, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the meeting of January 6, 1982 were read and approved as read.

President Farley reported on letter from Connor & Connor regarding Step #1 planning. He complimented Bob Lanter and other employees for the good job done during the severe weather.

Rex McGehee reported the Freight company was coming to pick up the damaged playground equipment.

Otis Griggs reported that he had talked to Rick Chandler from Cox Cable T.V. and Mr. Chandler had indicated that the Cable T.V. should be completed by early summer.

Joe Bayless reported that he had received a request from Dick Ridlen of the Fair Board for a donation from the City's Band Fund. It was agreed that since the money's in this fund was levied for this purpose that the request would be granted.

Terry Gish reported that the parts were in for the transmission repair on the police car and that the job would be completed soon.

At 7:30 P.M. Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, Otis Griggs seconded the motion and motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

Feb. 3, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Larry Lorance, Myrl Littlejohn, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Phil Mendenhall, Terry Gish, Bruce Simmons, Bob Goss.

The minutes of the meeting of Jan. 20, 1982 were read and approved as read.

President Farley read a Proclamation which he had been asked to sign regarding a Rock & Roll Jamboree (rocking chairs and wheel chairs) to be held at the Ridgeview Care Center on behalf of the National Heart Fund. He also advised the board that an easement for water line had been signed by Ollie Henry, and stated that John Kelly was now the only hold out on the easements.

Phil Mendenhall was present to present the idea of F.M. radios in the village trucks instead of C.B. as it would be of greater benefit to the Fire Department at time of fires. He introduced Bob Goss who presented the pamphlets on F.M. radios and answered questions which the members had regarding the cost, etc.

Rex McGehee reported that Hubert Seaney's hospital bill had finally been paid by Mutual of Omaha.

Joe Bayless suggested that the city consider purchasing something for snow removal for driveways which are plowed in when the city plows the streets.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that catfish could be purchased at \$.50 each for restocking the lake. The fish would be at least 5" in length. He also mentioned the desire of the Ruritan club to have a display at the Park at Christmas time if the Village would pay the cost of electricity.

Bob Lanter reported that Harry Shafer had been sick. It was noted that Gary Lanter had been doing a good job in assisting Bob with the snow removal, water leaks, etc.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay bills. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: McGehee-yea, Lorance-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:15 P.M. and returned at 8:40 P.M. for the purpose of discussing possible ways of helping Hubert Seaney family out while he is unable to work.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Wilma Hepner-Clerk

Feb. 17, 1982

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 17, 1982.

Members Present: Larry Lorange-Mayor Pro-tem, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Tony Williams, Bruce Simmons.

The minutes of the meeting of Feb. 3, 1982 were approved as read.

Larry Lorange reviewed the correspondence received by Mayor Farley since the last meeting.

Tony Williams was present to discuss the agreement that had been made with the Board when land was purchased for the Fair Board, stating that the Fair Board could receive money from the State to purchase it if they could get the Village to give them a paid receipt. It was decided that this arrangement should be discussed with the lawyer who handled the previous arrangement before making any commitments.

Rex McGehee made a motion to give \$300.00 to the Fair Board out of the Band Fund to pay for the entertainment on Sunday night preceding the County Fair. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Tony Williams, as postmaster, was present to discuss and explain the pre-sort discount available if the water bills were to be broke down more than the in-town out of town sort which is the present method. After purchasing a \$40.00 permit there would be a \$.01 discount to break them down into towns and a \$.02 discount if broken down into carrier routes. He also asked permission to set up two relay boxes. One at Alabama & S. Range and the other to be determined at a later date. No decision to be made until the Board could check out the width of sidewalk and Tony could give the information regarding the size of the relay boxes.

A discussion was held regarding the purchase of F.M. radios but decided to postpone any decision until more board members could be present.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion that Village pay electricity as requested by Ruritan club for lights at city Park at Christmas time. Displays to be set up by Ruritans. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Lorange-yea. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Damage at park building was discussed and decided to check with insurance co. regarding damage done by snow and ice.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner-Clerk

March 3, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday March 3, 1982 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Reba Inboden.

The minutes of the meeting of Feb. 17, 1982 were approved as read.

President Farley reviewed the mail that had been received since last Board Meeting. He also reported that the Boy Scouts had asked permission to clean up the park as a service project. All Board Members were in favor of granting this request. The board also review the abstract of lots owned by Village in the South end of town.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. All in favor of adjournment.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

March 17, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 17, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk, Susie Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Reba Inboden, Bruce Simmons, Myrl Myerscough.

The minutes of the meeting of March 3, 1982 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting which included a letter from Mayor Mac of Palestine thanking the village for their loan of sewer solvent when they were having sewer problems.

Mr. Myerscough, a representative of CIPS was present to explain why they were requesting a rate increase. Among other things he mentioned that the cost of coal had went from \$4.00 a ton

to \$31.00 a ton. The proposed increase would mean an additional \$.38 per day or \$11.00 per month. He mentioned that they had started the equalized payment plan and he also mentioned that the needy elderly could be referred to the Embarrass River Basin Agency.

The board discussed the Ruritans desire to start cleaning up the collapsed sheltered area and using the salvaged material to build an open shelter if the Village would finance the purchase of any additional material needed. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to grant this request. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. There were 6 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:10 to discuss the sale of lots. They returned from executive session at 8:25. There was no motion made.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Gary Wilson. All in favor of adjournment.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### April 7, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 7, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Mike Connors, Reba Inboden.

President Farley presented Mike Connors, who went over the proposed street repairs of the M.F.T. maintenance program.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pass a resolution for maintenance of streets and highways by a municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to approve the Municipal estimate of Maintenance Costs of \$28,977.98. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley reported there would be more delays with the Cable T.V. installation because the CIPS was coming into town to put in some poles and update equipment before the Cable T.V. company could come in to do their work.

Inspection of the Water Tower was discussed and it was decided that the inspection should be done because it had been several years since the last inspection.

The board was advised that Wm. Sandiford would not be the care taker for the oil field museum this summer. The clerk was instructed to advertise in the help wanted ads.

Larry Lorance made a motion to retain the Kemper CPA group to audit the books for the 1981-82 yr. which would end April 30, 1982. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills for the month. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

It was reported that the dedication of the John Middleton Memorial Field would be May 15, 1982. There will be two ball games between Oblong and Bethalto High School, coached by Ron Middleton.

The purchase of radio equipment was discussed and Otis Griggs made a motion to purchase the radios from the Goss Shop for \$2993.25 with the cost being split between the Water Department revenue and the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that the Spring Clean-Up had been set for April 23 & 24, with dumpsters at the Park and Marathon lots where they usually were placed.

Terry Gish requested permission for he and Keith Foltz to be allowed to attend a Law Enforcement School on June 2 & 3. The Seminar is in regard to the Revised Ill. Vehicle Code.

The Board went into executive session at 9:20 and returned at 9:35 P.M.

Rex McGehee made a motion to rehire Robbie Dalrymple, Earl Smith, and Mike Coulter for summer work. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

April 21, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 21, 1982, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Linda Cravens.

The secretary read the minutes of April 7, 1982. There were no objections to the minutes.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt a resolution to accept bids on Lots 22, 23, 24 in the Odell Brothers Second Addition in the Village of Oblong. Bids to be opened on June 2, 1982. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for the bids in the newspaper, with the bids to be in the hands of the clerk by 7:00 P.M. on Tues. June 1, 1982.

Rex McGehee made a motion to have the water bills pre-sorted in order to qualify for the \$.01 discount. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting. He reported that Mrs. Wise, the grade school band teacher had asked permission to use the Band Shelter at the Park on May 16, and maybe on May 23 also. Permission was granted. Farley also reported the F.F.A. boys have a project building picnic tables. He instructed the park committee to check and see if the Village had some that needed replacing.

The clerk was instructed to put a notice in the paper declaring that there was to be "Absolutely no Dumping at the Lagoon."

President Farley also reported that word had been received from the Fair Board that they had received their grant and that all property purchased through the Village had been paid for.

Susie Tracy reported that the Peoples Building & Loan had offered to make a contribution toward feeding of the baseball players at the May 15<sup>th</sup> dedication of the John Middleton Memorial Field. The Ruritan Club had already offered to furnish the hamburger for the evening meal.

The board went into executive session at 8:25 for the purpose of discussing hiring of permanent help. They returned at 9:15 and no action of the matter was taken.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

May 5, 1982

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 5, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Reba Inboden, Terry Gish, George Dunlap.

The minutes of the April 21, 1982 were approved as read.

President Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last board meeting and reported that Mr. Kelly's easements had been signed after payment of his requested fee.

George Dunlap was present to request permission for a tent meeting to be held on his property and also permission to install a temporary bathroom. Since the property belonged to Mr. Dunlap it was the opinion of the board that he could do as he pleased. He was granted request for permission of temp. outdoor bathroom.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills. Motion seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:15 and returned at 9:10 P.M. Rex McGehee made a motion to hire Gary Lanter at a salary of \$1070.00 per month as of May 15, 1982 with salary to be reviewed again June 1983. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-nay, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. All in favor of adjournment and motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### May 18, 1982

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Official Board of the Village of Oblong on May 18, 1982 at 11:00 A.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Dave Kintner, Dewey Connor, Jim Calhoon.

President Farley called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting to accept bids for the MFT summer street repairs and maintenance.

The following bids were submitted:

Group I. Bituminous Materials RS-2 Furnished & Applied on Streets 12,741 gal. @ \$.82 a Gal...\$10,447.62 Lee Kintner & Sons

Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16, Crushed Stone furnished & applied on Streets 530 ton @ \$13.25 per ton...\$7,022.50 Kintner & Sons

Group II. Bituminous Patch Mix-Stock Pile in Oblong.  
200 ton @ \$25.00 per ton...\$5,000.00 R & S Asphalt  
200 ton @ \$23.50 per ton...\$4,700.00 Larry Heuerman

Jim Calhoun from Department of Transportation, Springfield, said the bids could be accepted at the next Board meeting since a quorum was not present. He also informed the board the lowest bid must be accepted if the material was acceptable and he said Mr. Heuerman's material had been inspected for other places and been found to be acceptable.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Joe Bayless. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### May 19, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 19, 1982 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Roger Henderson, Linda Cravens.

The Minutes of the May 5, 1982 and May 18, 1982 were approved as read.

Rex McGehee made a motion to accept the MFT bids of May 18<sup>th</sup> as follows: Group I-Lee Kintner & Sons, Bituminous Materials \$10,447.62, Seal Coat \$7022.50. Group II-Larry Heuerman \$4700.00. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas & 0 nays. Motion carried.

The committee activity reports were heard and the board went into Executive Session at 8:20 and returned at 8:30, for the purpose of discussing hiring of caretaker for the Oil Field Museum.

The board recessed at 8:30 P.M.-reconvened at 5:00 P.M. on Thurs. May 20, 1982.

Board member Larry Lorance joined the session at 5:00 P.M. on Thurs. May 20, 1982.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt Ord. 82-304, an ordinance authorizing use of Village of Oblong, Illinois, Real Property and Water Lines for the installation, repair, maintenance and removal of water lines by the Village of Oblong Water Department. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to hire Everett Rice as caretaker of the Oil Field Museum, to begin immediately, at a salary of \$425.00 per month. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Village Clerk

June 2, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wed. June 2, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, LaDonna Harris, Laitia Harris, Marla Richards, Ed Richards, Jeff Musgrave, Linda Cravens, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

President Farley recognized Mrs. Harris who with the others from the Dogwood 4-H group, requested permission to put up a flag pole next to the 4-H building. Permission was granted.

The bids for Lots Twenty-two, twenty-three, and twenty-four in the Odell Brothers second addition to the Village Oblong were opened. There was only one bid and that was for Lot #24, in the amount of \$3500.00.

Rex McGehee made a motion to accept this bid. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Farley-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley advised the board that it would be necessary to purchase the lot where the pump-house is now located. The F.H.A. requested that this purchase be made and recorded to comply with their requirements. The lot had previously been used with consent of owners with requirements of purchase. Farley also reported that he had received a letter from the Oblong Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church requesting permission to hold street meetings uptown. The Board requested permission to take this matter under consideration and be prepared to take a vote at a later date.

The board discussed the blocking off of R.R. Property being used as a thoroughfare. Also under discussion of a problem on W. Missouri Street at the Short residence with sewer backup...wanted village to pay for damages to their property.

The board went into executive session at 8:15 P.M. and returned at 8:30 P.M.-the purpose being salary for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Rex McGehee made a motion to increase salaries of the personnel as follows: Bob Lanter & Terry Gish...\$1301.00 per month, Wanda Lanter...734.00 per month, Harry Shafer...1150.00 per month, Keith Foltz...270.00 per month, Gary Lanter & Everett Rice to remain same as set at previous meeting. Salary of hourly employees and clothing allowances to remain the same as last year. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Otis Griggs. Roll call vote as follows: McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### June 16, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wed. June 16, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Bob Glezen, Lee Blin, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Richards, Brad Richards, Tony Williams, E.H. Price, Linda Cravens.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. Richards, spokeswoman for the 4-H club asked permission for two flag poles instead of the one that had been agreed upon. She also requested permission for a wash-rack on the S. Side of the 4-H building.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to grant these requests. Motion was seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bob Glezen, Manager of Mont Eagle Mills requested approval to issue Tax Free Bonds for their building project.

Joe Bayless made a motion, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn, that a Resolution be passed authorizing the execution and delivery of a Memorandum of Intent between the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois and Mont Eagle Mills, Inc. a Corp., providing the issuance by said village of Oblong, IL of approximately \$300,000 Principal amount of Revenue Bonds. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Paul Walker and Associates from Service Enterprise Corp. of Indianapolis was present to show pictures of the condition of the inside of the Village Water Tower and to present estimated cost of \$34,230 for its rehabilitation.

Larry Lorance made a motion to deny request from Allegheny Wesleyan Church to have street meetings because of lack of definite information as to how meeting would be held. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were 6 yeas & 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to sign contract with Paul Walker for the Water Tower repairs, subject to the right to cancel the contract within three days. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. Meeting adj. 10:20 P.M.

### July 7, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 7, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Danny Woods, Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Roger Henderson.

The minutes of the meeting of June 16<sup>th</sup> were approved as read.

Roger Henderson of Connor & Connor was present to report the progress of the Waterline project and it was decided to advertise for bids with the bid opening to be on Wed. Aug. 11, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. Otis Griggs made the motion to do this, with Rex McGehee seconding the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea. There were 5 yeas & 0 nays, with motion carrying.

Danny Woods, representing Kemper CPA Group gave the financial report for the Village on year ending April 30, 1982.

The Christian Churches request to use the Bandstand on Thurs., Sept. 9, 1982 was Granted with Rex McGehee making the motion and Larry Lorance seconding the motion. There were 5 yeas and 0 nays when the roll call was taken.

President Farley reported that Crawford County Opportunities would be holding a meeting in the Community Center on July 13, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. with Peter Fox to be the featured Speaker. The Board of Trustees were also invited to a dinner meeting at the Cedar Room in Hutsonville on July 12 at 6:30 to discuss C.C.O. projects in the area.

The clerk was instructed to write a letter to Audrey Wilson verifying the fact that her property was within the Village limits.

A request was received from Harry Shafer for a donation for the Shafer Electric ball team who were going to be playing in the State play-off in Moline, IL.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to donate \$75.00 toward their expenses. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, Wilson-yea, McGehee-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Griggs-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Request was received from Herb Jones for a 4-way stop sign at Taylor & Indiana, also a request was received for light repairs at horseshoe pits. No action taken.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills. Motion seconded by Otis Griggs Jr. Roll call vote: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### July 21, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wed. July 2, 1982 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz.

The minutes of the meeting of July 7, 1982 were approved as read.

President Farley reviewed the correspondence he had received since the July 7, 1982 board meeting.

The Board discussed the Water Tower repairs and Cable T.V. disc installation.

A petition with 169 names on it was received by the board in reference to something being done about the lake. President Farley reported that it had been treated and another load of chemicals had been received with which to further treat it.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt the proposed budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year and also the Appropriation Ordinance #82-306. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance reported that the treasurer had received word that the Village had not been paying IMRF on all qualified employees. Since the beginning the Village has only withheld and paid IMRF on the regular, full time salaried employees. Hourly wage people had not been included on the reports for IMRF. Only S.S. had been withheld and paid. It was agreed that the IMRF representative would be invited to speak to the board at the next board meeting.

Also reported was the fact that water from the Robinson-Palestine Water commission would cost 30% more, beginning Sept. 1, 1980. It was agreed that an increase would be necessary to the local water users.

The Police Radio equipment is in and can be installed now that the FCC license has arrived. Keith Foltz and Charlie Hoke are presently patrolling since Terry Gish's recent gallbladder surgery. Keith Foltz stated his concern regarding the bushes that needed trimming at the various corners. He also stated his appreciation for the board's thoughtfulness and consideration at the time of the death of his son.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### August 4, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4, 1982 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk, Susie Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Hubert Seaney, Linda Cravens, Robert Mair, Hermon Johnson.

Minutes of the previous meetings were approved as read.

IMRF representative Robert Mair was present to explain IMRF procedures. He explained that the Village came into the program in 1972 by choice. He explained the rules and regulations as of then and the present rules and regulations.

Hermon Johnson, representing Service Enterprise, Inc. who repaired the Water Tower was present to collect payment for their services for repairing the water tower. President Farley expressed the board's displeasure of the quality of work that had been performed and the amount of time involved in the repairs.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion was seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 82-307 pertaining to dogs. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. There were 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 82-309, the Tax Levy for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1982 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1983. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea. There were 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley reported complaints of people putting their garbage in the streets, yards, alleys, etc. and he said if the conditions aren't corrected shortly the offenders will be reported to the Board of Health.

It was reported that a truck had run over and split Harmon's new sidewalk.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### August 11, 1982

The Billage Board of Trustees met for a Special Meeting for the purpose of opening the bids received for construction of water transmission lines from Robinson to Oblong.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Henderson, Linda Cravens, Don Kieffer, Tom Hawkins, Mr. Korte, Bud Kinney, Chuck Kilby, Ted Sage, Ed Bates, Bill Nelson.

The bids were opened as follows:

1. William G. Knowles Construction Co. Chester, IL...\$381,834.00
2. Korte & Luitjohan Excavating Contractors Highland, IL...\$404,440.30
3. Chief Construction Co. Robinson, IL...515,955.00
4. Kieffer Bros. Construction Co. Mt. Carmel, IL...331,605.80
5. Best Construction & Drilling, Inc. Bridgeport, IL...498,065.64

Kieffer Bros. Construction Co., Mt. Carmel, IL was the low bidder. Connor & Connor representative Roger Henderson said that they, along with Mayor Farley and an F.H.A. representative would meet sometime within the next week and make recommendations to the Board so that the Official letting of the bid could be made at the regular board meeting on August 18, 1982.

Larry Lorance made to adjourn, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. Board adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

August 18, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 18, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Larry Lorance-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Roger Henderson, Linda Cravens, E.H. Price.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 4 and Special meeting of August 11, 1982 were approved as read.

Larry Lorance made a motion to award the contract for installation of the new water line installation to Kiefer Brothers Const. Co. of Mt. Carmel, IL, subject to approval of F.H.A. in the amount of \$331,605.80. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion, seconded by Larry Lorance, to adopt a Loan Resolution. A resolution of the City Council of the Village of Oblong, Illinois authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and or extending its Water System, whereas it is necessary for the Village of Oblong to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bonds in the principal amount of \$520,000.00.

A motion was made by Myrl Littlejohn, seconded by Joe Bayless that an Assurance Agreement be signed assuring the U.S. Department of Agriculture that the Village is in compliance with and will continue to comply with Title IV of the Civil Rights act of 1964. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion, seconded by Rex McGehee, that we the Board would agree to the Equal Opportunity Agreement, whereby the Village would agree not to discriminate. Roll call-4 yeas, 0 nays.

Rex McGehee made a motion, seconded by Larry Lorance to adopt Ordinance No. 82-308 amending the fixed rates and charges for the Water and Water Services furnished by the Municipal Water Works System of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, IL, effective as of Sept. 1, 1982.

The following shall be the rates for the water supplied by the Water Works System.

First...6,000 gallons or less	Min. fee of \$21.50
Next...4,000 gallons or less	\$2.40 per 1,000 gallon
Next...10,000 gallons or less	\$2.35 per 1,000 gallons
Next...10,000 gallons or less	\$1.95 per 1,000 gallons
Next...20,000 gallons or less	\$1.70 per 1,000 gallons
All over 50,000 gallons	\$1.20 per 1,000 gallons

Larry Lorance made a motion, seconded by Rex McGehee that Ordinance 82-310 be passed, authorizing and providing for the issue of \$520,000 Waters Revenue Bonds, Series 1981 of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois for the Purpose of defraying the cost of improving the Water-Works of said Village prescribing all the details of said bonds and providing for the collection, segregation, and distribution of the revenues of the Waterworks of said Village of Oblong. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Farley made mention of the fact that the FHA would require a Fidelity Bond for the treasurer in the amount of \$100,000 and Hilliard-Jones had been notified to increase the treasurers bond to this amount to meet the requirements.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt a resolution that would provide the annual 1,000 hours standard for IMRF Participation. The Resolution number to be 82-311. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote brought 4 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to instruct the clerk to advertise for bids for installation of 4,166 square feet of sidewalk with the usual 5 bag mix. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote brought 4 yeas, and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### September 1, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1982, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Otis Griggs Jr., Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Dave Krick, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt.

The minutes of the August 18, 1982 meeting were approved as read.

President Farley reviewed the correspondence received and then opened the bids for sidewalk repair. They were as follows: Robert Powers, Marshall, IL...\$2.22 per sq. ft....\$9248.52, Art Taylor Construction, Oblong...\$2.00 per sq. ft....8332.00, Dave Krick Construction, Oblong...\$1.65 per sq. ft....6873.90. Rex McGehee made a motion to accept the bid of David Krick for a low bid of \$6783.90. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance reported on the C.D. Renewals.

Rex McGehee reported that he had been approached by the Chamber of Commerce for a donation.

Rex McGehee made a motion, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn, to give \$500.00 to the Chamber of Commerce to be used for the Halloween Parade expenditures and Christmas Light Rental. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Otis Griggs. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bob Lanter requested that the clerk write a letter to the Fire Department in care of Bill Holt authorizing the fire protection dist. to run the Village frequency in their portable radios. Clerk was instructed to comply with this request.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### September 15, 1982

The Village board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Bob Glezen, Arlene Watt, Thelma Tipton, Gale Inboden, Roger Henderson.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Aug. 28, 1982 were approved as read.

Bob Glezen was present for the signing of Ordinance No. 82-312 providing for the issuance Revenue Bonds by Village of Oblong, IL for the Mont Eagle Mills, Inc. construction project.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt ord. 82-312. Motion was seconded by Otis Griggs Jr. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, Griggs-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Thelma Tipton was present to request sidewalks be repaired beside her house before she had a new driveway installed. Pres. Farley referred her request to the Sidewalk Committee to check it out.

Gale Inboden was present to question Fullers Garbage Pick Up practices and wanted bridge in front of his house leveled up so the cars passing wouldn't make so much noise.

Roger Henderson was present for the signing of more papers for the Waterline Project by the mayor and clerk.

After committeemen reports, Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Otis Griggs. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

9/28/82

A special meeting was called for the purpose of authorizing the passage of Ordinance No. 82-310 (This was a corrected copy). The ordinance had previously been approved but after several errors in its contents were discovered it was decided to approve the corrected copy. Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Gary Wilson, Otis Griggs Jr., Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Larry Lorance-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt the Revised Ordinance no. 82-310. Rex McGehee seconded the motion and roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

October 6, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Weldon Belew, Arlene Watt, Roger Henderson.

The minutes of the Meeting of Sept. 15, 1982 were approved as read.

Roger Henderson was present to remind the board that Keifer Construction's bid was good for only 60 days from August 11. Due to delay in Publishing the Ordinance in it's corrected form on Sept. 28, 1982 construction would not begin in 60 days from time of bidding. Keifer has agreed to an extension if the board would agreed to liable for crops that are damaged in the spring after planting.

Weldon (Pete) Belew was present to explain the Mutual of Omaha's failure to pay Elizabeth Seaney's insurance claim. After investigation it was determined that Elizabeth Seaney's insurance premiums had not been paid by the Village because Mutual of Omaha and neglected to bill for same. Mutual agreed to pay all claims if the Village would pay all premiums due to Jan. 1, 1983 which they did.

Rex McGehee made a motion to let the bids for Insurance Package which included coverage for all types of insurance except Health. Bids to be opened on November 17, 1982. Otis Griggs seconded the motion and roll call vote taken as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs reported that he had contacted Fuller Disposal & Dowty Disposal regarding roll-off boxes for Fall Clean-Up and reported that Fuller wanted \$100 per box and Dowty \$75.00 per box. It was decided to advertise that the Roll-off boxes would be at the South end of town only on Oct. 22 & 23 and would try Dowty this time since Fuller could not be depended upon to supply them.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to increase the Shoe Allowance for Safety Shoes to ½ of price but not more than \$25.00 per 1 pair per year. Gary Wilson seconded this motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Reports we made concerning dogs running loose and rough pavement in front of Harold Otey House.

The secretary was instructed to advertise Ordinance 82-307 and ordinance pertaining to dogs at large.

Otis Griggs made motion to pay bills. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 9:00 P.M. to discuss personnel and returned at 9:10 at which time Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### October 20, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Arlene Watt, Keith Foltz, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Thelma Tipton & cousin from Montana, Roger Henderson.

The minutes of Oct. 6, 1982 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting, which included a letter of resignation from Keith Foltz who is taking a full-time position with the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.

Larry Lorange made a motion to accept Keith Foltz resignation. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were six yeas and no nays. Motion carried.

Thelma Tipton thanked the board for putting in the sidewalk in front of her house and on behalf of her sister, requested the village repair the sewer to her sister's house. Farley reported the problem to the sewer committee to investigate.

Roger Henderson reported that Mr. Price, the village attorney was on top of everything and had requested 100,000 from F.H.A. to start the water line project.

Gary Wilson made the motion to set Thursday Night, October 28, 1982 as Trick or Treat Night from the hours of 6 to 9 P.M. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. All yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. It was suggested that people be instructed to turn their porch lights on if the trick or treaters were welcome.

Joe Bayless made a motion to buy a mobile radio for the Snow Plow truck. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bob Lanter reported that Hubert Seaney was back to work on a ½ day basis.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to hire Charlie Hoke to fill the position left vacant by Keith Foltz with the same pay and clothing allowance. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. All were in favor.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### November 3, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1982 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Susie Tracy, Wilma Hepner.

Others Present: Arlene Watt, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Bob Codgill.

The minutes of the meeting of Oct. 20, 1982 were approved as read.

President Farley report on the Water Line Project-The F.H.A. had met with them for a construction meeting but since we did not have the bonds yet he did not give the check. Keifer Bros. Reported that the cost of the pipe was going up on November 11 and if construction not started by then the cost would increase.

Bob Codgill from Management Risk (Ill. Municipal League) explained their insurance program.

A reported call from the High School regarding an Ad in the Annual was discussed and the board decided not to participate. President Farley also reported getting a call from Mayor Morris of Robinson regarding the donating of \$100.00 to send Sammy Davis, a Vietnam Vet, to Washington D.C. on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board members felt that personal donations were in order but did not feel free to donate from taxpayer funds.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that 85 channel cat had been put in the lake. Bob Lanter reported that Hubert Seaney had returned to work on a part-time basis since his working would put an end to S.S. and IMRF payments it would be necessary to put him on full salary.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. There were 0 nays and the motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### November 17, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 17, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Otis Griggs Jr., Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Rondel Boyd, Bob Emmons, Arlene Watt, Charlie Hoke.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read by the clerk.

President Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting and then opened the bids on the Insurance program from the following year.

The bids submitted as follows: Ron Westall for Country Companies...\$10,479.20, Boyd-Ikemire Insurance Agency...8,963.00 + \$300.00 if increasing the Umbrella Policy another \$1,000,000. Larry Lorance made a motion to accept the Boyd-Ikemire bid and add \$1,000,000 coverage to the Umbrella Policy. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for Part-time Patrolmen because of the recent resignation of Charlie Hoke.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pass Resolution 82-311 authorizing pension service credit for Berniece Henry for the yrs. of 78-79. Myrl Seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there was 6 yeas and no nays. Motion carried.

Employee Christmas Dinner was set for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### December 1, 1982

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting, which included a letter from a concerned citizen regarding all-day parking by employees of the business located up town. Since this problem had been discussed but never acted upon Mayor Farley suggested Clerk retype a copy of an ordinance made up some years back and have ready for presentation at the Board meeting on Dec. 15, 1982.

Mayor Farley reported that the Water Line project had begun.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay bills. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 7:50 to discuss the hiring of Patrolman and they returned at 8:10 P.M.

Gary Wilson made a motion to hire Randall Stevenson as part time patrolman at \$250.00 per month for four months work on a probationary period of 90 days. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. There were 4 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

December 15, 1982

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 15, 1982.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Arlene Watt, Rick Houadasheldt, Bob Lanter, Harry Spiller, Charles Mouser.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Rick Houdasheldt was present to present estimates of repairing the bandstand. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to go ahead with the needed repairs. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Harry Spiller was present to discuss the Emergency Services at the time of the Tornado in Oblong. He said there were reports that Oblong blamed him for lack of help at that time.

President Farley reported that the caucus for the coming election would be held at the Town Hall on January 13, 1983.

The bids for the C.B. equipment were opened and read as follows: Cobra Base 139...\$50.00 from Pat Stigler, Beam Base Antenna...32.50 from Bob Stigler, Total Package of equipment...100.00 from Rondel Boyd, CB #3 (Browning-40 ch)...25.00 from Dallas Needs, Cobra Base 139...75.00 from Jack Gallion, Total Package of equipment...150.00 from Phil Mendenhall, Total Package of equipment...185.00 from Dale Slane. Rex McGehee made motion we accept bids of Dale Slane for \$185.00 for the entire package of equipment. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adopt Ordinance 82-312, regulating parking on Main and Range Streets from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

An additional police car radio was discussed. Charles Mouser was present to answer any question the board had on the one he was offering to sell for \$400.00. It was reported that the cost for a new one would be \$2200.00.

Larry Lorange made a motion to purchase the one from Charles Mouser in the amount of \$400.00. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call votes were taken. There were 6 yeas and no nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to pay the same Christmas Bonuses as in the past. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. The following people were to be paid: \$35.00-Bob Lanter, Wanda Lanter, Gary Lanter, Harry Shafer, Hubert Seaney, Terry Gish. The following were to be paid \$25.00-Randall Stevenson, Joann Mendenhall, Alice Jo Hammond, Berneice Henry, Lorraine Bay, Everett Rice, and Irvin Catt.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Otis Griggs. All in favor of this motion.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### January 5, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 5, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorange-Mayor Protem, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Arlene Watt, Roger Henderson, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Roger Henderson of Connor & Connor reported that the closing with F.H.A. for the Water Line project was expected to be held Jan. 20, 1983. At present we owe Keifer Const. \$117,089.45 for pipe and other materials.

Larry Lorange reported that Berniece Henry had given him her resignation which was effective as of this date. Clerk Hepner was instructed to advertise for help for 3 days a week at the Activity Center.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay bills. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Lorange-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:35 and returned at 8:40.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to grant Hubert Seaney a medical leave of absence as per his request. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Otis Griggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

Jan. 19, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 19, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Mike Davis, Randy Stevenson, Bill Watkins (came later).

The minutes of the meeting of Jan. 5, 1983 were approved as read.

Under discussion was the F.H.A.-Water line project loan closing, street lighting, F.F.A. project of installation of monkey bars at the park and the C.B. Club's desire to put some benches uptown. Also Terry Gish said the squad car was in constant need of repair and wondered if the board would consider the purchase of a new one. Bill Watkins was present to request permission to build a garage and body shop and he was informed that the village had no zoning ordinances therefore he was free to build whatever he desired on his property. He also requested a copy of the liquor ordinance.

The board went into executive session at 7:45 P.M. and returned at 8:12 P.M.

Gary Wilson made a motion to hire Avonelle Purcell and Leah Chiddix at minimum wage to work at the activity center, with Leah to work at the water office also when necessary. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

February 3, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees of Oblong, IL met in regular session on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Pres., Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt.

The minutes of the meeting of Jan. 19, 1983 were approved as read.

The Waterline project was discussed and President Farley announced that there would be another meeting with F.H.A. at the Connor & Connor office on Feb. 9, for the signing of \$100,000 more bonds.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills. Motion seconded by Otis Griggs. Roll call vote taken as follows: Lorance-yea, Griggs-yea, Bayless-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. All voted "yea" and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Wilma Hepner

### February 17, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wed. Feb. 17, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Roger Henderson, Jim Ping.

Mayor Farley informed the Board that Archie Coker had purchased the Oblong Tavern from Bill Watkins.

A letter was acknowledged from State Biologist Merle Price, stating that fish progress in the lake has been good. He recommended no additional stocking in 1983 but we should try to control the vegetation.

Reports were given about and general discussion held concerning the Waterline project. Susie told of the opening of the required bank accounts.

Art issued information acquired by last summer's sewer system investigation. The information is to be reviewed by Trustees and discussed at a later date.

Jim Ping asked the Village to check the condition of the street edge and drainage ditch in front of his residence.

Some complaints were acknowledged about the lack of pickup by our disposal service people. Specifically in the business district and the Village Park.

Motion was made by Rex McGehee to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. All yeas, no nays. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Larry Lorance in absence of Clerk, Wilma Hepner

March 2, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wed. March 2, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Rob Dalrymple.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed a letter from Kemper CPA group requesting his signature if the board wished to retain them as auditors. The board was in favor of keeping their services and Mayor Farley signed the letters so stating. Art also read invitation to Marathon Tank Service Open House.

The board discussed the feasibility of purchasing a backhoe.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea, McGehee-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex reported that the committee had checked the need for street lights in additional locations and made recommendations for areas needing additional lights.

Mayor Farley reported having received request from Bernie Gray, mayor of Hutsonville and Pres. of C.C.O. for a donation for advertising for new industry in foreign papers such as Taiwan, Japan, etc. It was decided that no decision would be made at this time as this needed further consideration and discussion.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

March 16, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 16, 1983 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watts, Ken Tracy Jr.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

President Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting, from E.P.A., Cox Cable T.V., ESDA Police and Crawford County Opportunities.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to C.C.O. the requested \$200.00 for advertising in foreign trade papers. Otis Griggs seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ken Tracy Jr. was present to request permission to tie on to the existing waterline if the new line had not been installed yet when his new house was built on E. Rt. 33. He was advised that he could do so.

Everett Rice sent word he would like to start work before April 15, getting the museum ready to open. Irvin Catt requested to start work before his usual April 1 date. After some discussion it was decided that the starting dates would remain the same as in previous years.

Request was again received for a light pole behind the Furniture store and laundromat but it was decided this pole was not on village property and therefore the Village could not supply the light.

Gary Wilson, chairman of law enforcement committee requested that Randy Stevenson's probation period be extended another 30 days. The board agreed to this request.

Under further discussion was the County's request for a \$200.00 fee for dispatcher service and Oblong's Spring Clean up dates.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. All in favor. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### April 6, 1983

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, April 6, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Otis Griggs Jr., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Arlene Watt, Dick Hunnicutt, Joe Bliss.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reported that Oblong had received their first share of the cable t.v. receipts in the amount of \$876.00.

Sheriff Dick Hunnicutt and Chairman of the County Board, Joe Bliss were present to explain why the Village of Oblong was being billed \$200.00 per month for Dispatcher fee. A bill was presented but no approval of payment was given at the meeting.

Mayor Farley reported that Vic Bostwick was planning on selling the Activity Center. He stated that if was unable to sell the building that the rent would have to be raised to \$200.00 per month to cover expenses.

Larry Lorange made a motion to pay bills. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Griggs-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Chairmen of the various committees made their reports.

The Mayor and board of trustees expressed their gratitude to Otis Griggs for serving on the board for the past two years.

Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Otis Griggs. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

April 20, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 20, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Roger Henderson.

Mayor Farley welcomed Jack Gallion back to the Board of Trustees and appointed committees to serve for the next two years as follows:

Finance Committee: Larry Lorange-Chairman, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless

Water/Sewer Committee: Joe Bayless-Chairman, Jack Gallion, Larry Lorange

Police Committee: Gary Wilson-Chairman, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorange

Park/Building Committee: Myrl Littlejohn-Chairman, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson

Street/Alley Committee: Jack Gallion-Chairman, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn

Sidewalk/Light Committee: Rex McGehee-Chairman, Joe Bayless, Jack Gallion

Larry Lorange made a motion to adopt resolution to add 10 additional lights to the Village's Street Lighting Contract. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Gallion-yea, Littlejohn (not present as yet) 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Farley congratulated Bob and others for receiving commendation letter from the E.P.A.

He also read a letter from Rev. & Mrs. Cole, who parked their Trailer at the park during the time they held revival at Dogwood Church.

Roger Henderson was present to present their current bills for Engineering services for waterline project.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay Engineer's invoice. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Gallion-yea. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the \$200.00 per mo. to the county treasurer for Dispatching Services at the County Jail. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Wilson-yea, Bayless-yea, Gallion-yea. 6 reluctant yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the applications for summer work, after which Larry Lorance made a motion to rehire Mike Coulter, and hire Joey Allen, Greg Mendenhall, and Rick Littlejohn for summer at minimum wage, with one to work in the park and the others on streets. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:41 and returned at 8:50 P.M. Rex McGehee made a motion to take Randall Stevenson off probation status and put him on as part time patrolman, giving him a clothing allowance of \$150.00 per year and pay him \$270.00 per month for working 1 day a week with overtime at \$5.50 per hour. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### May 4, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, May 4, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Arlene Watt, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the meeting of April 20, 1983 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last board meeting.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Ruritan's requested permission for a circus on May 22 at the Park between the hours of 2 and the closing of the last performance at 4 o'clock. Permission granted.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### May 18, 1983

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, May 18, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorance-Mayor Protem, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Dewey Connor, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Linda Cravens, Jerry Smith.

The minutes of the meeting of May 4, 1983 were approved as read.

Dewey Connor of Connor & Connor was present to review the proposed 1983 MFT Program.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Maintenance of Street & Highways by Municipality's under the Ill. Highway Code in the amount of \$40,000.00. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Gallion-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jerry Smith of the Henpeck C.B. Club was present to request permission for a flea market on Saturday, Aug. 20. Permission was granted.

Larry Lorance reviewed the correspondence received by Mayor Farley since the last board meeting. He also reported having talked with the county treasurers office about the reported instructions to the Village to pay \$150.00 quarterly for Civil Defense expense. It was found that the village had received the instructions in 1978 and had paid the correct amount for awhile and then there was a period when no amount was paid and later the amount picked up to pay was \$100.00 which is what the Village has been paying since 1979.

Rex McGehee reported that Larry Smith had asked permission to move a pop machine out on the sidewalk but after much discussion all board members agreed that this would not be a good idea.

Gary Wilson reported that Phil Mendenhall had invited the Board of Trustees to a meeting at the firehouse regarding a Disaster plan.

Also discussed was the E.U.B. Churches request for putting up no parking signs at the N. West door for unloading passengers from the Church Van, the construction of a building at the park and a drainage problem at property in the North end of town, with the Street & Alley Committee to check the drainage problem and then make recommendations to the Board. Also reported was trouble at the trailer park but since the neighbors would not sign a complaint there was nothing that could be enforced legally.

The Board went into executive session at 8:30 P.M. and returned at 8:55 P.M.

Gary Wilson made a motion to hire Jack Cunningham as an auxiliary law enforcement officer. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. The salary was set at \$5.50 per hour and the Village to furnish one uniform with accessories. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Wilson-yea, Gallion-yea There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Protem, Larry Lorance, appointed Jack Gallion and Joe Bayless as a committee of two to look for a ¾ ton truck for Village Operations needs this summer.

Gary Wilson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. All yeas, no nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Village Clerk

### June 1, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 1, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Gary Wilson, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Arlene Watt, Roger Henderson, George Dunlap, Robbie Dalrymple.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Roger Henderson from Connor & Connor engineering firm was present to give the board an update on the progress of the Waterline project and a report on a meeting with the E.P.A. official on the Sewer System. He explained that work on the Storm Sewers would not be covered by the E.P.A. grant for which we are eligible. Mr. Henderson also submitted for approval their bill in the amount of \$2,305.49 and Keifer Const. bill in the amount of \$34,192.47.

Rob Dalrymple was present to announce that there would be an official dedication & proclamation of the signing of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Oblong. This to take place on Sat. June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1983 at 11:00 A.M. He requested that the board members be present for the reenactment of the signing that took place 100 years ago. He requested that the people of the Village dress up in clothes like that worn in that period of time.

He also reported that there would be displays of antiques in the store windows and that there would be sidewalk sales and exhibits on the weekend of July 23, 1983.

George Dunlap was present to call the boards attention to the mosquito invested lot near him was not being mowed and requested that the board contact the absentee owners requesting that it be mowed.

Mayor Farley reported that Mrs. Vic Bostwick had contacted him again about the possibility of the Village purchasing the building from them which is being used for the Activity Center.

Joe Bayless gave a report on the possible purchases of a truck. He made the motion to purchase a 1967 ¾ ton truck listed by Wachtel Ford and previously owned by Mose Batman of Batman Advertising. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Gallion yea. Motion carried.

Also under discussion was additional water pressure in the Westview Addition of Robinson. A 50 x 20 building on park property and the approximate cost of said building. Local contractor Rick Houdasheldt figured the cost to be \$6200.00 and Pat Cooper at 7,219.23.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the monthly bills, Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Gallion-yea.

The board went to executive session at 8:50 P.M. and returned at 9:30 P.M.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt the following salary schedule for the period June 1, 1983 until June 1, 1984. Terry Gish-\$1380.00 per mo., Bob Lanter-1380.00 per mo., Harry Shafer-1230.00 per mo., Gary Lanter-1190.00, Wanda Lanter-780.00, Randy Stevenson-280.00 (works one day per week), Everett Rice-450.00. Joe Bayless seconded the motion and roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Wilson-yea, Gallion-yea. There were 6 yea's and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to purchase Activity Center building from Vic and Betty Bostwick at the requested price of \$15,000.00. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor of this purchase. There was no negative votes.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Lorance seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### June 15, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 15, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee, Larry Lorance-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Larry & Cheryl Komnick, Larry Jennings, Rob Dalrymple.

The minutes of the meeting of June 1, 1983 were approved as read.

Larry & Cheryl Komnick of K.C. Disposal were present to discuss a possible franchise for Garbage Pick-up in the village of Oblong. They said they would have \$7.00 per month and suggested that the Spring Cleanup would need to be put in a fenced in area and then they could load it on their trucks.

Larry Jennings was present to present a copy of the Belt Buckle the Oblong Community Club had chosen for a Centennial Edition.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion, seconded by Larry Lorance to accept the Belt buckle submitted by the Oblong Community Club, to be the official belt buckle for the 1983 centennial. The purchasers of the buckles will be recorded in the official minutes after all 500 are sold. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea. There were 6 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Farley reviewed a Bulletin from Ill. Municipal League regarding Mandatory Collective Bargaining & Binding Arbitration.

Kevin Utterback was granted permission to hook on to the new line, where he is planning to build a house across from Bill Holt.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

#### June 21, 1983 (Special Meeting)

The Village Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting for the purpose of accepting Bids for repairs and maintenance of the Village Streets at the office of Connor & Connor at 2 P.M. on June 21, 1983.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Mr. Connor & Mr. Calhoon.

The following bids were received and herewith recorded:

Group I-Bituminous Material RS-2 @ \$.82 gal. for total of \$16,916.60, Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16 @ 13.75 ton for total of 11,825.00. Bid total by Kintner & Sons...\$28,741.00

Group II-Bituminous Patch Mix @ 24.00 per ton for total of 4,800.00. Bid by R & S Asphalt.

Group III-Corr. Steel Culv. Pipe TYI 10" @ 6.25 lin. ft. 1000.00. Bid by Clark County Metal.

No other bids were received.

Larry Lorance made a motion to approve the bids as received and Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Bayless-yea, Farley-yea.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### July 6, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 6, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Roger Henderson, Linda Cravens, Danny Woods, Randy Dowty and his mother Mrs. Dowty.

Mayor Farley reviewed correspondence.

Danny Woods from the Kemper CPA Group gave an audit report and made several suggestions which are in writing in our correspondence file.

Dowty Disposal representatives were present to explain their present landfill situation and explained that they are trying to purchase 27 more acres. They said they would, if offered the contract, do a pick-up in Oblong in 2 days, maybe dividing the North & South side or possibly the East & West sides. Probably charge to be \$6.00. They explained they had 23 people hired and ran 8 or 9 trucks daily.

Roger Henderson was present for papers to sign by Mayor Farley and request meeting be set up for signing of more bonds for expenditures on the Waterline Project. Meeting set for July 22, at 10 A.M. at office of Connor & Connor.

It was reported that E.H. Price had done the title opinion on the Activity Center building and would soon have papers ready for signing.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills for the month, including ones not yet on the vouchers. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote taken and all voted yea. There were no nays.

Mayor Farley cautioned bicycle riders not to ride their bikes through the business district and requested that they be walked through. Clerk instructed to put notice in paper regarding the above mentioned.

Garbage pick-up was discussed and it was decided that bidding was not necessary since taxpayer money is not being spent. Committee of Art Farley, Larry Lorance, and Joe Bayless to meet with Dowty and also K & C Disposal of Lawrenceville to try and work out a franchise & report back to the board on the meeting of July 20<sup>th</sup> for approval or disapproval.

Terry reported that he would be off work beginning Aug. 3 as he was scheduled for surgery on that date.

Bob Lanter requested \$625.00 for a Sprayer for the park. Gary Wilson made a motion to purchase the sprayer from Ablinger & Kirts. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Susie Tracy

### July 20, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 20, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Myrl Littlejohn, Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Linda Cravens.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed correspondence and reported that he had received the deed for the Activity Center and would record it. He reported that the taxes were to be proted for 1983 assessment.

Larry Lorance made a motion to approve Ordinance #83-312 which is the Appropriation of Village funds for the year ending April 30, 1984. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to hire K. & C. Disposal of Lawrenceville to pick up garbage in the Village on a 1 yr. contract. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea.

Mayor Farley reported that they had a meeting at the WestView addition in Robinson regarding installation of new water lines there and would ask FHA opinion on getting the additional money for this project.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

August 3, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 3, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Joe Bayless, Larry Lorange, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Linda Cravens, Weldon (Pete) Belew.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last board meeting and reported problems of loitering on the benches on the uptown streets. It was reported that Fran Jones and removed the ones belonging to the city from in front of his business by taking them to the park. It was decided that possibly one could be set in front of the Activity Center. The ones belonging to the C.B. Club were still in place and it would be decided later what disposition to make of them.

Larry Lorange made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion was seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call was taken and all were in favor of paying the bills.

The committee chairman reports were heard and Pete Belew gave a report on the upcoming changes on the group policy covering the full time employees.

Sidewalk repair was discussed and Rex McGehee made a motion to advertise for bids for repair & replacement of 1,186 linear feet of sidewalks. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and there were 6 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

August 17, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 17, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter & Leonard Schernekau.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The bids on Replacement of sidewalks in the Village of Oblong were opened. They were as follows: David Krick-1186 linear feet...\$1.98 per sq. ft.-9,393.12, VanDyke Builders...2.04 sq. ft.-9,682.37, Robert Powers...1.59 per sq. ft.-7,542.96, George Murphy...1.60 per sq. ft.-7,590.40, Fuller Trucking & Excv...1.49 per sq. ft.-7,068.56, Leonard Schernekau...1.41 and ¼ per sq. ft.-6,700.90. Rex McGehee made a motion to accept the low bid of Leonard Schernekau and Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call taken as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-nay, Gallion-yea. There were 5 yeas and 1 nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Farley read a letter from Ron Moser, assistant minister at the First Christian Church in which he requested permission to use the grandstand at the park on Sunday September 11, 1983 during the hours of 1:30 P.M. and 4 P.M. for a "Almost-Anything Goes" type meeting. Permission was granted.

Bob Lanter gave an update on the new Water Line installation. Also discussed was the progress of the update of the Westview Addition.

Larry Lorange moved to adopt Tax Levy Ord. 83-313 for the year of 1983. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote taken and there were 6 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Everett Rice had sent word that Lincoln Trail wanted the Village to take the Marathon Refinery display which they had and house it in the Oblong Museum. It was reported that someone from Findley had stopped in to say that they would send someone to set the display up.

Group Health insurance was discussed after which Rex McGehee made a motion to accept the new policy as offered by Mutual of Omaha. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and there were 0 nays and 6 yeas.

Bob Lanter requested permission to purchase a new bucket for the backhoe as the present one was too large for most jobs. No action was taken until the board could investigate the possibility of purchasing a used one. Bob also requested permission to attend a Water Superintendent's convention Sept. 13 thru Sept. 16. Larry Lorange made a motion to allow Bob to attend this convention and seminar and advance him \$300.00 for expenses, with additional funds if needed. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

September 7, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 7, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Gary Wilson, Larry Lorange, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Janice Loughery, Roger Henderson, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Roger Henderson was present to present bills from Keifer Construction and Connor & Connor Engineering bill for the month of August. A discussion of the Waterline project followed.

Larry Lorange made a motion to amend the adoption to purchase Health Policy with a 100.00 deduction and elect to provide a policy for the employees with a \$250.00 deductible, with the Village to reimburse employees the extra \$150.00 paid. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea 5 yeas & 0 nays. Motion carried. The price of the policy would be \$728.64 per month compared to over \$900.00 per month for \$100.00 deductible.

A discussion was held regarding the possibilities of building a new Municipal Building. It was decided that the feelings and ideas of the residents should be heard and the clerk was instructed to put an ad in the paper announcing such a meeting to be held Tuesday, September 27, 1983 at 7:00 P.M. at the Oblong Activity Center.

The clerk announced that she had received a request for a Homecoming Parade to be held on September 23, 1983 and the mayor had received a request for a parade permit for Sat. Oct. 29, 1983. The clerk was instructed to send the application for the Parade permits to the Illinois Department of Transportation at Effingham as usual.

A report was heard from Gary Wilson regarding the complaints regarding an unusual amount of bird habitation in the Southwest part of town. He reported that several men experienced in shooting had offered to try their hand in getting the birds scared from the area.

Larry Lorange made a motion to pay the monthly bills, Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were 5 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Hepner

Sept. 21, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Gary Wilson, Larry Lorange, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Jerry Underwood, Jim Wallace, Joe McCammon, Janice Loughery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Jim Wallace of the Crawford County ESDA and Jerry Underwood of the Amateur Radio Operators Assoc. was present to discuss the weather warning system for Crawford County and Oblong area and requested donation from the Village for a new item of equipment that would enable the warning to come thru cable t.v. station for this area. Oblong's share to be \$540.00 figured on the number of cable subscribers in the area.

A request was received for permission for a bike-a-thon by Jim Knollenberg for St. Jude's Hospital. Permission was granted. Also, Jack Gallion made the motion that the Village of Oblong should declare October 16 thru 23, 1983 to be National Lupus Week. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were 6 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

After committee chairmen reports were heard Gary Wilson made a motion to donate the \$540.00 toward the purchase of the Interrupt Warning System for use by Cox Cable T.V. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A request had been received from Steve Graham sponsor of the FFA to build a pavillion at the park and dedicate it to Doyt Musgrave. Since the Village Board had already discussed the possibility of building a new pavillion it was decided that possibly this could be a joint effort.

Susie Tracy presented a request that she had received from the Chamber of Commerce of Oblong to get the Robinson Street Sweeper to come over and do streets after fall follies, which they had agreed to do for \$20.00. It was the opinion of the board that this was not needed since Oblong has an adequate street sweeper.

Joe Bayless made a motion to purchase an Electronic TW-5 Pipe finder from Sinder, Inc. of Washington, IL. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and Lorange, McGehee, Bayless, Wilson, Littlejohn, and Gallion all voted yea. There were no nays.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorange. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

October 5, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 5, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Joe Bayless-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Roger Henderson, Janice Loughery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence since the last meeting and told of a meeting with Cox Cable representatives in which they stated that it was going to be necessary to raise the rates to cable t.v. customers in the amount of \$.75 per customer. Board approval is necessary for this rate change, however failure to approve will make it necessary for another meeting with two members of our board, two of their representatives and a third person to decide whether the rate change can be made.

A discussion was held concerning other possible building sights for a new municipal building than those mentioned at the community meeting.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills. A second to that motion was made by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman reports were heard and it was decided that Trick or Treat night would be on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and only where porch lights were turned on.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jack Gallion. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### October 19, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 1983.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Janice Loughery, Roger Henderson.

Roger Henderson was present to present papers for request for reimbursements of Step I billing on Sewer Improvement and to get signatures on requests to be sent to EPA.

Also acknowledged was a letter from Tom Beyers of FHA in regard to Westview Water Improvements. Pipe has been ordered and delivered.

There was a general discussion of possibilities for New Village Hall.

A motion was made by Jack Gallion, seconded by Joe Bayless to approve the increase requested by Cox Cable Inc. as follows (Ord. 83-314): Basic fee for Mo...\$8.75, Installation charge for New accounts...\$20.00, Additional outlet service rate...\$3.00. Roll call as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Permission to block North & South Range Streets on eve of Oct. 28 for Halloween activities on the 29<sup>th</sup> and also to allow trailer with electronic games was granted.

It was reported that the Activity Center & Water Office roofs were leaking. Joe Bayless and committee instructed to obtain a couple of estimates on roof repair.

Permission was granted for the Christian Church to block off street in front of church for picture on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### November 2, 1983

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 2, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Janice Loughery, Brian Brookheart, Roger Henderson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley read the bids that had been received on roof repair as follows: Tri-County Roofing Activity Center roof...\$7361 (or subtract 2,602 for alternate plan #1 and add \$195.00 for each unit removed for alternate plan #2). Water office roof...\$1,655.00. Martinsville Roofing...Act. Center-\$4,320, Water Dept.-220.00.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion, seconded by Jack Gallion to review the bid proposals on the roof and take action at a later date. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance, McGehee, Bayless, Littlejohn, and Gallion all voted yea. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Roger Henderson was present to give an update on the Westview water line and to present an engineering bill for \$2197.51.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence from Cox Cable T.V. thanking us for our cooperation in the rate increase proposal and a letter from the Oblong Community Club pledging their support for the proposed new municipal building.

Building plans were discussed and Mayor Farley appointed a Special Building Committee of Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, and Larry Lorance, with Gary Wilson to act as chairman.

Mayor Farley presented a request from Mick Cravens to lease the activity center for New Year's Eve party. The Village board felt that this was a decision to be made by the Activity Center Board and they would go along with whatever that board decided. Any other request for lease of building to be sent to Activity Center Board for consideration.

The board agreed to reimburse treasurer Susie Tracy for expenses incurred on trip to Olney for IMRF meeting.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Larry Lorance. Roll call vote taken, with all members present voting "yea."

Lorance reported that the old records showed that the Village paid for 1/3 of the cost where Town Hall stands in April, 1904 but in 1915 the village deeded over their interest to the Township.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. Mot. carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

Nov. 16, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Myrl Littlejohn, Gary Wilson, Jack Gallion, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Janice Loughery, Terry Gish, Brian Brookheart, Leonard Schernekau.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The date for the Christmas Party was set for Dec. 13, 1983 with place to be announced later.

The committee chairmen gave their reports and under discussion was the completion of the sidewalk repairs, building plans, waterline construction and roof repairs.

Susie reported on the IMRF meeting she attended. The board suggested she be paid \$.20 a mile for 62 miles and reimburse her for lunch expense of \$1.56.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

December 7, 1983

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session Wednesday, December 7, 1983, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk, Susie Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Janice Loughery, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting and presented the latest bills from Keifer Construction and Connor & Connor Engineering. He also announced that the Annual Christmas Party would be at Gray's at Bridgeport at 7 o'clock on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills, including the Christmas Bonus' and Waterline construction bills. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea. There were 6 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A discussion followed on Insurance coverages and purchase of portable radios for the police department.

Larry Lorance made a motion to buy a portable radio for the police department. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote taken and 6 voted yea, none voted nay. Motion carried.

Susie reported that at the next meeting that we would have a numbered list for the Centennial Belt Buckle sales, this list to be made a part of the minutes.

Gary Wilson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

December 21, 1983

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 21, 1983 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley, Rex McGehee, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Joe Bayless, Larry Lorance-Trustees, Wilma Hepner-Clerk, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Roger Henderson, Edmond Michl, Archie Kocher.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Joe Bayless made a motion to approve the amendment to the Resolution re. the issue of the Industrial Revenue Bonds to Mont Eagle Mills, Inc. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: McGehee-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea, Bayless-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. (Lorance absent at this point in meeting).

Archie Kocher was present to request approval to stay open New Years Eve until 1 A.M. The board members had no objection so Mayor Farley in his position of Liquor Commissioner granted the request.

Roger Henderson was present to present a copy of the "Public Hearing Notice" that needed to be published twice, the first one prior to the hearing by at least 30 days. The hearing is in regards to the Sewer work that needs to be done per orders of EPA. The hearing to be Feb. 1, 1984 at 6:30 P.M.

Edmond Michl from the Westview addition was present regarding the water company tying into the water line which he pushed under road. He was informed that once he tied on to the water main with his line it became the property of the Oblong Water Company and they in turn could tie on other customers to his line.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay Chamber of Commerce \$500.00 for payment on the Christmas light rental. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jack Gallion said he had a request from mothers whose children attend the Christian Church Nursery School for a cross walk on the street from the church to the parking lot and they would provide the crossing guard. No action was taken.

Clerk was instructed to retype ordinance #268 to read \$25 to \$100 for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense and \$50 to \$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense and \$100 to \$200 for 3<sup>rd</sup> offense of Excessive Acceleration.

The Belt Buckle list was presented for permanent entry into the records as follows: 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Natl. Bank (presented to Art Farley, Mayor) 2. Marion Griffith 3. Harold Sloan 4. Raylin Shryock 5. York Truck Lines 6. Weldon Hold 7. Greg Henry 8. Wilfred Cross 9. Lee Fulling 10. Garrard's Appliance 11. Larry Jennings 12. Gary Sweat 13. Jerry Baker 14. Gerald Weaver 15. Rondel Boyd 16. Rod Williams 17. Dean Dart 18. Rick Catt 19. David Price 20. Jerry Kidwell 21. Kelley Tracy 22. Alan Price 23. Bruce Hosselton 24. Jay Haines 25. Bob Harris 26. Randy Nave 27. 28. Jerry Jennings 29. Frank Baker 30. 31. Joyce Griffen 32. Joyce Griffen 33. Joyce Griffen 34. Joyce Griffen 35. Joyce Griffen 36. Harold Eubank 37. Harold Eubank 38. Harold Eubank 39. Harold Eubank 40. Mark D. Ikemire 41. Harold

Eubank 42. Raylin Schryock 43. George Midgett 44. Harold Ridlen 45. Bradley Caywood 46. Ron Middleton 47. 48. Joe Bliss 49. Wayne Jennings 50. Leo Schlosser 51. Max Hosier 52. Betty Thacker 53. Dewayne Alexander 54. Randy Nave 55. Dewayne Alexander 56. Don Vance 57. Joe Bliss 58. Jim Jobe 59. Doug Kinnett 60. Mark Ikemire 61. Rondel L. Boyd 62. Keith Nolan 63. Kay Young 64. Ken Holt 65. Ken Holt 66. Ken Holt 67. Ken Holt 68. Ken Holt 69. 70. John Hosier 71. Glenn Briggs 72. Robert Douglas 73. Clinton Douglas II 74. Jerry Robinson 75. Bill Black 76. 77. Art Farley 78. Marianne Jennings 79. Laverne Farley White 80. Art Farley 81. Bill Barley 82. John Farley 83. Art Farley 84. Jim Farley 85. Tim Holt 86. Art Farley 87. Lois Crawford 88. Jim Cirts 89. Kathryn Hart 90. J.D. Kirts 91. Dick Seamon 92. Dick Seamon 93. Jack Cunningham 94. 95. Randy Littlejohn 96. Wiley Johnson 97. Jerry Robinson 98. Ron Jennings 99. Gary Wilson 100. Gary Wilson 101. Gary Wilson 102. Gary Wilson 103. Gary Wilson 104. Larry Lorance 105. Larry Bailey 106. Kay Young 107. Deloris McDaniels 108. Jones-Hilliard Agency 109. Leslie Wells 110. Rondel L. Boyd 111. Rondel L. Boyd 112. Edgar McKimmy 113. Edgar McKimmy 114. Edgar McKimmy 115. Deloris McDaniels 116. Lyle Lackey 117. Brody Finney 118. Tom Osborn 119. Mervin Brush 120. Rondel Boyd 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. Bill Black 126. Buck Bush 127. Rex Newlin 128. 129. 130. Danny Garner 131. Bill Black 132. 133. 134. Kip Jennings 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. Glenn Bonnell 148. 149. 150. 151. Edward Mehler I 152. Chuck Schiller 153. Gary Schiller 154. Keith Lindsey 155. Don Lindsay 156. John Cross 157. 158. 159. 160. Art Gangloff 161. Don Newbold 162. Larry Sackrider 163. Mark Sackrider 164. Jim Jenkins 165. Jim Jenkins 166. Deloris McDaniels 167. Kay Young 168. Paul Geffs 169. Todd Geffs 170. Richard Wilkin 171. Richard Wilkin 172. Richard Wilkin 173. Lyle Paddick 174. Jackie Dickey 175. Rondel L. Boyd 176. Walter Lanham 177. Brenda Lanham 179. Ann Lewis 180. Anna Lewis 181. Brad Harmon 182. Kip Davis 183. Kent Perrine 184. Ron Perrine 185. Phil McMillen 186. Earl Daugherty 187. David Pringle 188. Jim Pringle 189. Herb Jennings 190. Chad Harmon 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. Rob Dalrymple 202. Edward J. Gangloff 203. Richard Judy 204. Jack Cunningham 205. Jack Cunningham 206. Jack Cunningham 207. Joe Davis 208. Rick Sackrider 209. 210. 211. 212. Paul Thacker 213. Harry Spiller 214. Bill Black 215. Cliff Schiller 216. Cliff Schiller 217. Jason Watts 218. Verl Wiman 219. Justin Watts 220. Rod Briggs 221. Jack Harmon 222. Clinton Watts 223. Jim Stepp 224. Clark 225. Clark 226. Cris Harris 227. Shirley Tuel 228. Pete Finney 229. Rod Briggs 230. Walter Jones 231. 232. 233. 234. Larry Henry 235. 236. Larry Henry 237. Terry Ruddell 238. Terry Ruddell 239. Terry Ruddell 240. Jerry Smith 241. Darrell Dennis 242. Harold Sholders 243. 244. Richard Newbold 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. Jones-Hilliard Agency 250. Leslie Wells 251. Leslie Wells 252. Leslie Wells 253. Susie Oakley 254. David L. Krick Jr. 255. Jim Mitchell 256. Rick L. Holt 257. Jerry Herman 258. Ocie Smith Jr. 259. Ocie Smith III 260. Mike Smith 261. Jerry Smith 262. Wesley Smith 263. Greg Dart 264. Tom Haley 265. Tom Haley 266. Tom Haley 267. David L. Krick Jr. 268. 269. Joy Newman 270. Jim Dix 271. Bill Autrey 272. 273. Larry Weger 274. Alice Newlin 275. 276. Charles Ikemire 277. 278. Byrl Thompson 279. 280. Les Griff th 281. Clayton Garrard 282. Earl Lorance 283. Marion Griff th 284. Marion Griff th 285. Russell Inboden 286. Mark Rogers 287. Mark Rogers 288. Ron Rogers 289. Lorene Randolph 290. Lyle Paddick 291. Hazel Osborn 292. Rondel L. Boyd 293. Lorene Randolph 294. Lorene Randolph 295. Rondel L. Boyd 296. Lorene

Randolph 297. Rondel L. Boyd 298. Rondel L. Boyd 299. Clayton Garrard 300. Clayton Garrard.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jack Gallion. There were 5 yeas, and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### January 4, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 4, 1984, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller, Janice Loughery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Miller presented the petition from Nursery School Parents in regards to a cross walk from the Christian Church to the parking lot and the possibility of lowering the speed limit in that area during school hours.

Joe Bayless made a motion to install a cross walk from in front of the Christian Church to the Parking Lot and also to install school crossing signs. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-Nay, Littlejohn-Yea, Gallion-yea. There were 5 yeas and 1 nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence since the last meeting and heard Committee Chairman reports. The clerk was instructed to write a letter to Myerscough requesting that they proceed with installing a replacement light pole on the Southeast corner of Main & Range Streets.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were 6 yeas, and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### January 18, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Janice Loughery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley read a letter received from Connor & Connor regarding the completion of the waterline project. He also presented a bill from Connor & Connor for work done on the Sewer Treatment project from 10-1-83 thru 12-31-83. EPA portion to pay \$3,555.64 and the Village portion to be \$1,185.21. Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the Village's share. Motion was seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote was taken and there were 5 yeas, and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Larry Lorange to adopt Ordinance No. 84-314 to supersede Ord. 268 in reference to Excessive Acceleration. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with 5 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Committee reports were heard and discussed.

Jack Gallion made a motion to restrict parking from Ohio Street to the alley South of the Christian Church on North Range. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. There were 5 yeas, and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Request were made for use of the park on June 8, 9, and 10<sup>th</sup> of 1984 by the Friendly Campers Camping Club and Aug. 18, 1984 by the Henpeck C.B. Club for their annual flea market. Permission granted.

Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jack Gallion. There were 5 yeas, and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

### Feb. 1, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in Special session on Wednesday, February 1, 1984, for Hearing on EPA grant at 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Don Russell, Roger & Tammy Henderson, Janice Loughery.

Roger Henderson answered questions on the EPA grant to Don Russell the only Village Resident present besides the Village officers and employees.

This meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

Feb. 1, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 1, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Don Russell, Janice Loughery, F.X. Heiligenstein.

The minutes of the meeting of Jan. 18, 1984 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence since the last board meeting which included information from the government regarding Revenue Sharing and also a letter from the Kemper CPA group requesting a signed confirmation of use of their services. Since the board made no objection to their services, Mayor Farley signed the confirmation for mailing back to them.

Larry Lorance introduced F.X. Heiligenstein from Metro-East Municipal Services who he had spoken to regarding editing and codifying the Village ordinances. Mr. Heiligenstein explained their services after which Larry Lorance made a motion, seconded by Joe Bayless to adopt Resolution R84-1 which would contract Metro-East Municipal Services to edit and codify the ordinances of the Village of Oblong and publish a New Code of Ordinances of said Village. A roll call vote was taken and there were 5 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried.

In the absence of Gary Wilson, Police Committee Chairman, Larry Lorance presented the request for Terry Gish, Police Chief, to attend the Breatherize Operator Training School in Olney for five days from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. for a cost of \$345.00. Joe Bayless made the motion to send Terry to this school for training for service to the Village of Oblong only. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-nay, Bayless-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea 4 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote taken and there were 5 yeas, and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jack Gallion. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

February 15, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 15, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Janice Loughery.

The minutes of the meeting of Feb. 1, 1984 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence he had received since the last board meeting which included confirmation from E.P.A. regarding the public hearing which we had held.

Permission was granted for the Ruritans to install a range hood in the activity center.

The Committee Chairmen gave a report of their activities and requests since the board meeting of Feb. 1.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote taken and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Wilma Hepner, Clerk

#### March 7, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 7, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Wilma Hepner-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Jane Hosselton, Janice Loughery.

The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 1984 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley read Wilma Hepner's letter of resignation as Village Clerk. Larry Lorance made a motion to accept Wilma's resignation and accept Jane Hosselton as interim clerk. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-yea, Gallion-yea 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Steve Graham, ag teacher, Oblong High School, wrote a letter requesting that Tuesday, March 20, 1984, be observed as "Ag Day" '84. Joe Bayless reported that the FFA boys would be able to start working on the pavilion after March 20<sup>th</sup> as weather permits.

Charlie Hoke requested to reserve the Park for Sept. 24 for the circus sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police. All members were in favor and permission was granted.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote taken and there were 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Farley had received the edition of ordinances for the Village. Because of the time needed to review the ordinances, there will be special meetings called to do so.

The Spring Clean-Up was discussed. K and C Disposal of Lawrenceville will do the clean up. The dates of April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> were tentatively set. The date will be finalized at the March 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

Bob Lanter reported that the gauge on the Village water tower was not working. The Board suggested that he ask Jim Dennis to look at it and to find the cause of the problem.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rex McGehee. There were 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

### March 21, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 21, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the meeting of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1984 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence he had received since the last board meeting. A letter from Bob Ferguson of LCAE/C was read. He was requesting a donation of \$1,000.00 from Revenue Sharing Fund due to budget cuts jeopardizing their program. Mayor Farley was to get more information before voting on this issue.

K and C Disposal told Mayor Farley that the dates of April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> were alright for Spring Clean-Up.

Rex McGehee stated that Pete Ballew, representative of Mutual of Omaha, said Decatur would send audits every quarter regarding employees insurance. It was mentioned that members of the board would like to have Pete Ballew come down and review and discuss the group policies.

Rex also made mention that there was a water drainage problem on the east side of South Range St. No action was taken.

There was discussion as to the problem of streets, sidewalks, and curbs in need of repair. The sidewalk committee will be checking into what the projects should be for the summer.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### April 4, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 4, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Janice Loughery, Bob Tracy.

The minutes of the meeting of February 21, 1984 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley had received a letter from Cox Cable stating that as of April 1<sup>st</sup> the rate of HBO will raise from \$9.00 to \$10.00 per month. The remaining prices will stay the same. A check was received from Cox Cable for franchise in the amount of \$3,294.00 which is 3% of their gross Receipts for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 1984. Mayor Farley is going to request an audit for the year.

Gary Wilson had talked with Everett Rice. He will be read to open the Oil Field Museum on April 15, 1984. The clerk was instructed to run an ad in the Robinson Daily News and publish the hours for the museum.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that the FFA boys had started construction on the pavilion. It was brought to the attention of the board that the park was in need of new picnic tables. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to let the Village Employees build 12 new picnic tables at the cost of \$53.00 per table. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss Real Estate. There was general discussion on a location for a new Town Hall. They went back into regular session at 8:40 P.M. Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

April 18, 1984

The Truth and Taxation Hearing was at 7:00 P.M. There weren't any village residents present regarding this hearing, so the Village Board went on into regular session.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Paul Black, Jerry Smith, Bob Tracy.

The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 1984 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley introduced Paul Black as being our new correspondent for the Robinson Daily News.

Mayor Farley then introduced Ron Reich from Connor & Connor Engineering. Ron took Roger Henderson's place. He explained to the Board that the Village will not be able to get a 75% EPA Grant for the Sewer Project as the 1984 allotted money has already been loaned. He did state that 55% EPA Grant money would be offered for the 1985-86 fiscal year. The earliest this money would be allotted would be October 1985. Ron did also say that the EPA is discussing lowering their requirements to cut down on building costs. Since Connor & Connor almost have the plans ready for EPA review, Ron was instructed to go ahead and submit their plans for a possibility of the 55% EPA Grant money. The Board also advised Ron to start working on some alternate plans for the sewer project.

In a review of the treasurer's report money needed to be transferred out of Revenue Sharing Fund. The treasurer was instructed to transfer \$5,000.00 into the Park Fund, and \$15,000.00 into the Law Enforcement Fund.

Some members of the fire department had checked into installing a Dry Hydrant in the Oblong Lake so there would be access to the water for emergencies. The Board gave their OK for them to install one on the south side by the Heath Residence and another on the North side of the lake.

Bob Lanter was asked to get a price quote for fixing the entry way at the High School and at the Park.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

May 2, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 2, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Rex McGehee, Myrl Littlejohn, Gary Wilson-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Bob Blanchard, Bob Machtley, Mike Conner.

The minutes of the meeting of April 18, 1984 were approved as read.

Mike Conner of Connor & Connor Engineering was present to give the board their estimated costs on road repair for this summer. Mike, Gary Wilson, and Bob Lanter had already inspected the streets. Mike had a map of the streets that needed repair. The estimates were \$20,000 for oil and chip, \$8,000 for 250 tons of bituminous patch, and \$1,600.00 for 200 feet of 10 inch pipe. The total estimate including labor rental was \$32,879.00, the board agreed to let Mike figure how many blocks they could take off to bring the estimate down to \$25,000.00. Gary Wilson then made the motion to approve the \$25,000.00 program. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

The next speaker was Bob Machtley for Crawford County Opportunities, Inc. He explained that the Department of Congress has a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP). This program relates to economic development interest to create new jobs. The CDAP grant funds are available to communities with a population of 50,000 or less. He asked if the board would agree to let the Crawford County Board process applications (as a county) for grants from the Dept. of Commerce and Community Affairs on behalf of the Village to support new and existing economic development. He explained that the County Board will pass a resolution at its next meeting, May 11<sup>th</sup>, to insure all communities in the county that all monies loaned to industry from CDAP grant funds will as this money is repaid set up a revolving fund to be used over by any community who has the need and qualifies in improving economic growth and development. Bob also said that CCO would process all paper work at no charge to the Village Board. Mayor Farley said he would check with the board members that were absent and if everyone was in agreement, he would have a letter submitted to Bob before the May 11<sup>th</sup> county meeting.

Rex McGehee informed the Board that Terry Gish would be entering Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for surgery. The treasurer issued Terry a check for \$150.00 for the board's part in the deductible insurance plan. Rex also passed out copies of benefits for the employees from Mutual/United of Omaha, for the years of 1981, 1982, 1983. Some questions did arise concerning this report.

Bob Lanter did have an estimate from a local contractor on fixing the entries at the park and at the high school. Discussion will continue at next board meeting.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. There were 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rex then made the motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

May 16, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 16, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Tom Haley, Paul Black.

The minutes of the meeting of May 2, 1984 were approved as read.

Tom Haley was present to speak to the board on behalf of the Crawford County Jamboree which meets on the second Saturday of each month. Tom said they were presently holding their Jamboree in the Activity Center, but due to the hot weather, he asked if it would be permissible to use the Grandstand at the Park for the summer months. The Jamboree is a non-profit organization, but they do have a free will donation for upkeep on their equipment. Since they are non-profit, the board granted permission to use the Grandstand at no charge.

Larry Lorance reported that in order to keep the road repair program down to 25,000 dollars, they would need to eliminate 20 blocks off of the proposed plan. Due to the bad weather thru the winter months, the board didn't feel they should let 20 blocks be taken off of the plan. Bob Lanter was asked to get an estimate on the 250 tons of bituminous patch mix. Larry said he would check with the engineer, and if it is okay, the Board will appropriate the money out of the General Fund for the patch mix.

The Board approved a request from Police Chief, Terry Gish, to use 2 weeks of his vacation for sick days. Since his recent surgery on May 7, he felt he would need the extra time for recuperation.

In general discussion the Board made plans for a committee to meet and start going through the new ordinances to see which ones would apply to the Village. It was also mentioned that the board might designate for the clerk to keep a record of village employees sick time, so that all of the records would be kept at one place.

Larry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote was taken. There were 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 6, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Mike Connor, Bob Lanter, Paul Black, Randall Stevenson.

The minutes of the meeting of May 16, 1984 were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed the correspondence he had received since the last board meeting. He had a letter from Wilfred Cross, president of the First National Bank of Oblong. Mr. Cross informed the board that the bank, the First Methodist Church, and the IGA purchased together the Terry Sholders' property on West Illinois St. and plan to tear the house down to make a new parking lot to benefit all three parties. Mr. Cross said he would work with the street committee to make sure that all necessary guidelines are met.

Mike Conner informed the board that they still owed \$659.72 to close out the 1983 MFT program. This amount was from extra chip and oil that was needed. He told the board that they could either carry over into MFT this year or transfer the money out of the General Fund. The board agreed to use the funds out of the general account and the Clerk was instructed to send a note regarding this decision to Jim Calhoun in Effingham.

Mike Conner then presented the board with the finished plan for the 1984 MFT program. The total cost was 25,630.44. This only includes 80 tons of patch mix at \$25.00 per ton. The amount was cut down from 250 tons to 80 tons. The remaining amount of patch mix will be purchased out of the General Fund. The Board then voted to approve this program. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried (Jack Gallion made the motion, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn.).

The Board then voted to appropriate the sum of \$26,000.00 dollars of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code for the 1984 program. Roll call vote was taken, and there were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried (Larry Lorance made the motion, seconded by Rex McGehee.).

Bob Lanter reported that the new water line in town should start on June 7, 1984.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss salary increases and returned at 8:20 P.M.

Larry Lorance made a motion to accept the following salary increases seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote was taken and there were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Bob Lanter-\$1450.00 per month, Terry Gish-\$1450.00 per month, Harry Shafer-\$1295.00 per month, Gary Lanter-\$1295.00 per month, Wanda Lanter-\$820.00 per month, Everett Rice-\$460.00 per month, Randy Stevenson-\$295.00 per month.

The part-time village employees will stay at minimum wage of \$3.35 per hour until the first of the year. At that time the minimum wage is expected to increase.

The clothing allowance for the following year will stay the same. Bob Lanter-\$200.00 per year, Terry Gish-\$300.00 per year, Harry Shafer-\$200.00 per year, Gary Lanter-\$200.00 per year, Randy Stevenson-\$150.00 per year.

Rex McGehee then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. There were 5 years, 0 days, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### June 20, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 20, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Barry Evans, Bob Lanter, Paul Black.

The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 1984 were approved as read.

Barry Evans from Connor & Connor Engineering was present to discuss the closing of the water line construction project. Mr. Evans reported that the total cost of the project will be lower than the original bid of \$331,605.80. The approximate amount of savings will be \$3,000.00. There were also some unused materials that Keifer Bros. had yet. The restocking fee for these materials was \$2559.26 dollars. The board had already agreed to purchase some overstocked materials which could be used by city employees. Since the village had no use for the other materials, they agreed that Keiffer should pay the restocking charges. The board hopes to sign final papers on the Waterline project within a few weeks.

The clerk had received the approval for the Letting of Bids from the District Engineer of Local Roads & Streets. The ad was published in the paper, and the opening of the sealed bids will be held on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 P.M. in the Village Town Hall.

Mayor Art Farley reviewed the correspondence he had received. He had received a letter from Gower Rentals out of Champaign that they would be building a 5 apartment complex with low rental on North Range St. They were needing prices for water and sewer lines in writing for F.H.A. They had already talked to Wanda Lanter at the Water office and she was to prepare the letter for them.

The over-time pay raise was omitted from the previous meeting, so the part-time policeman will receive \$6.00 per hour for his overtime. Possibly our police chief, Terry Gish, could be back on duty Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Since our next board meeting will fall on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Rex McGehee made a motion, seconded by Gary Wilson, to change the meeting to July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote was taken and there were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Paul Black said he would print the change in the Oblong News.

Myrl Littlejohn told the board the ceiling in the Bandstand needs repairs. He was instructed to hire someone to do the repairs.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

July 2, 1984 (Special Meeting)

The Village Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting for the purpose of accepting Bids for repairs and maintenance of village streets for the summer.

The meeting was held at the Town Hall in Oblong at 2:00 P.M. July 2, 1984.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Joe Bayless, Rex McGehee-Trustees, Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Jim Calhoun, Dewey Connor, Danny Kintner, Bob Lanter, Russell Burnam.

Mayor Farley called the meeting to order and the following bids were opened and read.

Group I-Bituminous Materials RS-2 @ \$.84 per gallon. \$11,552.52  
Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16 @ 14.35 per ton 8,222.55  
Bid Total by Lee Kintner & Sons.....\$19,775.07

Group II-Bituminous Patch Mix @ \$27.00 per ton. 2,160.00  
Bid by R & S Asphalt

Group III-Corr. Steel Culv. Pipe TY 1 10" @ \$4.00/foot LF. 800.00  
Bid by Clark County Metals

Group III-Corr. Steel Culv. Pipe @ \$4.53 per lin. ft. 906.00  
Bid by Kaiser Aluminum

Group III-Corr. Steel Culv. Pipe @ \$5.75 per lin. ft. 1150.00  
Bid by Thompson Culvert Co.

Group III-Corr. Steel Culv. Pipe @ \$4.96 per lin. ft. 992.00  
Bid by Capital Supply Co. Inc.

Group III-Corr. Steel Culv. Pipe @ \$4.74 per lin. ft. 948.00

Bid by M & W Concrete Pipe and Supply Inc.

Jim Calhoun from Department of Transportation said the bids could be accepted at the next Board Meeting since a quorum was not present. There were 5 bids on the Steel Culvert Pipe and Clark County Metal was low bidder at \$4.00 per linear ft.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

July 3, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 3, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Herb Jones, Paul Black.

The minutes of the meetings of June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as read.

The first order of business was to accept the low bids for the street repair program. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to accept the low bids from Lee Kintner & Sons, R & S Asphalt, and Clark County Metals. Joe Bayless seconded the motion and roll call vote was taken. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The problem of fast cars due to not enough stop signs was brought to the attention of the Board. The problem roads being where E. Indiana and S. Taylor intersect. Since this does seem to be a problem because of the children in the neighborhood, Gary Wilson made a motion to install 2 new stop signs at E. Indiana to make a 4-way stop to see if it will aid in slowing down the traffic. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. There were 5 yeas and 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Farley informed the Board that the town was instructed to get a permit from Effingham in regard to the repair Dave Krick is doing on the approach into the park. This was necessary because the approach ties into the state road. Dave Krick extended the approach to meet Illinois requirements and also did the curbing to meet set standards.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

A Board member had been contacted to see what the procedure is to have a street light installed. The Board usually waits until they can install several lights, so the clerk is to keep track of citizens request.

The 1978 Water Truck owned by the Village is in bad need of repair. The committee is going to get prices on the truck we would need to replace the old one with.

The Community Club made it know to the Board that several of their members would be willing to organize a Clean-Up Day after the fair is over. This would give the entire park a general cleaning.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### July 18, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 18, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Gary Wilson, Rex McGehee, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas.

Others Present: Danny Woods, Paul Black, Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the meeting of July 3<sup>rd</sup> were approved as read.

Danny Woods from Kemper CPA gave a report from the examination of the financial statements of the Village. For protection of the village's assets and property, Kemper recommended that the village should look into a blanket bonding policy that would cover each individual, official and employee. The water office employees would be included since they take in the water receipts. The financial committee will be looking into the matter. Other suggestions from Kemper included requiring 2 signatures on all checks, to make a central location for all mail such as the Clerk's house or the water office, and to make a budget each year for the purpose of actual cost control.

Rex McGehee made a motion to approve the Budget for Waterline Accounts for 1984-85 as per FHA request. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, there were 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Ron Reich from Connor & Connor gave reports on the Waterline Construction project and also on the completed sewer plans. Ron had a Contact Change Order for Mayor Farley to sign. The original date of completion for the waterline project was Dec. 1, 1983. Due to the delays in the final cleanup of the project because of the inclement weather a 210 day extension was made for Kieffer Brothers. Also on the Change Order was a decrease in contract of \$5,672.07 dollars, thus changing the total contract amount to \$325,933.73. In regard to the sewer plans, Connor & Connor had completed plans and specifications to own and operate the plant irregardless of when built the specifications are ready for EPA review. The plans were signed by the Mayor and Clerk and delivered back to Connor & Connor to be sent on to the EPA.

Mayor Farley had to sign 3 copies for a permit from Ill. Dept. of Transportation for Mont Eagle Mills' new office on the west edge of Oblong.

Mayor Farley had a bill from Connor & Connor for extra engineer work on waterline construction in the amount of \$1,652.70 dollars. Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bill out of FHA waterline construction account and Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and there were 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adopt the Appropriation Bill for 1984-85, (Ordinance #84-315). Gary Wilson seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Farley passed on the thanks from Phil Mendenhall to all the village workers and f remen who donated their time to help install the new dry hydrant in the lake July 17, 1984.

Dave Roach from Brazil, Indiana had contacted Mayor Farley about buying the Village owned lots by the Oil Field Museum. He is interested in putting an apartment complex out there. It would not be joint funded by the government. Most of the Board Members were interested, but wanted to hear their program before making a commitment to sell the lots.

Jim Britton contacted Mayor Farley asking for a donation from the Village for the Schaffer Electric ball team to go to state. After discussion Rex McGehee made a motion to donate \$50.00 dollars each to Schaefer Electric and Joe's ball teams. Jack Gallion seconded the motion and roll call vote was taken and there were 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

A bill for \$150.00 from James Houser regarding the cutting down of trees and grinding of stumps at the Harmon's residence will be deducted from Kieffer's final bill since the problem occurred from the new waterline.

A complaint was received on a lot on E. Kentucky St. There has not been any upkeep on the place. Rex is to contact Joe Moulden to see if it is his responsibility since the people he sold the place to had defaulted on the contract.

Joan Jennings contacted Gary Wilson about the Oblong Young Homemakers putting in additional receptacles for Fall Follies. She asked him if the Village would pay 1/3 on the bill of putting them in. Gary Wilson made a motion that the Village would pay 1/3 of the bill up to \$600.00 for the total bill for the receptacles, but making sure that the receptacles are approved by CIPS. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and there were 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bids for the new truck for the village were submitted. Gary Wilson made a motion to accept the bid by McClane Motor Sales in Newton, Ill. for a 1984 Dodge Ram 250, ¾ ton red truck for the price of \$9,800.00 dollars. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion, the roll call vote showed 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The truck was purchased and is already in use.

The Water Committee is going to get together to set up new guidelines for new water customers such as how many feet north & south of Route 33 that a customer can connect on.

Bob Lanter had some people wanting to run a line from our main, but they agreed to maintain the line. Mayor Farley suggested that the agreement be made in writing so we will have a copy on file.

Bob also asked the Board about Todd Krick running a 2" waterline from Route 33 east of town south to railroad tracks. There is only a ¾" line for all homes at the present. If okayed, the village would purchase the pipe and Dave Krick construction would put the line in. The Board is going to check this out.

The Board will check with Judy Wilson on the cost on a new museum sign to go up by the Park Entrance.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor, 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Minutes taken by Carol Sue Tracy, treas. in absence of Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk.

#### August 1, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 1, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Charlie Kieffer, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Paul Black.

The minutes of the meeting of July 18<sup>th</sup> were approved as read.

Charlie Kieffer of Kieffer Bros. Construction was present to discuss the problem of overstocked material. There was approximately \$5,000 dollars worth of extra material that Kieffer Bros. did not feel they were responsible for since they only ordered what the engineers specifically called for. On the other hand, the village wasn't responsible for the cost either. So that neither part would absorb all of the loss, the Board told Kieffer to send back the material he could, which would amount to about \$2,500.00 dollars, and the Village Board would then pay the difference to Kieffer's. Charlie told the Board that there was still a bill for 3 "2" valves, lids, coupling, and regulator which he estimated at a cost of \$695.00 dollars. Art said he would check the list to see if the Village had paid the bill yet.

Mayor Farley informed the Board that the ceiling in the water office partially fell in. Due to the danger, Ted Mehler went ahead and took the rest of the ceiling down. The Building Committee was to check on exactly what needed to be done to repair the ceiling. Mayor Farley made his suggestion to go ahead and get remodeling prices on a new floor, paneling, the ceiling, and taking out the wall to make one big room. The entire building is in need of repair and the mayor felt it would be wise to remodel it all. Art said that he would check with the fire department,

because there was the possibility of using the fire station as temporary quarters for the water office until the work was finished.

The clerk had received a letter from United of Omaha listing the premium raises for the year. The Board thought it might be in their best interest to check with other insurance companies on a group policy coverage. There has been some problem in the past with agent communication.

Neal Shaw, vice president of Mt. Carmel Sand & Gravel had sent a letter to the clerk asking that we support them in their objecting to the rate of prevailing wages for June 1984 as set by the State Department of Labor. Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt a Resolution that we will abide by the table of prevailing wages that is established from the Crawford County Board Hearing with the State Department of Labor. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, there were 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. All votes were in favor. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry Lorance then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### August 15, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 15, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Paul Black.

The minutes of the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley had contacted Tom Hinterscher from Equitable Insurance Company and asked him to draw up a proposal for the Village Employee's group insurance plan. The proposal Tom submitted was from Banker's Life since Equitable did not have the group policies. The trustees looked over the comparisons with United of Omaha & Bankers Life. No definite decision was made on the matter.

Mayor Farley read a card of thanks from Teresa Fielder for the donation made to Joe's Softball Team. He also had a letter from David Roesch of Brazil, Indiana asking for a letter from the Village to FHA for a loan approval if the Village was interested in selling the lots west of the Oil Field Museum. After discussion, the trustees decided they were not interested in selling the lots, and Art said he would inform Mr. Roesch of this. Mayor Farley had also been in contact with F.X. Heilgenstein of Freeburg, Illinois. He is our representative from Metro-East, the company

updating our Ordinances. He is ready to meet with the Board and decide what ordinances will apply to our Village. The Board decided to call a special meeting since it might be a lengthy discussion. The date of Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> was set for the special meeting at 7:00 P.M.

The Village had asked 4 men, Vic Curtis, Homer Hart, Darrell Stuckey, & Herb Russell to shoot birds of an evening to try and get rid of the heavy flocks roosting in tree tops. They have been working for a couple of weeks, and the Board decided they would have them quit for now. Mayor Farley said he would thank the men and have them turn in a bill for their time and equipment.

Mayor Farley informed the Board that we had signed 25,000 dollars worth of bonds for waterline construction at Connor & Connor on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Larry Lorance made a motion to Adopt Tax Levy #84-316. Rex McGehee seconded the motion. All members were in favor. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The board also okayed an engineering bill from Connor & Connor in the amount of \$247.95 on the waterline Construction job.

A bill in the amount of \$625.00 had been received from Hillard-Jones insurance company for the treasurer's bond of \$100,000 dollars. The village decided to have Rex McGehee check on prices for blanket bonding on the rest of the village employees & clerk as recommended by Kemper CPA group.

Mayor Farley asked the Clerk to write a letter to David Ropp, owner of the green apartment house behind Freedom Oil Station, regarding the high weeds.

The Water Committee, Joe Bayless, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, & Bob Lanter met and set up rules for waterline hookups. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to adopt the set of rules for waterline hookups. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken-there were 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The new set of rules are as follows:

1. Effective August 15, 1984, water lines may run only one mile either side of Illinois State Route 33 and only one mile West of Range Road.
2. Any new water line that is an extension of a water line that is already maintained by the village shall meet the Village specifications.
3. All new water lines laid shall follow existing road right of ways.
4. Any new water line that has been inspected and approved by the Village, the Village will assume ownership and maintain the waterline.
5. Any person or persons laying a new water line that meets Village specifications, shall present to the Village Clerk an itemized statement of cost for materials, equipment and labor for laying the new line. Any future hookups within five (5) years of the completion of the line shall pay a proportionate share of the original cost to the Village of Oblong which in turn will reimburse the persons who constructed the line and also any subsequent hookups.
6. Any existing private water lines that meet village specifications and are approved by the Village of Oblong, will become owned by and maintained by the Village of Oblong free and clear.

7. All existing private water lines shall not exceed the one mile limit North or South of Illinois State Route 33 and one mile West of Range Road.
8. Any person or persons desiring to hook on to existing private water lines shall obtain permission from the owner of the line and the Village of Oblong.

Mayor Farley told the Board that Barry Evans & Bob Lanter would map out all public & private water lines, valves, hydrants, & meter boxes so we would have copies of file.

At 9:00 P.M. the board went into executive session to discuss repairs of the water office and real estate.

The Board went back into regular session at 9:15 P.M. and Larry Lorance made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All members were in favor. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### August 28, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in Special Meeting on August 28, 1984 at 7:00 P.M. (Tuesday night).

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Frank Heilengstein, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, E.H. Price.

Frank Heilengstein from Metro-East Municipal Services in Freeburg, Illinois came to generally go over the new code book of Ordinances and make the necessary changes and discussions before the final printing of our new Code Book.

After a review of the Administration Chapter, it was decided that the Board Members are allowed to miss 2 meetings per year. This chapter was the basic format to set up code book. It was mentioned that the Mayor should be bonded in the amount of \$3,000.00, the clerk in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the Police Chief should be included in a policy also.

Some of the chapters not pertaining to our Village were deleted from the Code Book, such as the zoning chapter, fooding chapter and Franchise chapter where we have already established a franchise with a company such as Cox Cable.

Mr. Heinenstein pointed out that elected officials salaries can't be increased after that person takes office. The increase must be made before the election. As for appointed officials, such as the treasurer, their salary may be increased during their term, but never decreased.

The remaining chapters were reviewed and appropriated changes made. The Board did decide to add the Sub-Division chapter as it will possibly be needed in the future.

Mr. Heilgenstein plans to have the final copies to the Board by the end of September. He estimated that our Ordinance Book would have 200 pages.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### September 5, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Paul Black.

The Minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed his correspondence and had received a letter from David Ropp, owner of apartment bldg. behind Freedom Oil Station in Oblong. He assured the Board that he would clean up around the building & that he plans to renovate the building in the near future.

Mayor Farley had received Ordinances prepared by Metro-East Municipal Services to be adopted. Joe Bayless made a motion to adopt Service Occupatio Tax Ordinance #84-317 seconded by Rex McGehee. Roll call vote was taken and there were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry Lorange made a motion to adopt Municipal Use Tax Ordinance #84-318 seconded by Gary Wilson. Roll call vote was taken and there were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mr. Heiligenstein had also sent a sample of a warrant sheet which if adopted would require the Mayor, Clerk, & Treasurer's signatures on all checks and also included new forms for paying bills. The Board asked the clerk to keep the sample sheet on file until a later date.

Rex McGehee had a bid sheet from Boyd-Ikemire Insurance. Since the treasurer's bond insurance was just paid it will stay as is. Boyd quoted the following figures for blanket bonding. A bond for 25,000 dollars for 6 employees would cost \$112.20 per year; each additional employee can be added at \$15.00 per person. They decided to bond the clerk for \$5,000 dollars and if the Mayor could not be included in the blanket bonding, then they would bond him for \$3,000 dollars. The Board told Rex to go ahead with the bonds.

Larry Lorange made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. All Board members were in favor, motion carried.

The Sidewalk Committee had made their annual inspection and had typed a list of repair work to be done. Rex McGehee made a motion that the Board let for bid the following amounts for sidewalk repair. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the following: 308 linear foot of curbing (more or less), 683 linear foot of sidewalk to be removed & replaced, 316 linear foot of capped sidewalks. For a total of 1307 linear foot of sidewalk & curbing to be completed by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. The clerk was instructed to run the necessary ads in the paper and the opening of bids will be at the next regular board meeting Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

The Board was in agreement on a request from the Bank, IGA, & Methodist Church to take out the sidewalk on Illinois St. and make an entrance ramp for their new parking lot.

The CB Club asked permission to have their annual flea market at the park on September 29<sup>th</sup>. They also asked if they could put in extra outlets for the day. The Board said this would be fine.

Bob Lanter reported to the Board that the Westview Addition is now completed.

Joan Jennings of the Fall Follies Committee had wrote asking permission for the Booster Club to be able to block off each side street from Illinois Street out to LeFever Corner for approximately 1 and ½ hours to have a 10,000 meter run and following this for the FFA to have a 2 mile bicycle race. The Board was in agreement that it would be impossible to totally block off drive-ways, roads, etc. for that length of time, however, if the CB Club or Civil Defense would be willing to help control traffic in those areas then the Board would see no problem in having the race. Carol Sue Tracy said she would tell Mrs. Jennings and ask her to bring back the Booster Clubs plans before the Board.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All Board members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### September 19, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 19, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: David Krick, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Paul Black.

The minutes of the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley had received a letter from the Booster Club concerning their 10,000 meter race and 1 mile fun run to be held at the Fall Follies on October 27<sup>th</sup>. They said their plan was to have a person at each crossing to control traffic and protect the runners. They estimated the race would only last 1 hour and that it would start and finish at the Methodist Church on Range Street. They

also made arrangements to detour traffic coming in from the North around the gravel road for the hour. Wayne Jennings also requested that the Police Chief lead the runners out of town. The Board felt the race was quite organized and that there shouldn't be any problems with their request.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adopt Amended Ordinance #84-315A. This is the Appropriation Ordinance in which the Capital Outlay figure was increased from \$21,000 dollars to \$50,000 dollars for the building project. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Farley then opened Sidewalk Bids from David L. Krick & Robert G. Powers. Bids were as follows: David Krick-Capping, sidewalks, & sidewalks with adjoining curbs, (which are to be poured as one), will be \$1.95 per sq. ft. Total feet-4301 at a cost of \$8,386.95. Curbing-Rt. 33 E.U.B. Church 270 ft. and Bertram Oil Co. 38 ft. are to be Type B at \$5.25 per linear ft. for a total cost of 1,617.00. Total Bid-\$10,003.95. Bob Powers-Curbing-308 linear ft. remove and replace \$9.00 per ln. ft. 2,772.00. Sidewalk-683 ln. ft. 2,732 sq. ft. 1.67 sq. ft. 4,562.44. Sidewalk to cap 316 ln. ft., 1264 sq. ft. 1.50 sf. 1,896.00. Total Bid-\$9,230.44. Rex McGehee made a motion to accept David Krick's bid. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorange-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-nay, Wilson-nay, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea. Total vote 4 yeas, 2 nays, motion carried. Contract was awarded to David Krick.

Gary Wilson reported that the squad car's radar gun is in the shop and the cost to repair it would be \$167.00. The committee had checked prices on a demonstrator moving radar equipment from a company in Decatur. The radar had not yet been used in a squad car and they were willing to give the Village \$100.00 for their old gun. This would make the cost of the new radar \$500.00 with a 1 year warranty. Gary Wilson made a motion to invest in the new updated equipment, if still available. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. All members voted yea, motion carried.

Bob Lanter asked if there were still funds available in the Waterline Construction Account for the remainder of the materials and labor to finish up the work in town. The treasurer's balance showed there were ample funds and to finish up so we can deplete the account. Bob Lanter also discussed the possibility of the Village paying half and the Fire Department paying the other half on an explosive meter that would be able to detect explosive gas leaks. The Fire Department is going to order the wand, and keep it at the Fire House and check it monthly to make sure it is working. The Board felt we should have this device and told Bob to tell the Fire Chief that the Village would go in with them.

Mayor Farley brought up the high increase in the employees group insurance with United of Omaha and suggested if the Board Members were interested in changing insurance companies that he contact Tom Hinterscher and ask him if he could attend the next regular board meeting and explain his proposal and also answer any questions employees might have. The Board was in favor of this, and also Rex McGehee said he would have Fran Jones draw up a proposal and they would also hear from him at a later date.

Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Wilson. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

October 3, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 3, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bev Wampler, Joan Jennings, Doug Finkbiner, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Bev Wampler represented the Crawford County Red Cross in asking for the Board to permit their organization to play Bingo at the Activity Center on the day of Fall Follies. After her presentation, Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to allow the CCRC to use the Activity Center for Bingo on October 27<sup>th</sup> for Fall Follies. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-nay, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea. There were 5 yeas, 1 nay, motion carried. Mrs. Wampler also stated that there would be various games for kids also. The Red Cross Chapter meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Library in Robinson.

Joan Jennings from the Young Homemakers asked if it would be permissible to block off the 1<sup>st</sup> block of S. Range St. Friday evening so the larger food stands can get set up for Saturday's Fall Follies. This has been done in the past, and the Mayor said that Bob could put up the blockade about 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Jennings also expressed that the Young Homemakers would like to purchase 1 or 2 trash facilities for up town. The Legion said they would help to buy one, and Joan wanted to know if the board would go in too. Mayor Farley told her the Board would discuss this later and get back to her.

Mayor Farley had been in contact with Tom Brown from Effingham, Ill. Department of Transportation about the curbing that is going to be done in front of the EUB Church. If the curbing is to tie into Route 33, the job must be done to the State's approval. Mayor Farley also said that the job would cost much more than the original bid. He suggested doing sidewalks only this year and curbing next, or; do the curbing and cut down on some of the sidewalk repair. Myrl Littlejohn asked if it would be feasible to cap one solid sidewalk down over the curb and make a square curb similar to that in front of Harmon's. Mayor Farley said he would check with Mr. Brown from the state.

Larry Lorance made a motion to adjust the salaries to the following: Mayor-\$2,000.00 per year, Board Members-\$25.00 per regular & special meeting (not committee), Clerk-\$1500.00 per year plus \$25.00 per regular & special meetings, Treasurer-\$2,000.00 per year plus \$25.00 per regular & special meetings. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Farley had received a letter from FHA stating that the Village has an interest payment due on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1984 in the amount of \$10,558.22 dollars.

Mayor Farley had received a letter and proclamation to sign from the Boy Scouts of America proclaiming October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Popcorn Sale Days.

The date of Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> has been set for trick or treat time in Oblong. The hours will be from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. The clerk was instructed to run this ad in the paper prior to this date.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Larry Lorance. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Gary Wilson made a motion to purchase Lot #1 of the DM Bales addition from Norman Cunningham in the amount of \$40,000 dollars, pending the attorney, E.H. Price's approval of the paper work. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

The building committee plans to check with architect and get plans ready for the board to look at. It was also suggested that the building committee and any other board member should attend the next Township meeting to confirm their agreement of transferring the Town Hall building from the Township to the Village.

Gary Wilson said that Randy Stevenson was resigning his duties as part-time policeman and going to work full time for the county. Mayor Farley asked that he submit a letter stating his resignation. Wilson also reported that the new radar gun was already installed and working fine.

The gas company had sent a letter to the clerk stating that there is a hazardous pipe at the Oil Field Museum. The pipe needs to be extended above the roof, for exhaust safety. The Village has 30 days to repair this. As of October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Oil Field Museum will be closed for the winter.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### October 17, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 17, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Peggy Mouser, Bob Lanter, Paul Black.

The minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Peggy Mouser has recently started organizing committees to start a New Youth Center in Oblong. She was interested in comments and ideas from the Board. Peggy said the main concern was the location & a building. She felt the kids were ready for a "place to go" after ballgames and on weekends and even on Sunday afternoons. Most of the Board members felt if enough of the kids were interest that it might work. Peggy felt it would take 6 months to get things rolling. She said she would report back to the Board as things progressed.

Mayor Farley reported that we had received our permits for sidewalk construction. Tom Brown from the Division of Highways had okayed capping the sidewalks in front of the EUB Church as long as it did not interfere with Route 33. Mr. Brown was not in full agreement with the proposal, but he said it was legal. The sidewalk committee said they would check with David Krick and get a cost on the project and then decide what to do.

Mayor Farley then asked the Board what they thought should be done with the contents of the Town Hall. He felt these little things should be taken care of so that when the paper work is accomplished on the purchase of Norm's building that the building project can move ahead. No decisions were made.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that the Oil Field Museum roof is leaking again. It had been painted over once, but wasn't holding. The board felt if needed, that the roof should be replaced. Myrl said he would check on the new roof.

It was decided from the finance committee for the treasurer to re-invest \$50,000 on 6 month certificates out of the General Fund and \$20,000 on 6 month certificates out of the Sewer System Fund.

The Board received their new Code Books from Metro-East Municipal Services. The trustees found a couple of errors and instructed the clerk to write a letter and request the changes so that the Board could adopt the new Code Books at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board went into executive session at 8:55 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Back into regular session at 9:10 P.M., Gary Wilson made a motion to hire Keith Foltz as patrolman to replace Randy Stevenson at a pay of \$295.00 per month plus \$150.00 clothing allowance. His overtime pay will be \$6.00 per hour. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rex McGehee then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Larry Lorance. All members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

November 7, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 7, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.  
(Wednesday)

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Paul Black, Carol Spaugh, Jim Wallace, Bob Lanter.

The Minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley introduced Jim Wallace from ESDA. He thanked the Board for donating money to help install the –Weather System-for Crawford County. He said the storm warning works is installed and working. The ESDA is mostly disaster oriented, but have in the past provided services such as patrolling on ballgame nights, parades, and helping out the police force when necessary. The deputies from ESDA have carried weapons in the past, but have recently found out that according to State Statute Code they cannot carry weapons. Also, they are not eligible for Workmen's Comp if they are injured during police work, they are only covered if in the line of a disaster situation. Jim said his men would honor all commitments for ballgames. They are suggesting that the towns form their own auxiliary's. Oblong would probably need 4 or 5 men and the Village would be responsible for carrying insurance on these men. The individual departments could determine how much training needed for their men. Jim explained that the men could be used to help out where needed, but that the men in our auxiliary would be obligated to meet our needs first. Jim said they were going to purchase new uniforms with removable badges so that the clothing would work for all villages and hopefully this would save some money.

Mayor Farley reported that the Engineers had all necessary papers turned into the EPA on our Sewer Program. The EPA had requested an extension of time to review the project plans and specifications and the Village granted them the time needed. Mayor Farley said there was to be a seminar held in Edwardsville on November 15<sup>th</sup> on EPA regulations if any members were interested and could go. In other business the Mayor reported that Ted Mehler is done laying the water line and that David Krick finished the Sidewalk project.

After review of our Revised Code of Ordinances Larry Lorange made a motion to adopt the Code of Ordinances as a symbol of Metro-East Municipal Services for the Village of Oblong on this date of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1984. Rex McGehee seconded the motion and roll call vote was taken. There were 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The clerk was instructed to call and get permits for Mobile Home Trailers that might move into the Village in the future. There wasn't any with the Code Books.

Larry Lorange made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Bob Hoke had asked the Board if they could drive a post so cars would not drive on the sidewalk as they have done in the past. The Board told Bob that it would be OK to put the post where needed. It was reported that there were sewer problems at the corner cottage. The committee

was asked to check with all neighbors involved and see if something could be worked out for the city to lay the line and the people hook on.

Gary Wilson reported that his committee had attended the Oblong Township Board Meeting Monday night and they were willing to cooperate with the exchange of Ordinances for the building. Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn seconded by Larry Lorance. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### November 21, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 21, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Wanda Goff, R.G. Keller, Joe Hunzeker, Rod Harmon, Bob Lanter, Jim Ping, Paul Black.

The minutes of the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

In the absence of Mayor Farley, Larry Lorance introduced Mr. R.G. Keller, North Central Region Manager for Cox Cable, Joe Hunzeker-Technician Rep. for Cox Cable, Wanda Goff-General Manager for Cox Cable's Robinson office, and Rod Harmon-manager for Peter Smith & Company Cable Systems in the Bloomington area. The Board of Directors of Cox Cable voted against keeping Crawford County as part of their company. They had talked with a few interested buyers for our area, and want to sell to Peter Smith & Company. Their manager, Rod Harmon, had his own business for 4.5 years and was just recently bought out by Peter Smith & Co. and is currently managing 36 rural communities in the Bloomington-Normal area with populations from 450 to 2000 people. This company feels that in the smaller towns the rural areas should be catered to because they do not have the entertainment the big cities do. These people were present because Oblong is the only surrounding town in the county that has a clause in their franchise that requires their approval before the company can be sold. The Board members mostly felt that they would probably agree to sign the legal document involved. However in the absence of the Mayor and a board member and legal paper involved, they felt it would be to their advantage to have their lawyer check things out first. Larry told Mr. Keller that they should have an answer for them at our December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Larry reported that he had received a letter from Connor & Connor and that as of this date, November 21, our year with Keiffer Bros. expires so it was agreed to pay the \$3500.00 retaining fee plus the restocking charges & the money for the clay meter tiles-the total being \$6081.85 dollars.

Larry also had a letter from the EPA stating that they basically liked our plans submitted for the sewer program and also stated some suggestions that we might like to check into in the future.

Rex reported that he had a bid from Jones-Hillard for our group insurance on employees. He will bring it to the next meeting.

Gary Wilson stated that the final transactions are completed and we do own Norm Cunningham's building on the corner and Norm had said that he will have everything moved out in a couple of days.

Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All members voted ye and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

#### December 5, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: R.G. Keller, Wanda Goff, Randy Baker, Joan Jennings, Bob Lanter, Paul Black.

In the absence of Mayor Farley, Trustee Larry Lorance conducted the business. Rex McGehee made a motion to sign Resolution #84-312 approving assignment of Franchise with Cox Cable over to Illinois Cablevision, a subsidiary of Peter W. Smith. The transfer of the company will take place on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Joan Jennings from the Young Homemakers told the board that their club was going to purchase 2 new trash receptacles for uptown. The legion auxiliary said they would buy one. Joan said if they could buy 6, that it would make the receptacles much cheaper. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to buy 2 trash receptacles and Joe Bayless seconded the motion. All members were in favor and motion carried. Mrs. Jennings said they would be placing the order in a week or two.

Larry Lorance asked the Board's opinion on buying a truck from Marathon Refinery for street maintenance. The truck is ¾ ton 1978 Chevy 4-wheel drive pickup. It has a snow plow with it. The estimated mileage is 45,000 miles. The village can have it for a cost of \$2750.00 dollars. Gary Wilson made a motion that they go ahead and get the truck. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Randy Baker from V.A. Kibler Associates was present to show his revised plans (preliminary plans) for the new building. Their estimates on a 6500 sq. ft. building was \$260,000 dollars for the building (40.00 sq. ft.) and \$20,000 dollars for site work such as parking sidewalks, curbing, landscaping, etc. for a total of \$280,000 dollars. The architectural firm's fee on this amount would be 7%. Randy left the drawings and a standard contract for the Board to look over if they should be interested in hiring this firm. Randy said that they were pretty well done with the

preliminary work and it would now be up to the Board to take the next step. Larry set up a meeting for December, Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> just to look over all of the plans and have Randy answer any questions they might have and hopefully decide something definite at this meeting.

Rex McGehee had a bid from Jones-Hillar Ins. Co. on a group insurance policy with Golden Rule. It had 3 options of deductibles and the price was \$509.82 dollars per month. It was decided that Rex would get more information on the policy and they would discuss more at next meeting. If it works out, several were in favor of having an agent in town.

Larry read a letter from Robert Douglas, attorney, stating that Musgrave's felt their year should be sodded where the new water line was laid. There were several leaks which in turn caused a lot of backhoe work.

Rex made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor, motion carried.

Then Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All voted yea, meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

#### December 12, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall to discuss the building of a new Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Art Farley, Gary Wilson, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Larry Lorance, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Randy Baker, Mike Munson, Bob Lanter, Ted Mehler, Paul Black, Terry Gish.

Randy Baker was present from V.A. Kibler Associates in Newton to go over the blueprints which he had drawn and to answer any questions the Board Members might have.

After everyone had ample time to look over the different aspects of the blueprints, then by open discussion and comments the Board decided to face the building to the East with most of the parking being behind the building.

It was also decided that the Board could proceed with hiring someone to tear down the building on the corner purchased from Norm Cunningham. The architect suggested the footers and foundation be left until a later date.

The Board then instructed Randy Baker to put their ideas with the building plan they picked out and draw a building a little closer to what they had in mind. Randy said he could probably have the new prints ready in a couple of weeks. A special meeting will be held again when the prints are ready for the board to see. At that point the Board will make the decision whether or not to hire Kibler & Associates for the job.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

December 19, 1984

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 19, 1984 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Mike Connor, Ron Reich, Kay Young, Randy Baker, Paul Black, Carol Myers, Bob Lanter, Rep. from Freedom Oil Station.

Kay Young, sponsor of the Oblong School Chapter of the Crawford County Historical Society, ask the permission of the Board to use the sign posts at the Oblong Lake to mount signs containing the lakes' name, historical information about who dug the lake, when, etc. This project will be done by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Since the posts are already in place the Board said they could use them and thanked Ms. Young. The kids are going to start working on the sign right away.

A Representative of the Freedom Oil Station explained to the Board that they were going to turn their garage into a convenience store and ask the Board if it would be possible to obtain a liquor license so they could sell package liquor. The Board members all felt that 2 licenses in Oblong was enough and that if one of those should close then the station could apply for a license.

Randy Baker had 3 new blueprint schemes to show the Board. They said they would look them over and get back to him later.

Mike Connor from our Engineer firm submitted a bill in excess of 50 thousand dollars for completion of Step 2 of our Sewer Project Plans which were sent to EPA and turned down for 75% grant money. After attending a meeting in January 1984 the engineers felt that Oblong would receive the grant money and spent 4 months working on the plans. But before the plans were even received by EPA the grant money had already been spent and we were turned down. The most we can hope for now is 55% grant money which will be allotted in October 1986. Ron Reich then explained that EPA is requesting a compliance from the Village explaining the system we have now, our financial (letter) status, what it would take to bring our system up to their standards and an outline on how we will obtain compliance. Ron said he would like to meet with the Sewer Committee to draw up the letter. The Board said they would schedule the meeting after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year even though there is no way the Village can comply without the grant money.

Mayor Farley then opened 3 bids submitted for tearing down the old IGA warehouse on the corner. The bids were as follows: Phil Michl of Hutsonville...\$7,511.45 (Bid for Ins., get on

ground, & haul away), Dee Everingham (N.J.D.E. Contractors-Pales)...\$9,575.00 (Demolition, cleanup & removal), Munson Construction-Oblong...\$3,154.00 (demolition to ground level & clean up). Gary Wilson made a motion to accept the low bid by Mike Munso for \$3,154.00. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Mayor Farley said he would tell Mike to start right away.

Larry Lorance then made a motion to pay Christmas bonuses of \$35.00 for Full Time employees and \$25.00 for part-time employees. All members voted yea, motion carried.

Rex McGehee reported that he had spoke to Fran Jones Insurance and Fran said he would check to make sure the company would accept all employees for group policy.

Gary Wilson explained that the Village will be picking up 2 more Auxiliary policemen on our insurance with National Sheriffs' Association. They are Raymond Kidwell and Lawrence Alspach. Also working in Oblong when needed will be Ray Cunningham and Wilfred Cross, however; the County will carry them on their insurance.

It was brought to the Board's attention that cars are parking too close to the corner beside the Building & Loan. It is too close for semis to turn the corner, so Bob Lanter said they would paint a yellow strip to keep the parking away from the corner.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lorance. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### January 2, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 2, 1985 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Paul Black.

The minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

In the absence of Mayor Farley, Larry Lorance conducted the business for the meeting. The Board first discussed what we owe for having our sewer plans revised. Our bill to Connor & Connor engineering in the amount of \$50,846.00 dollars, all members of the Board felt obligated for at least 25% and possibly 45%. If the grant money becomes available then the Board felt they could pay the remainder of the bill. Larry said he would set up a meeting with our sewer committee (Jack, Larry, & Joe) and Connor & Connor to see what their feelings are on the matter.

Larry read a letter from General Manager of Illinois Cablevision, Wanda Goff, stating that the Basic Cable Rate went up 5% as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985. It is now \$9.18 per month.

Rex McGehee made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to adopt new easements as presented by Illinois Department of Transportation for the widening of FA Route 781 Job # R-97-015-79. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Gary Wilson brought to the Board's attention that there had been various accidents on Missouri St. by Archie's Tavern. Patrolman Keith Foltz had suggested to post a no-parking sign on the south side from the alley west to Range St. Keith had spoke with Archie and he didn't have any objections. Larry said he would talk with Frank X. From Metro-East to see whether they could amend an ordinance or would need to draw up a new ordinance.

The purchase of a new salt spreader was discussed at the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and Rex McGehee made a motion to purchase one from Transportation Equipment Company of Vandalia for the sum of \$2,273.50 dollars. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll cal vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Bob said he would make an appointment to have it put on.

Susie Tracy, treasurer, reported that she had a call from Tom Buyers of F.H.A. on our Waterlilne Construction Account. He wasn't aware of the accumulated interest in the account of \$5,302.93 dollars. He suggested purchasing more pipe to close out the account or the transfer of money to the Water Fund account and close out the waterline account. The Board advised the treasurer to go ahead and transfer the money over.

Jack Gallion then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All members were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### January 16, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 16, 1985 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Paul Black and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the January 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as read.

Mayor Farley asked the Board if they were in agreement to have Pickle Sanders clean off the sidewalks again this year. All members were in favor and asked Rex to tell him to turn in a bill each month for his time.

Larry had an Ordinance that was drawn up by Max Tedford for the village to sign and then to turn over to the Township for them to sign for the exchange of ownership on the Town Hall. It was stated in the Ordinance that there would be a meeting room, storage, and an office provided for the Township in the new Municipal Building. Larry made a motion to adopt Ordinance #85-320 requesting the conveyance of property from the town of Oblong, Ill. Lot #2 of D.M. Bales addition. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry had spoke to Frank Heilengenstein and he said he would send forms on making an Ordinance for the No Parking on Missouri St.

Rex asked about paying the Chamber of Commerce for our part of the rental of Christmas Lights. He said the bill was around \$735.00 and this is split 3 ways. The Board told Rex to just have the Chamber send us a bill.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Sewer Committee, Larry, Joe & Jack met with Connor & Connor and concerning the bill for their work on steps one & two they do expect it to be paid. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to pay 20,000 dollars now, and pay the rest after discussion with our auditor. Joe Bayless made a motion to pay 20,000 dollars (using a 10,000 dollar CD which was due out of the Lagoon Fund and pay 5,000 out of the Sewer Plant and 5,000 out of the Sewer System Funds). Jack Gallion seconded the motion and all members voted yea, motion carried.

Connor & Connor also advised the committee on continuing with their program to update our lagoon and sewer collection part. They said EPA had approved Rock instead of Sand and this would decrease total by \$275,000 dollars. Then they had figured a plan for the sewer rate increases to help pay for the project. Without any grant money, figured on 803 users the average sewer bill would need to be raised by \$20.64. If the Village would receive 55% grant funds the average bill would need to be increased to \$12.97 per month. They then said if EPA would approve they could do the project in 2 phases. The Sewer Collection part alone would be \$660,569.00. The average sewer bill for this phase being \$10.65 per month. Or they could go with the Lagoon first. The Board decided to have the sewer committee decide on rate changes and present at the next board meeting for approval. Then they would decide whether and how to proceed with the project. The next steps would be to fill out the compliance letter which will cost in excess of 2,000.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn seconded by Larry Lorance. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

February 6, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 6, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Barbara Decker, Paul Black, Carol Myers, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley introduced Barbara Decker, representative for American Family Life Cancer Insurance. Barbara told the Board that she had taken Mary Ferguson's place. She then explained the Basic Cancer Plan which is \$9.00 per month for an individual and \$13.00 a month for family plan. The Additional Rider providing extra benefits was \$13.00 a month for an individual and \$19.50 a month for family. She also explained that you could add the Intensive Care Plan for \$8.00 additional dollars. She left brochures and forms if anyone was interested in signing up for the insurance.

Mayor Farley then read a card from Ross Sechrest of Effingham representing the Friendly Campers. They wanted to reserve June 7, 8, & 9<sup>th</sup> for their meeting at the Oblong Park. They wanted to reserve the shelter for the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Farley told the clerk to write and tell Mr. Sechrest that the shelter was on a 1<sup>st</sup> come basis so to be sure and put up a reserved sign when they arrive on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

In other correspondence Mayor Farley read a Thank-you from the Young Homemakers for their help in buying the new trash receptacles for up town.

In a letter from Illinois Cablevision, Wanda Goff stated that she is going to retire, but will stay on as a consultant until someone is trained for her job.

Jon C. Anderson, States Attorney, sent a letter stating that Douglas Yager, was sentence to 298 hrs. of community service under the Village Mayor, Township Supervisor & Township Road Commissioner for burglary of firearms. Each 96 hr. set is to be worked in 1985, 1986, and 1987.

Larry Battershell of Crawford County Opportunities stated they were looking for volunteers to expand the membership of their Board. If anyone on the Village Board is interested, they should contact him.

Bob Machtley of CCO sent a letter for the Board to sign and send on to the House Energy and Water Development Appropriation Sub-Committee in Washington D.C. urging the Congress to direct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restudy the navigation feasibility of the Wabash River. Mayor Farley told the clerk to type the letter and we would send it.

Bob Ferguson of the Lawrence-Crawford Association asked if the Village would want to give \$1,000 dollars from Revenue Sharing to help them to become self-sufficient or at least partly sufficient. Larry Lorange made a motion to give LCAEC the \$1,000 from Revenue Sharing seconded by Gary Wilson. All members voted yea, motion carried.

In a letter from the Law Offices of Evans & Froehlich they stated the proposed \$175,000 dollar Industrial Project Revenue Bonds for the Strohm Oil Company Project. Warren Strohm of said Oil Company has purchased Bills Sunoco on Main St. and wants to put in self-serve islands and turn the garage into a convenience store.

Larry Lorange informed the Board that a \$10,000 dollar CD came due and was paid to Connor & Connor Engineering. The Village has now paid \$30,000 out of the \$51,000 dollar bill for Sewer Project Work.

Joe Bayless reported that his sewer committee had met with Auditor, Danny Woods, and that they were not ready to make a recommendation for sewer increases. He felt they needed to do some more background work and possibly talk or meet directly with the EPA.

Gary Wilson had some complaints on the 3-wheelers using the lake and the Board decided it would be safer to restrict motorized vehicles driving on the lake. The Clerk was told to put a notice in the paper to this effect.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adopt Ordinance #85-321 adding a No Parking on Missouri St. from Range St. East to the Alley. Larry Lorange seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Rex McGehee. All members voted yea, motion carried.

Then Larry Lorange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### February 20, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Paul Black, Richard Newbold, Jim Seifert, Warren Strohm, Randy Strohm, Max Tedford.

In Correspondence with Illinois Cablevision, Larry Lorance made a motion to approve and sign with Heller Oak Communications Finance Corporation (a) The Landlord's Waiver, (b) Collateral Assignment of Interest in Lease of Real Property, and (c) Assignment of Franchise as Collateral Security. Jack Gallion seconded the motion, roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Farley read a letter from W. Terry Young, of ISO Commercial Risk Services, Inc. He stated that during their recent survey of the evaluation of the fire insurance classification of our village, it was confirmed that Class 8 continues to apply. Our classification applies to properties with a needed fire flow of 3500 gpm or less. Even with our new hydrants installed and the new lines our classification stayed the same. Mr. Young also sent a copy of the Grading Sheet and the results of the hydrant flow tests which will be kept on file.

Michael L. Weaver, State Representative, sent Mayor Farley a letter making the Village aware of the Build Illinois program that Governor Thompson is trying to get passed. Some of the headings which might effect small towns were Small Business Loan Program, Water and Sewer Treatment Grants, and Local Outdoor Recreation Grants.

At 7:30 P.M. Warren Strohm, and his attorney, Max Tedford explained his program to the Village for wanting to secure Industrial Revenue Bonds. Mr. Strohm wants to purchase Bill's Sunoco and put in self-serve islands but he will also have one full service island. He intends to remodel the existing building and make a convenience store to serve the Oblong area. He wasn't definite on all plans yet, but he figured the store would be open around 5:00 A.M. to 11:00 or 12:00 P.M. He explained his remodeling and parking plans. He intends to hire local contractors and local employees and with the added hours he hopes to double the payroll. The station will be open 7 days a week, possibly shorter hours on Sunday. He said he intends to be competitive on his prices, but has no intention of trying to run existing stations out of business. Mr. Tedford explained that the Village would be selling the bonds to the lending institution and in no way is financially liable for the company. This is between the lending institution and the Oil Company. Mr. Strohm said if all goes well he would like to open the middle of March depending on the weather. He said he would keep the existing pump open during remodeling, but would probably only have one employee to run it during that time. After all questions had been answered, Larry Lorance made a motion to adopt Resolution #85313 authorizing the execution and delivery of a Memorandum of Intent between the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, and Warren Strohm of Marshall, Ill., and/or Strohm Oil Company, and Ill. corp., providing for the issuance by said Village of Oblong of approximately \$175,000 principal amount of revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Act, as amended. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion and the vote went as follows: Lorance-yea, McGehee-yea, Bayless-nay, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-nay. The vote was 4 yeas and 2 nays, motion carried. The memorandum of intent and Resolution were signed to be sent on the Mr. Froehlich of Champaign who will be responsible for how said bonds can be spent. The papers will need be signed by the Board President after they are prepared.

Joe Bayless then gave his report on the Sewer Project. He had called IEPA and talked with Roger Vollbracht, our application project manager. Mr. Vollbracht told Joe that the Village should go ahead and get their Municipal Compliance Plan letter into the EPA by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985. These letters will then be presented to Congress to show the need for funding for the smaller

municipalities. He also said that we are #223 out of 600 applications and some of these have already been funded. He felt we had a good chance of funding by October of 1986 if the funds should be made available. The funding could be anywhere from 55% to 70%. He on the other hand did not advise the Village to proceed on their own with construction. If we do, he said we would not receive any funds for monies already spent. And he also said as far as funding goes, they would not approve doing ½ of the job at a time. He said if something should happen and funds are not available, then IEPA will come to Oblong and make all the cuts possible to cut down costs for them. The Board decided to have Connor & Connor get the MCP letter sent in, and keep in touch with Mr. Vollbracht, and wait to see what happens with the funding. They will go ahead and work out new sewer rates to help build up the fund when needed to start paying off the bonds.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex McGehee. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### March 6, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 6, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Carol Spaugh, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Tom Haley, 2 Boy Scouts and Alice Jo Hammond.

Mayor Farley had a letter from Mark Weber, Board President of the Robinson Township Library stating that they are trying a new way to reach the outlying areas with good reading material. It would be a mobile library unit called a mediamobile. It would carry books, magazines, records, cassettes, microcomputer software, 16mm projector for loan, and a summer reading program for children. There are funds available for the 1<sup>st</sup> year on a trial basis. If the mobile unit goes over then if funding is not available the 2<sup>nd</sup> year there would probably have to be a tax referendum to pay for the service. The Township is who made the decision to try the program, but Mr. Weber was interested to know how the Village Board felt about it. They all felt it was a good idea, and it would be totally separate from our library.

2 boys representing the Boy Scouts asked if the Village could donate money for materials for their Chili Supper to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. All members felt it should be donation by individuals rather than all tax payers money.

Mayor Farley had received the deed from Max Tedford that the Township had signed transferring the ground where the Town Hall sits to the Village. Mr. Tedford stated that the deed must be recorded with the County Clerk to be in effect. The clerk was instructed to see that it was done.

Mr. Farley read a thank you from Lawrence-Crawford Assn. For Exceptional Citizens for their donation from Revenue Sharing Money. He also had a letter from the City of Marshall. They are celebrating 150 years this summer and invited all to come.

Mayor Farley had received applications for summer help and decided the Board would decide who to hire at their March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting so the boys would know. The Spring Clean-Up was discussed but no definite action was taken.

Mayor Farley had a phone call from Ron Reich of Connor & Connor Engineering. F.H.A. is ready to set up a meeting to turn in outstanding bonds that were not used and close out books on the Waterline Construction. The Mayor said he would set up such a meeting and let the clerk. & treas. know when it would be.

The Mayor said he would contact Service Enterprise Corp. about having the water tower checked. They did repairs and painting on the tower in 1982. Mayor Farley had been approached about the need for handicapped parking in Oblong. He said he would talk to the Bank & IGA and see what could be arranged. Also, due the spring weather the mayor asked the Street & Alley committee to make a list of the alley abusers with junk, etc. so that the police dept. can enforce the ordinances and get Oblong cleaned up.

Mayor Farley appointed a committee of Jack Gallion, chairman, Joe Bayless & Rex McGehee. They are to make a list of the contents of the Town Hall and make their recommendation as to what they feel should be removed, what should be stored, what to have ref nished, and what to let go with the bidding on the demolition of the building. The Mayor feels strongly that the Board should move ahead on the building plans right after the election.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Rex McGehee. All members voted yea, motion carried.

Larry had also been in contact with Bob Lanter, Wanda Lanter, & Harry Shafer concerning their accumulative sick days. And the following were agreed upon with the clerk keeping record from now on. Bob-55 sick days, Wanda-46 sick days, Harry-58 sick days, Gary-23.5 sick days, Terry-0 until May 1<sup>st</sup>. All will have 10 more days added May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board felt as long as the employees were satisfied then so were they.

Joe Bayless made the recommendation of the sewer committee that all sewer rates be doubled to help meet payments in the future. They based the raise on information given to them by our engineers. The committee would be glad to explain to anyone how they arrived at the raise. Mayor Farley said all would think on the proposal and the Board would act on it at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Gary Wilson made the motion to put bid specification out for a new police car. The old one has 60,000 miles on it now. And it takes approximately 90 days to get a new car delivered after bids have been opened. Larry Lorance seconded the motion and Gary said he would get the paper

work taken care of so that the bids could be opened at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Since all business was then concluded, Larry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### March 20, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 20, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Rex McGehee, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Don Davis, Wiley Johnson, Paul Black, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley had received a letter and contract from Kemper CPA Group to sign and send back to them if the Village wanted their firm to do our yearly audit. The approximate fee for the audit was estimated at \$1950.00 dollars. All members were in favor of Kemper doing the audit so the Mayor signed the contract and mailed it to them.

Mayor Farley had a bill from F.H.A. for waterline construction in the amount of \$10,875.00 dollars on interest and \$5,000 dollars on principal. The bill was due May 1<sup>st</sup> and was paid.

Wiley Johnson on North Garfield St. said the Gas Co. had filled in with large chat and blocked off his ditch; consequently he has had some problems with sinking in his driveway. He asked the board if he could get some Cold Mix through the Village and Art said he would come by and look at the problem.

Don Davis, owner of Sudsy Dudsy Laundry, expressed his concern for the new sewer rates. The Board answered questions that Mr. Davis had.

Mayor Farley had notified Paul Walker, representative of Service Enterprise Corp. about having the water tower re-checked and a man from the Evansville office called back saying that he would send a letter as to how soon his men could come to Oblong.

Mayor Farley asked the clerk to write a letter to Mr. Dart reminding him that the 1080.00 dollar donation is due on the ground that he farms for the Village. Mr. Dart hasn't paid since 1982.

Concerning the Sewer Rates, Joe Bayless made a motion to adopt Ordinance #85-322 adjusting the Rates to the following: Residential Users (for 2 months)-First 6,000 gallons or less...\$12.00 Minimum, Next 4,000 gallons or less...1.40 per 1,000 gallons, Next 40,000 gallons or less...80

per 1,000 gallons, All over 50,000 gallons...60 per 1,000 gallons. Commercial Users-First 6,000 gallons or less...\$24.00 Minimum, Next 4,000 gallons or less...1.40 per 1,000 gallons, Next 40,000 gallons or less...80 per 1,000 gallons, All over 50,000 gallons...60 per 1,000 gallons. The Sewer Rates shall be computed and paid bi-monthly. Rex McGehee seconded the motion and roll call vote showed 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The clerk was asked to put a notice in the paper to inform the users, that the new rate would take effect April 1<sup>st</sup> and would be reflected on the June 1<sup>st</sup> billing.

The next order of business was the report from the committee about the contents of the Town Hall. A list was submitted for all board members to look over as recommended by the committee of Jack Gallion, Joe Bayless, and Rex McGehee. A list is attached to these minutes. All member were satisfied with the recommendation and the Mayor asked the committee to check with Rondel Boyd about an auction for the items listed to sell. Also, there was discussion as to where the Library & Board would move to during construction. Gary Wilson made a motion to enter into agreement with Bruce Hosselton to lease his store building on S. Range St. for at least one year at \$150.00 per month rent. Larry Lorange seconded the motion and all members voted yea, motion carried. Mayor Farley told the committee to get in touch with Bruce and have a contract drawn up to that effect.

As business was closed, Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn seconded by Larry Lorange. All members were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### April 3, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Rex McGehee, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Tom Rodgers, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Rondel Boyd, Paul Black.

The minutes of the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed his correspondence and he had received contracts from Tri-Central Sales, Inc. of Indianapolis regarding continuation of repairs and checks on the Water Tower. No action was taken on the matter as the Board felt they would first like to check with other companies and compare.

Mayor Farley had been in contact with Sparks & Sons and asked about getting the car crusher to dispose of the junk cars in town. Sparks said that due to the weather they wouldn't get the crusher until the latter part of June or the first part of July. Art had also heard from Mr. Dart regarding the farm ground and said he would take care of it Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on spring clean-up but no definite action taken.

Mayor Farley had again talked with Mr. Kidwell about the Handicapped parking spaces. Mr. Farley talked with Norm Cunningham & Bill Holt and they were in favor of each putting a parking space in their parking lot. Art asked the street & alley committee to check with the Driver's License Examining Station about specifications for widening the designated parking area and then get back with Norm Cunningham and Bill Holt. Mr. Kidwell picked out the signs and the Board said to have Art let Mr. Kidwell order 6 signs and the Village would pay for them.

Next order of business was the new Municipal Building. Gary Wilson made a motion that the Village of Oblong enter into agreement with V.A. Kibler Associates of Newton, Ill. for architectural work on the new Municipal Building. Larry Lorange seconded the motion and roll call vote showed 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The Mayor and Clerk signed the contract papers.

Mayor Farley introduced Rodney Karr, the new general manager for Illinois Cablevision. He gave the Village their check for 1984 Franchise Fees in the amount of \$3,291.45 dollars. Mr. Karr expressed that he would like to see Ill. Cablevision move in the direction of putting cable back on a local level. They are starting to us Channel 12 for local video segments. They have already put cable in the f rehouse and will have it in the schools too. Another change they are working on is local billing. Mr. Karr hoped that be June, Robinson will handle their own billing. The Board asked a few questions and thanked Mr. Karr for coming over to get acquainted.

Larry made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Rex. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry suggested contacting Mitchell's in Robinson to f x problem yards between Oblong and Robinson as a result from the New Water Line. All members were in agreement to let experts recommend what needs to be done.

Myrl Littlejohn said he had talked with a few men but didn't know of anyone interested in running the Oil Field Museum. They decided to have the clerk run an ad in the paper under Help Wanted and see if there will be any response. Also, Myrl is going to check on someone to roof the Museum Building.

Rondel Boyd had compiled a list of items to be sold at public auction from the Town Hall. He explained where and how he would advertise and the Board told him to go ahead and hire the men who usually help him to move the items out of the building. The tentative date for the auction is May 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 1985.

Jack Gallion asked if the CB Club could have the park on August 17<sup>th</sup> for their annual f ea market. The rain date will be September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board said that would be f ne.

At 8:30 the Board went into Executive Session to discuss summer help.

Back into Regular session at 9:10 P.M. Rex McGehee made a motion to hire Joey Allen, Eddie Mehler, Randy Fancil, and Richard Hawes to work this summer on the Road program. They are

to start as soon as school is out and be paid minimum wage which is \$3.35 dollars per hour. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rex McGehee made a motion to adjourn seconded by Larry Lorange. All were in favor meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

April 17, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 17, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Tom Rodgers, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Paul Black, Bob Lanter, Margaret Rogers, Terry Gish.

The April 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes were approved as read.

This was the new Board's first night in office and the Mayor appointed the following committees:

Finance Committee-Larry Lorange, chrm., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless  
Police Committee-Gary Wilson, chrm., Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorange  
Street & Alley C.-Jack Gallion, chrm., Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn  
Water & Sewer C.-Joe Bayless, chrm., Jack Gallion, Larry Lorange  
Park & Buildings-Myrl Littlejohn, chrm., Tom Rodgers, Gary Wilson  
Sidewalk & Lighting-Tom Rodgers-chrm., Joe Bayless, Jack Gallion

Jack Gallion had talked to Wendell Newcomb of the Strippery and he gave an estimate on refinishing the oak meeting table and 4-6 foot oak tables. Jack made a motion to accept the following bid for refinishing. For the sum of \$1117.50 dollars the Strippery will strip, repair, & refinish 4-6 ft. tables and 1-10 ft. table and make a drawer with dovetail for a 6 ft. table. Wendell said he would keep the tables at his building and refinish them at his convenience. Joe Bayless seconded the motion and the vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Margaret Rogers reported that she had drainage problems since the new gas line was put in 2 years ago. It has caused extensive damage to the foundation of her house. She had contacted the Gas Company and they are coming to talk with her. Mayor Farley said he and street supt. Bob Lanter would be present to talk with them when they came.

Larry Lorange had check with Mitchell's Greenhouse on repairing properties that were damaged from the water line. Joe Bayless made a motion to turn over the properties of Joan Musgrave, Clay Rich, & Bill Hanks to Mitchell's to level, seed, sod, etc. at a maximum of \$150.00 dollars per yard and let them handle here on out. Larry seconded the motion. All members were in favor, and the motion carried.

There had been complaints against bicycle being ridden on sidewalks in the business district and the clerk was instructed to put an ad in the paper reminding people that they are subject to a citation if caught riding bikes in the bus. District.

Gary Wilson reported there was only one bid on a Police Car. After discussion, Gary made the motion to accept Dan Wachtels' bid of \$10,567.00 which is the price with trade-in. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion and the vote went as follows: Larry-yea, Tom-nay, Joe-yea, Gary-yea, Myrl-yea, Jack-yea. There were 5 yeas, 1 nay, motion carried.

Jack Gallion reported that he had checked with the Drivers License Examining Station and they told him that a Handicapped parking space should be 12'6" wide with a double stripe on left hand side. The length is standard. Jack then talked with Wilford Cross of First National Bank and he felt that they should designate the first space West of their North door so that the handicapped would have access through the double doors; and Norm Cunningham from IGA wanted the space by the frehuse which is on the NW side, the last space. This way there wouldn't be a problem with the width and he is planning to put a North entrance into his store when he remodels and this space would be closer.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. to discuss hiring a Oil Field Museum Caretaker.

Back into regular session at 9:15 P.M. Larry Lorance made a motion to hire Michael Edward McReynolds to work at the Oil Field Museum. He is to start immediately and the salary is \$460.00 dollars per month. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. All members voted yea, motion carried.

Larry Lorance then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All members were in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

P.S. Jane Hosselton reported that the building that will house the library at 111 S. Range St. will be ready to start moving into by the first of next week, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She had a contract in rough draft and the Board agreed on points listed and Jane said she would have a copy typed up to be signed at the next board meeting. It was also decided that the Board would hire someone to take down the shelving, move it and reassemble it for the library. It was also agreed that the library should already be moved before the auction on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1985.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### May 1, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Tom Rodgers, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Tom Haley, Mike Connors, Bob Lanter, Paul Black, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mike Connors from our engineering firm in Robinson reported that on our 1984 MFT program we were short \$4,205.32 dollars. This money was spent for summer employment, backhoe and truck rental. The treasurer was instructed to transfer the money out of the General Fund and into the MFT Fund. We also were over by \$688.11 dollars our approved amount for more oiling and chipping. Mike said we needed to appropriate for \$318.55 to finish out 1984 program. Larry Lorange made the motion to adopt Supplemental Resolution #85-315 to appropriate the \$318.55 dollars. Jack Gallion seconded the motion and roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mike then presented the program for 1985 MFT. The maps were passed out to the Board members showing what streets would be repaired this year. There were 70 blocks included in the map drawing. Tom Rodgers made the motion to approve the Motor Fuel Tax program for 1985 as presented by Connor & Connor. Jack Gallion gave a second to the motion and all members voted yea, motion carried.

Mike then gave the estimated costs for 1985 as follows: \$24,757.40 for oil and chips, 2,160.00 for 80 tons of bituminous patch mix, 900.00 for 200 linear feet of 10" culvert pipes, and 2,679.21 for preliminary supervision, TOTAL-\$30,496.61.

Jack Gallion made the motion to pass Improvement Resolution #85-316 for MFT in the amount of \$31,000.00 dollars. Gary Wilson seconded the motion and roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Tom Haley spoke in behalf of the Crawford County Music Jamboree and asked if they could again use the track & stage area at the Park on the second Saturday of each month from June through September for their Country Jamboree. The Board said everything went fine last summer and that it was O.K.

Mayor Farley had a letter from Illinois Department of Transportation stating the we would need to request an extension of time for our permit to do the curb in front of the E.U.B. Church. The permit was issued in 1984 but the committee decided not to do the work last year. So if they decide to add it to the sidewalk repairs this year, we can just have the time extended on the permit.

The Mayor expressed his concern for the weed problem in Oblong. After discussion the clerk was instructed to put an Ad in the paper and follow it with the fact that the Board intends to take action if the problem is not remedied. The Board intends to write individual letters to those who do not eliminate their weeds. There is still the junk car problem and Tom Rodgers said he would check with Sparks and see how long they will have the car crusher and if they will pick up old cars. If arrangements could be made the clerk is also supposed to put an ad in the papers stating so.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills second by Jack Gallion. All members voted yea, motion carried.

Joe Bayless reported that the South Drive of the High School needs to be fixed like the north side. Bob Lanter said they had filled the holes up several times but it wouldn't help. The committee is to check into getting someone to repair the south drive as soon as school is out.

Joe also asked in behalf of the High School if they could have permission to reroute drainage pipe on the East side of the school and go underground out to Range St. They will maintain and clean out the drain and school will replace the curb that will have to be removed to do the job. They are currently having drainage problems and felt this would take care of the problem. Bob Lanter had already been down and talked to principal Allen Price and Bob said it would be better for both the school and the Village because he figured that it is now draining into an old sanitary sewer. So the Board told Joe to give Allen the go ahead.

Mayor Farley had received a letter from Chapman & Cutler of Chicago concerning the remaining unissued bonds that the Village has. They stated that we need to adopt a Resolution stating that the Village does not need the bonds to complete the Waterworks project. Then they should send a copy of the Resolution and a copy of the minutes of F.H.A. and then a meeting will be set up to destroy the remaining bonds. Larry Lorance made the motion adopt Resolution #85-314 resolving that the Board members are in full agreement that they need not issue all of the captioned bonds to complete the Waterworks project. The remaining \$75,000 dollars in unissued bonds will therefore be destroyed when authorization is received from F.H.A. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Lorance-yea, Rodgers-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry Lorance then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All members were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### May 15, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 15, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Earl Decker, Pam Bunton, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Paul Black.

The May 1<sup>st</sup> minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Farley read a letter from Paul Black correspondent for the Robinson Daily News. Paul is going to work for the Mattoon Journal Gazette and Charleston Times Courier as a reporter. May

20<sup>th</sup> is his last day. Paul expressed how much he had enjoyed working with the Board and we all wished him well with his new job.

Earl Decker from Pulliam Funeral Home in Oblong came to ask the Board's approval for a proposal for diagonal parking on S. Grant St. Currently there is parallel parking. The new parking plans will provide 9 spaces 22 ft. deep. Jim Seifert, owner of Mathenys' was in favor of the new parking spaces and Jim & Earl agreed that Mathenys' could use the space also. After questions, Gary Wilson made the motion to accept the proposal for parking between Pulliam Funeral Home and Matheny Standard for public use. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion and roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Farley had talked the Disposal Company and they set the dates for Spring Clean-Up. It will be Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The clerk was instructed to put the ad in the paper.

The next business for discussion was the problem with abandoned unlicensed vehicles. The following ad will be run in the paper. **NOTICE TO OBLONG RESIDENTS ABANDONED CAR REMOVAL IMMEDIATELY.** Village Ordinance Article 7 requires the removal of abandoned vehicles within the Village limits. Village authorities have made arrangements with Sparks & Sons for the removal of such vehicles at no cost to the owners. For removal call 592-4732. Vehicles not removed within 2 weeks will be removed by the Village and fines assessed accordingly. **THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.**

Jack Gallion, chairman of the Street & Alley Committee had copies for Board members of a list of plugged culverts at street intersections. There were 22, but possibly not all of them could be cleaned out.

The librarian had told trustee Larry Lorange that it would cost \$90.00 for the hook-up for the library phone. The Board agreed that it should be put in since there is no monthly charge of service and that the phone is listed Village of Oblong. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to have the phone put in seconded by Larry Lorange. All members were in favor, motion carried.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to pay Oblong Ruritan Club \$125.00 for moving the library shelving to its new location. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. All members were in favor, motion carried.

The Village had a \$30,000 dollar 6 month CD come due and the Board agreed to have the treasurer pay the remainder of the \$20,846.00 dollars to Connor & Connor for the Sewer Plans. The treasurer was instructed to reinvest the remainder.

The Revenue Sharing Fund has a balance on hand of \$19,577.00 dollars and the Board agreed to put \$10,000 in the Law Fund to help cover the new police car and \$5,000 dollars in the Park Fund for repairs and clean-up.

Tom Rodgers chairman of Sidewalk & Lighting Committee had a rough proposal of repairs to be done this summer. He went over the locations with the Board Members and Mayor Farley asked them all to study it and give their opinions at the Next Board meeting.

The last order of business was the letting of bids for the demolition of the old town hall. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to let for bid the demolition of the Town Hall at 206 S. Range St. tearing it down to foundation level. Below the ground must be cleaned out but the basement walls & floor are to be left as is. All materials must be removed from premises. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. All members voted yea and the bids will be opened at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Before the clerk runs the ad, Gary Wilson said he would check with Randy Baker about the insurance and bonding they should require in the bid and what percentage would be customary.

Jack Gallion then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All members were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### June 4, 1985 (Special Meeting)

The Village Board met in a Special Meeting for the purpose of accepting bids for repairs and maintenance of village streets for the summer. The meeting was held at the Library at 111 S. Range St. at 1:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Jim Calhoun, Mike Connor, Danny Kintner, Mark Kintner, Bob Lanter.

Mayor Farley opened and read the only bid.

Group I-Bituminous Materials RS-2 @ \$.87 per gallon. Total-\$14,316.72 16,456 gallons. Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16 @ \$14.95 per ton. Total-10,255.70 686 tons. Bid Total by Lee Kintner & Sons...\$24,572.42.

The prices in comparison of 1984 were 3 cents per gallon on RS-2 and up 60 cents per ton on CA-16.

Mayor Farley said the bids would be accepted at the regular board meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> since no trustees were able to attend this meeting. Mike Connor said he would take care of the necessary paper work and the meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### June 5, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. in the Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Mike Munson, Bob Lanter, David Krick, Ron Reich, Danny Steinman, Pam Bunton, Ken Dixon, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved as read.

The First order of business was to open sealed bids for demolition of the Town Hall. The bids read as follows: D.J. Steinman, Willow Hill, Ill...\$7,890.00, Mike Munson, Oblong, Ill...\$10,800.00, David Krick, Oblong, Ill...\$12,736.00, Phillip Michl, Hutsonville, Ill...\$11,500.00.

Larry Lorance made the motion to accept the low bid from D.J. Steinman of \$7,890.00. Joe Bayless seconded the motion and each board member yea and the motion carried. Mr. Steinman said that he would start the next day and hoped to have it down in 30 days.

Ron Reich of Connor & Connor Engineering came to discuss the contents and answer questions about the Municipal Compliance Letter that will be gone over by the EPA. Ron explained that in order to be in compliance by July 1988 the board would have to agree on a figure of \$16.00 per month average sewer bill. This would only be if the Village had to finance their own project without any grant money. Ron said this figure was based on an average salary figure for Oblong of \$12,130.00 dollars. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to accept the \$16.00 dollar figure for minimum bill to turn in on MCP letter. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Ron said he would set up the meeting for June 14<sup>th</sup> if possible. Joe Bayless and Larry Lorance said they would be available to go with Ron to the meeting with the EPA.

David Krick turned in an estimate to repair the South Approach at the High School. The bid had 12" spacing or 18" spacing. The 12" was used on the North Side and was holding good so the Board gave the Okay to use the 12" spacing. The estimate was \$873.00 dollars.

In approving the MFT bid that was made at the letting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1985 Jack Gallion made the motion accept Lee Kintner & Sons bid of \$24,572.42 dollars for street repair program. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. All members voted yea, motion carried.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Gary Wilson. All in favor, motion carried.

The mayor reviewed his correspondence. He had a copy of papers from Evans & Froelich of Champaign dealing with the Industrial Bonds for Warren Strohm Oil Co. He read a letter from Gower Rentals concerning their 5 apartment complex. The FHA need a letter from the Village since they do not issue building permits. The mayor & clerk and road supt. signed the letter and

sent it on to Gower Rentals. Jerry Sanders had asked if it would be alright for him to be married in the park on August 10, 1985. Since there were no other plans on the calendar the Mayor had told him that it would be fine.

Terry Gish reported that out of 57 abandoned cars, there were still 34 left sitting around. The Clerk is to type letters to the individuals and Police Chief Terry Gish will hand deliver them. The parties will have 10 days from date of delivery to get rid of the car or the Village will have to take action.

Jack Gallion then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### June 19, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 19, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Merle Price, Bob Lanter, Steve Keim, Pam Bunton, Lloyd Mann, Ken Dickson, Ron Reich, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Merle Price explained to the Board that prior to the Town Hall Auction several people expressed the opinion that the "Town Hall Plaque" should be retained as a part of local history. Several interested people donated money and the plaque was purchased at the auction for \$110.00 dollars. The amount collected was \$154.00 dollars and the remaining \$44.00 dollars was presented to the Board. Jack Gallion made the motion to accept the plaque and the \$44.00 dollars to be used for the new building as the board sees fit. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The list of citizens donating on the plaque are attached to the minutes.

The next order of business was about the abandoned junk cars. Steve Keim was concerned for his business. He had some demolition cars and some unlicensed vehicles sitting around. After comments from all of the board members and discussion the board told Steve the only alternative would be to build a fence around the cars. The Board told him they felt that 45 days would be sufficient time to have the fence built. Steve said he felt that was a fair decision.

Lloyd Mann was also present to ask question concerning what an abandoned vehicle was. He is in the process of sell 2 or 3 cars and the Board said as long as they weren't left sitting for a long period of time it would be ok for Lloyd to sit them in his yard for display.

Ron Reich from Connor & Connor came to report on the meeting between EPA in Springfield and Joe Bayless and himself. He explained that the EPA just wanted a scheduling of how the Village could comply and when. They can't force the Village to be done by a certain date unless the funding is available. The EPA said that the average middle income for Oblong is \$12,130.00 dollars per year, therefore, the average monthly bill should be \$10.11 which is right around the figure that the new rates are. So at this rate the Village could be in compliance by the year 2008. Joe Bayless made the motion to accept the MCP plan as presented by Connor & Connor on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1985 with the Revised time Schedule. It is set up on as pay as you go plan, not planning on any grant money. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Gary Wilson reported that the new Squad Car is in.

Tom Rodgers gave his report on the street & sidewalk repairs. The estimate was 3830 sq. ft. at \$2.00 a foot for a total of \$7660.00 dollars. The repairs out in front of the library will be more costly than \$2.00 a ft. so this will give leeway up to \$10,000 dollars. The clerk was told to put the ad in the paper and the bids will be opened at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that the Park Committee is getting together some figures on painting, fixing, and purchasing some new equipment, redoing some wiring, etc. They were not yet ready to give an estimate on the repairs needing to be done.

The Ruritan Club said they would be having a 3 wheel pull on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Park.

The Board went into executive session at 9:30 to discuss salaries.

Back into regular session at 9:40 P.M. Gary Wilson made the motion to accept the following recommended pay raises: Bob Lanter & Terry Gish-\$1490.00/month, Wanda Lanter-845.00/month, Harry Shafer & Garry Lanter-1335.00/month, Keith Foltz-305.00/month, Jack Cunningham-6.00 per hour, Mike McReynolds-505.00/month, and all part-time employees will be raised to \$3.50 per hour. These amounts do not include the 4.5% for IMRF except Mike McReynolds. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote was 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The new pay scale takes effect June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1985.

As all business was concluded Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All voted yea meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

### July 3, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 3, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Randy Baker, Ken Dickson.

Mayor Farley reviewed his correspondence that he had received since the last meeting. He read a copy of a letter that E.H. Price had sent to Kemper regarding any legal problems with the Village's finances. Mr. Price stated that everything was in order.

Mayor Farley said that he had met with Don Kaufman of FHA out of Flora, Illinois, on June 24<sup>th</sup> and that the Waterworks Revenue Bonds Series 1982-Numbers R-90 through R-104 in the amount of \$5,000 dollars each/totaling \$75,000.00 dollars were destroyed by Mayor Farley and witnessed by Dora Kaufman of FHA.

Danny Steinman of Willow Hill had finished the demolition of the old Town Hall Building. Randy Baker of V.A. Kibler Associates was at the meeting to make a presentation of the plans for the new municipal building. Some of the features that he explained were that the foundation would be concrete blocks, and that the building itself would have wood structures and they would use wood trusses. They were planning on masonry walls for maintenance. Randy also explained that the building would probably have 3 heating zones. There will be a lot of attic space and the plans showed some mechanical rooms in the attic and possibly added storage space. There will be 12 parking spaces off alley in the back or West side of the building. 2 of those spaces will be for handicapped parking. There will be 5 foot sidewalks on both sides of the building. The overall building space will be 56' by 114'. There are still details to iron out on the plumbing, electrical, and heating which the engineers are looking over now for feasibility. Randy had several ideas for exterior and interior walls and roofing which he said he was currently checking prices on to see which was the best for the building. The Board liked all the plans that Randy had drawn up. No action was taken. When the architects are ready to let bids then the board will make a motion to that effect. Randy said he hoped to have the bidding process over by the first of September and give the contractors a couple of months to work before bad weather.

Larry made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor motion carried.

At 8:30 P.M. the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel. Back into regular session at 8:47 P.M. Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Larry Lorange. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### July 17, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 17, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson, Danny Steinman, David Krick, Leroy Eubank, Bob Lanter.

The first order of business was the opening of Sidewalk Bids to replace 3830 square feet of sidewalks within the village. G & L Construction Co. of Hutsonville...\$6894.00, VanDyke Builders of Robinson, Ill....7392.27, David L. Krick of Oblong, Ill....7468.50, Danny Steinman of Willow Hill, Ill....8560.00

Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to accept low bidder Gale Gower, of G & L Construction in Hutsonville, Ill. The Bid was \$6894.00 dollars. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Danny Steinman was interested in working on the Villages' water tower. The Board asked Danny to give them an estimate on draining, cleaning & inspecting the tower for repairs. He will also estimate for painting the outside and for sandblasting and putting epoxy or wax on the inside. Art said it would be best to wait until this fall to work on it.

In correspondence Mayor Farley said he had received a letter from EPA stating that they had received our MCP letter and that it was under agency review. The EPA will notify the Village by letter of the results. Mayor Farley also said that Gary Lanter is studying and will write on his test for Class 4 licensed water operator in the near future.

Fran Jones had contacted Mayor Farley and asked if the Village would be interested in buying a Xerox 2600 from the Insurance Co. The Board felt it would be beneficial to the Village so Larry made the motion to buy the machine for around 600.00 dollars and put it in the Water Office. Gary Wilson seconded the motion, all were in favor motion carried.

Larry Lorance told the Board that the Board of Review is already in session and it is okay he will set up an appointment to fill out the necessary forms to get the Cunningham Building and the Activity Center exempt on our taxes. The Board members told him to go ahead.

Myrl Littlejohn gave a report on the Park. Sylvan Stoltz is doing all of the electrical rewiring at the park. There is 5 new vapor lights within the park to replace the old ones (lights). The restrooms are being painted and the pots are going to be replaced. Some of the old equipment had been repaired and they might order something new for the playground.

Myrl's committee made the recommendation to give Mike McReynolds 10 more hours per week. He would work from 7 A.M. to 4 P.M. He would work in the park area from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and then work his regular hours in the Oil Field Museum, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. They will order him a couple of uniforms and he will be responsible for registering campers. The committee drew up a camping permit with rules and regulations. Campers can camp 7 days free and then they will have to 5.00 a night to help cover electrical costs, etc. A 3 month or 90 day period must be elapsed before another 7 days of free camping will be permitted.

Jack Gallion made the motion to raise Mike McReynolds salary to \$605.00 per month split and paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Myrl then made the motion to let Mike issue the new camping permits. Larry seconded the motion. All members voted yea, motion carried.

Bob told the Board that they needed a new weed eater and the Board gave the okay for Bob to purchase a new weed eater.

As all business was finished Larry Lorance made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### August 7, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 7, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Danny Woods, Homer Smith, Purl Culp, Gale Inboden, Gene German, Ken Dickson, Pam Bunton, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter.

The first order of business was 4 concerned citizens expressing their concern and opinion of the sewer water in their basements due to the heavy rainfall. They wanted to know if the Board could do anything to remedy the problem. Mayor Farley told the men on the work with the engineers and EPA trying to figure out a proposal that would meet with the EPA's approval. The Board decided in the mean time to have Bob Lanter check out the areas discussed and see if a bigger drain pipe would help the problem some until something more extensive could be done.

Danny Woods of Kemper CPA came to the meeting and step by step went through the Audit that was conducted for the Village for the 1984-85 fiscal year. A few suggestions and recommendations by Danny were that a working budget should be used for the purpose of actual cost control. And because of the large volume of investments and applicable rate, dates, and interest received. They also felt that 2 signatures should be required on all checks to improve internal control.

Larry Lorance moved that the Board adopt the budget prepared for the Water Fund for 1985-86 as required by F.H.A. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Farley read a letter from Frank J. Weber concerning a rental agreement between the Village of Oblong and the Robinson Township Fire Department for rental on 7 fire hydrants installed by Oblong that Robinson uses. Art gave the letter to the Water committee and stated that whatever figure they decided upon would be satisfactory with the Board. They should then notify Robinson by letter.

Larry Lorance stated that the Tax Levy must be approved by the second Tuesday in September and that the Finance Committee would get the figures ready.

Larry then made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor motion carried.

The next discussion was on the letter from the EPA in which they rejected the proposal we submitted to update our sewer system. They stated that there would be no extension on deadline and that we would have to obtain our own financing probably by bonds. Joe Bayless said that he would contact Ron Reich from Connor & Connor and discuss any possible alternatives to submit to E.P.A.

As all business was concluded Larry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### August 21, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 21, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Gary Wilson-Acting Mayor, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jack Gallion, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson.

In the absence of Mayor Farley, trustee Gary Wilson conducted business for the Board Meeting. Gary reported that there were several junk cars left sitting since the demolition derby at the fair and that Chief of Police Terry Gish has already delivered some letters and will keep up with others that may be in violation.

Joe Bayless chairman of the Water & Sewer committee talked with Ron Reich of Connor & Connor. Ron suggested that the Board resubmit the same plan and try to substantiate that we cannot complete the project before the year 2006. Also, try to express and explain our in town pollution problem. The committee along with Ron thought they would give the same approach one more try.

Gary read a letter from Max L. Tedford. The Rob. Township Fire District had received our letter asking for \$35.00 per hydrant rental per year and wanted a member of the water committee to be present at their September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at the Robinson City Hall Council Room. The Robinson Township Fire Protection District wants to discuss the proposal at hand. Joe Bayless said he could go the meeting and Gary said he would contact Larry Lorance about the meeting too.

Tom Rodgers reported that the sidewalk on South Range would be poured Thursday, August 22, and that was the last sidewalk. The Company should be done Friday.

Gary also read a letter from EPA that stated our July 22<sup>nd</sup> letter for the basis of design was approved except for the chlorinator.

The clerk explained to the Board the two service agreements which were available for the Xerox machine. Joe Bayless made the motion to purchase the Standard Service agreement for 260.00 per year from JM's Business Machines. There will be a \$60.00 dollar charge from Xerox for a service call to put the machine on maintenance. Anything over 500 copies per month, the Village will be charged .0085 cents per copy over. There will be a \$40.00 charge per call to JM's Business Machines if we have problems throughout the year. This agreement also doesn't cover the drum on the Xerox machine. If it need to be replace they cost \$200.00. Mr. Maurer of JM's Business machines has already checked the machine over and states that it is in good shape and for the usage we should have very few problems. Jack Gallion seconded the motion to purchase the Standard Service agreement. All members voted yea 4-0 motion carried. The clerk said she would pick up the bill for the machine from Fran Jones.

As all business was concluded Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### September 4, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library in Oblong.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Pam Bunton, Warren Strohm, E.H. Price, Ken Dickson, Terry Gish.

The first order of business was the Industrial Revenue Bonds for Warren Strohm Oil Company. In February the Board had passed a Resolution and a Memorandum of Intent to issue \$175,000 dollars in Bonds. As a continuation of this action, Mr. Strohm was ready for the Board's passage of an Ordinance providing for the financing by the Village of Oblong, Illinois, of an Industrial Project in order that Strohm Oil Co. may be provided with facilities to encourage development of the Village of Oblong. The First National Bank of Robinson has agreed to purchase the \$150,000 in Industrial Bonds from the Village of Oblong. In return the Bank will hold the mortgage from Warren Strohm as security and will not hold the Village liable for any monies owed by Warren Strohm Oil Company. As all questions were answered Larry Lorance moved to adopt Ordinance #85-325 stating the same as the above. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Each Board member voted yea including the President which made the vote 6-0 motion carried. Mr. Tedford, Strohm's attorney, said a meeting would be set up in the near future for the closing of the transaction.

Copies of the Annual Tax Levy were passed out that the Finance Committee had prepared. The amount levied was \$39,315.00 which was the same as the preceding year. The amount of

property tax estimated to be extended on behalf of the taxing district for the preceding year was the sum of \$29,012.90 dollars. The percentage of increase is above 105% increase and the notice for the Truth and Taxation hearing will be advertised in the paper, and hearing held. Larry Lorange made the motion to adopt Annual Tax Levy Ordinance #85-324 and Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Alice Jo Hammond spoke with Trustee Larry Lorange about the possibility of being put on the Village's Group Insurance Policy with Mutual of Omaha. The policy is for hospitalization. Since she works the necessary amount of hours to qualify, the Board said that would be fine. Mrs. Hammond will have to pay for the insurance as she is only a part-time employee.

Larry Lorange made the motion to pay the bills seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor motion carried.

Joe Bayless had attended the meeting of the Robinson Fire Protection District. They were in agreement with the figure of \$35.00 per hydrant for rental. They said they would have the necessary agreement drawn up for both parties to sign.

The Building Committee had a meeting with Randy Baker for the bidding procedure on the new Town Hall. The advertisement for bids will be in the September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> papers. Bids will be released September 10, 1985 and will be opened and publicly ready on September 24, 1985 at 10:00 A.M. at the Village Library at 111 S. Range St. in Oblong.

Myrl Littlejohn said the 3 wheel pull sponsored by the Ruritan Club was rescheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Park.

Mayor Farley discussed with Police Chief Terry Gish and the Board some of the duties of the Police Chief and recommended that some guidelines be set up for the position.

The last order of business was with Ron Reich of Connor & Connor on the response he has prepared for EPA concerning the review of the Municipal Compliance Plan letter. He asked the EPA to reconsider the non-acceptance of the plan and offered a supplement to the plan which he went over with the Board. Ron felt any input from citizens within the village with sewer problems or form letters or petitions might help the EPA realize the situation of Oblong's sewer collection system. He told the Board members to look the letter over and since it did not need to be sent in before the end of the month, they could vote at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting whether or not to approve the submitting of the supplement to EPA.

As all business was finished Larry Lorange move to adjourn the meeting seconded by Gary Wilson. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

September 18, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September, 18, 1985 at the Village Library at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bill Sandiford, Dale Curtis, Ron Reich, Merle Myerscough, Brenda Weiler, Ken Dickson, Pam Bunton, Keith Foltz.

The minutes of the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Bill Sandiford, a member of H.O.M.E. (Help Our Many Employables) came to explain what HOME is all about. They are trying to help Crawford County Help Itself. They are asking for individuals donations of \$10.00 per person per year for 3 years. They are hoping to collect \$50,000 thousand the first year and put aside for a new business that might come to Crawford County. They hope to bring more jobs to Robinson, Oblong, Palestine, and Hutsonville. At the present Mr. Sandiford asks the Board if they would wish to donate money to help with expenses. They have received donations from various organizations. The Board is made up of 3 members from Oblong, Palestine, Hutsonville, and Palestine. Jack Gallion made the motion to donate \$200.00 dollars to H.O.M.E. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Merle Myerscough from CIPS in Robinson brought with him, Dale Curtis, Industrial Engineer out of CIPS in Mattoon and Brenda Weiler who is in customer service. Dale Curtis approached the Board with considering using electric heat in the new municipal building with the use of heat pumps. He showed the Board some figures as opposed to gas heat. The Board felt at this time with the bids already being let that it was too late to change the plans. However, trustee Gary Wilson said that there was some problem with the mechanical plans and they were being discussed. Mr. Curtis also asked the Board to consider using the 120-240 voltage already at the building location. The architects are asking for 120-208 which is standard. Mr. Curtis said considering the size of the building the village wouldn't benefit anymore from the 120-208 and if it had to be installed the cost to the village would be approximately \$3500.00 dollars. There wouldn't be that expense with the existing voltage already there. The Board said they would talk with Randy Baker and see at this point if that could be worked out.

Mayor Farley told the Board that he and the clerk would be meeting at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank in Robinson for the closing on the Warren Strohm Oil Co. Industrial Revenue Bond Deal. The meeting will take place Thursday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Farley also reminded the Board that the opening of the bids for the new municipal building would take place at the Library on Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

Ron Reich was present to ask the Board their opinion on the revised letter he had ready to send to EPA. All of the Board members felt he had done an excellent job in presenting the facts and Joe Bayless made the motion to have Connor & Connor resubmit their reply to our non-acceptance letter. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. All members voted yeas motion carried.

Larry Lorance then made the motion to adopt Resolutions for the closing of Route 33 for the Homecoming Parade on October 11<sup>th</sup> and for the Halloween Parade on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried. The Mayor and clerk signed the necessary papers and they were sent on to the Illinois Dept. of Transportation for approval.

The clerk had prepared a Water Hydrant Agreement from a copy the Robinson Township Fire Protection District had passed on to E.H. Price, the villages' attorney. Joe Bayless made the motion to enter into the Water Hydrant Agreement with the Robinson Township Fire Protection District at a rate of \$35.00 dollars per hydrant for 7 hydrants. Jack Gallion seconded the motion and roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Larry Lorance said that he would deliver the copies to Guy Treadway so that Robinson could sign the agreement.

Mayor Farley stated that the Village has a loan payment due to F.H.A. on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985 in the amount of \$10,750.00 dollars.

As all business was finished Larry Lorance made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### September 24, 1985

A Special Meeting was held Tuesday, September 24, 1985 at the Village Library for the purpose of opening bids for the new Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Gary Wilson-Trustee, Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Vic Kibler, Randy Baker, Ken Dickson, and 14 bidders.

Mayor Farley opened the meeting by introducing the architects and members of the Board, and then he turned the meeting over to Randy Baker and Vic Kibler to open and read the bids. Miscellaneous Bidders were Economy Concrete-Johnsonville, Stephens & Winters Masonry-Hutsonville, MBI Construction Inc.-Effingham, Ill., Graham-Norm's Glass & Paint, Inc.-Robinson, Hayden Glass & Steel-Robinson, Habings, Furniture-Teutopolis, Dhom Carpet & linoleum-Newton, Larry's House of Carpet-Newton, Marshall Bros. Furniture & Carpet-Newton, Reep & Son Furniture & Carpet-Newton, D.R. Smith-Robinson, Vic's Floor Covering-Oblong, Rubsam Paint Store-Newton, Heath Roofing and Robard's Plastering.

The Following Bid on Mechanical: Buhnerkemps Plbg. & Htg.-Teutopolis, Taylor Heating & Cooling-Robinson, David R. Chilcote-Robinson, Peelman Electric-Robinson, Jody White Electric-Olney, Ill., Lytle Electric-Rob., Mark's M & M Electric-Teutopolis, & Twin City Electric-Charleston.

The last bids opened were General Contractors: B & N Construction-Oblong, Dave Haworth-Charleston, Heritage Builders-Effingham, Illini Builders Co.-Olney, Steve Drake Lumber &

Construction-Charleston, E.H. Montgomery Const.-Vincennes, Ind., Keller Construction-Olney, Leonard L. Schernekau Construction-Robinson, Ill.

The architects thanked everyone for their bid and said they would set down and figure which way would be best for the village to go whether with one contractor or break down the bids and award to individuals. Mr. Kibler said he hoped to have something back to the building committee within 2 weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

October 2, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 2, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Leolin Bowen.

Mayor Farley asked Mr. Leolin Bowen how the Board could be of help to him. He expressed how he was confused on the water & sewer bills. Trustee Larry Lorance had a chart and showed Mr. Bowen how the bills had been figured. He also explained to him how the billing is always 2 months behind. Mr. Bowen wasn't totally clear, but the Board told him they would meet with him again if he had anymore questions. He thanked the Board for their help.

Mayor Farley stated that he had not received any correspondence since the last meeting. Joe Bayless said that he had checked for Bob Hill on an agreement that was supposed to have been made some years back around 1948 on his sewer line. Since there was no record found in the minutes, Bob Hill said he would take care of the cost.

Bob Lanter discussed with the Board the need of a manhole by H.C. Curtis residence on N. Garfield. It was decided to have Dave Krick do the work because he had done other manholes for the Village.

Larry Lorance made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. All members voted with a yeas motion carried.

The clerk asked the Board for Joan Jennings, member of Young Homemakers, if they could have 3 blocks marked off on S. Range so they could have a little kids carnival. She said they would still need the one block on north Range and that the Booster Club was going to sponsor the 10 K run and the one mile fun run the same as last year. The Board said there would be no problem with any of the requests.

The clerk also mentioned she had a call from R.E. Anderson Associates out of Terre Haute, Indiana and that they were interested in bidding on the interior design or office equipment for the building. The Board said to keep their name on file, but at the present time nothing had been decided on how they would handle the interior plans.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss Real Estate.

Back into regular session at 8:40 P.M., Larry Lorance made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All members voted yea and meeting adjourned.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### October 16, 1985

A Special meeting was held Wednesday, October 16, 1985 at 4:30 P.M. as the Library for the purpose of opening the bids for the heating and plumbing system for the new building.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Tom Rodgers-Trustee, Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Vic Kibler, Randy Baker, and 5 bidders.

Mayor Farley opened the meeting by introducing the architects and members of the Board and then turned the meeting over to Randy Baker to read the bids received. Buhnerkempe Plbg. and Htg. and Taylor Heating & Cooling bid on the plumbing and Steffen Heating & Air Conditioning, Merz Sheet Metal, Taylor Heating & Cooling and Kamplain Electric Heating & Cooling bid on the Heating System.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

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The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 16, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Vic Kibler, Randy Baker, Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish.

The October 2 minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Farley had received an application for a trailer permit from Rex Madlem, 607 E. Indiana St. Oblong, Ill. He wants to put a trailer across the street East for his father. Joe Bayless moved

to accept the application providing all standards were met according to the Ordinance. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Farley also brought an application for a Liquor License from Vern Christians. He bought the Oblong Tavern from Archie Coker. Larry Lorange made the motion to accept the application for license as long as the license fee was worked out between Mr. Coker and Mr. Christians. Gary Wilson seconded the motion and roll call vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Mayor Farley said he would make sure that they understood the fee.

In correspondence received the Mayor had a letter from the EPA stating that our revised MCP letter was under agency review and we would be notified in writing of the outcome. Stan Pool had wrote a letter that he was going to stock true value line products and that he was going to extend credit to villages and businesses and that there would be percentage discounts figured on billing. J.D. Huggins CPA once again wrote and said he was interested in doing the Village's audit this year. The Board felt they liked the local audit firm because we needed their assistance on many other things also. The Mayor of Bolingbrook, Illinois had invited the Board Members & Mayor to a meeting concerning their feelings on the EPA mandatory rules & regulations that the villages were unable to meet. The meeting will be held October 21<sup>st</sup>.

After discussion on Trick or Treat night Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to have trick or treat on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. The age limit was set for 12 years and under and people are to turn on their porch lights if they wish to treat the kids. The Gem and Robinson Daily reporters said they would write up the notice in their columns.

Trustee Gary Wilson asked the Board if they felt Terry Gish should line up some help on Trick or Treat night. Since they had used 2 men on that night in the past years the board said that Terry could ask Keith or Jack to help that night.

As all regular business was concluded the Board went into executive session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss Real Estate.

Back into regular session at 8:40 P.M. the clerk was instructed to put an Ad in the paper for Tuesday to notify the public that there will be a special meeting on Wednesday, October 23, for the purpose of accepting contracts for the construction of the new Town Hall. The meeting will be at the Library at 7:00 P.M.

Joe Bayless made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All members voted yeas motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

October 23, 1985

Special Meeting to accept Contracts for construction of new Town Hall.

Members Present: Art Farley, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Jack Gallion, Carol Tracy, Jane Hosselton.

Others Present: Ken Dickson, Pam Bunton, Vic Kibler, Randy Baker.

As Mr. V.A. Kibler and Randy Baker were not quite ready to sign contracts. They had a few items to iron out with the sub-contractors.

Larry Lorance made the motion to authorize Kibler and Associates to enter into their contracts for the construction of Town Hall under the terms previously discussed. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. There were 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Vic said they would have all of the contracts ready to sign no later than Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Larry Lorance made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

#### November 6, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 6, 1985 at the Village Library at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Ken Dickson, Randy Baker, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter.

The Minutes of the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

In Correspondence the Wabash-Embarras Public Library Service had contacted Mayor Farley about their Mediamobile. They will be in Oblong each Monday starting November 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be parked in the Church of Christ parking lot from 3:00 to 5:30 P.M. To kick off their project they will be set up in the Library on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:30 P.M. They will have a display arranged so anyone can come in and see what they have to offer.

Other business discussed was the drainage problem at Matheny Garage on the south edge of the alley; getting estimates on tree removal; and having the sewer committee check the cost of renting from Newton a hydraulic f usher.

Bob Lanter said they needed a new door on the pump house in Robinson. He felt that the doors with a metal coating are better and they would serve the purpose better. The board told Bob to go ahead and order the doors and get them hung.

As all regular business was concluded the Board went into executive session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss Real Estate Contracts and Financing.

Back into regular session at 8:50 P.M. Larry Lorance made the motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. All members voted 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Then Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. The vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

November 20, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 20, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson, Carolyn Heck.

The minutes of the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was the signing of legal documents for the construction and financing of the new municipal building. Jack Gallion made the motion to adopt Ordinance #85-326 authorizing an agreement for the purchase of Improvements to Real Estate owned by the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried and the Mayor and Clerk signed the Ordinance.

Secondly, Tom Rodgers made a motion to adopt an Assignment Agreement between Jack Thompson-Heritage Builders, First National Bank of Oblong and the Village of Oblong. In this the Village is approving that the Bank can buy the agreement from Heritage Builders and refinance to the Village. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The Mayor and Clerk signed this agreement also.

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The Mayor had received a letter from Boyd-Ikemire Insurance stating that the lakes and dams would no longer be carried under the umbrella policy. They had already contacted a different company and were offering less coverage at about the same premium as before. Art said he would check with Rondel Lee Boyd to make sure the Board had interpreted the letter correctly.

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The Finance committee instructed the Treasurer to invest \$20,000 of the Sewer System Fund and \$20,000 out of Operations and Maintenance.

As all other business was concluded Larry Lorange made the motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All were in favor meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

#### December 4, 1985

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Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorange, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Ken Dickson, Pam Bunton, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter.

The November 20<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as read.

The Board had received a request for (partial) payment to Taylor Heating & Cooling and for partial payment to Heritage Builders. Larry Lorange made the motion to pay: Taylor Heating & Cooling...\$2,700.00 dollars (3,000.00-300.00) 10% retainer and Heritage Builders...\$24,871.36 dollars (27,634.84-2763.48) 10% retainer. Joe Bayless seconded the motion and roll call vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

In correspondence Mayor Farley received a letter from U.S. Senator, Alan J. Dixon concerning the Fair Labor Standards Act and he also had a response from E.P.A.

Joe Bayless explained that the EPA found our response submitted 9-20-85 unacceptable. The EPA suggested a 2 phase project. The Village is supposed to respond in 60 days or less. Joe said he would see if Ron Reich from Connor & Connor could be at our December 18 meeting to discuss possibly drawing up a new MCP plan.

Larry Lorange made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. The vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Following discussion on the sewer project, Larry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All members voted yea and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### December 18, 1985

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 18, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Gary Sweat, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Ken Dickson, Pam Bunton.

The December 4<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as read.

In correspondence the Mayor had received a letter from Terry L. Bruce, Member of Congress, concerning overtime pay for employees. Mayor Farley also read a letter from Al Leser, Department of Labor in Marion, Illinois giving the compliance of the Illinois Prevailing Wage.

Gary Sweat, member of the Adult Teen Center Board, gave a report of the progress of Youth Unlimited. He said they have an average of 65 kids on the weekends. They show VCR movies, have live entertainment, and hold special occasion dances for the kids. They have been opening after home ballgames through the week for the kids too. Youth Unlimited also has a Youth Teen Board. Together they try to work out the ideas the kids have, and Gary feels they have been successful. At the present they are only breaking even because of their \$210.00 dollar a month rent plus utilities. Gary asked the Board to consider the old activity center building if it becomes vacant after the new building is completed. They would be interested in using it for the Youth. Mayor Farley assured Mr. Sweat that they were interested in the Youth and they will consider them when they start to make plans on the old Real Estate properties.

Larry Lorance made the motion to pay Heritage Builders \$21,344.35 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. This is the second partial payment.

Since our next meeting falls on New Years' Day, Jack Gallion made the motion to change the meeting from January 1, to Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion all members voted yea, motion carried. The reporters said they would put the same in their news articles.

Ron Reich was present to discuss the Sewer Project. The Board discussed the last proposal rejected by the EPA and along with Ron's suggestions and the Board's input they decided to set up a meeting with FHA to fill out an application for a loan and to check on Right of Ways. They are also going to update their application for an EPA grant and take necessary steps to apply for a

Build Illinois monies. They decided to agree with the EPA that they could charge 1.5% of median household income for sewer bills. Ron suggested they start selling bonds and get their constructional permit so they can possibly start construction Summer 1987.

In final business Larry made the motion to pay a Christmas bonus of \$35.00 to full-time employees and \$25.00 dollars to part-time employees. Gary Wilson seconded the motion all voted yea motion carried. Jack Gallion then made the motion to adjourn seconded by Larry Lorance. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

### January 2, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 2, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

The Village had received an authorization of payment (3<sup>rd</sup>) to Heritage Builders. Larry made the motion to pay Heritage \$19,455.66 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The total paid to date is \$65,671.37 dollars.

Mayor Farley and Larry Lorance had met earlier today with Tom Buyers of Farmer's Home Administration and Ron Reich at Connor & Connor Engineering. They learned that the Village is not eligible for FHA grant monies. Mr. Buyers explained that the current interest rate on this loan type is 6 5/8%. Larry moved to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Farley to sign all necessary papers to pre-apply for a loan with F.H.A. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jack Gallion. Vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the raise in the Cable Bills. Some felt that the company should have consulted the Board according to the contract.

As all business was finished, Larry Lorance made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

### January 15, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 1986 at the Village Library at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Sue Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as read.

In the first order of business, the necessary forms were signed to authorize the 4<sup>th</sup> payment to Heritage Builders in the amount of \$14,892.21 dollars. Larry made the motion to approve the payment seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Total paid to Heritage to date is \$80,563.58 dollars.

Mayor Farley brought to the Board's attention that Connie & Jerry Shaw had sold their Schaffer Electric business to Bart Allen. Since it was stated by Marathon in the property deed that if Jerry Shaw should sell the business the Village would have the first option to buy, an ordinance was signed to have this clause removed from the deed. Jack Gallion made the motion to adopt Ordinance #86-327 stating the same as the above. Larry Lorance seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

In discussing upcoming discussions that would need to be made, Mayor Farley set up new committees to gather information on the following needs for the new building.

Joe Bayless (water committee)-New computer system for water office.

Jack Gallion (street & alley)-Need to check on specs for a communications systems tower for the new building.

Tom Rodgers (sidewalk & lights)-Plans for a place for a new flag pole & size.

Larry Lorance (finance committee)-Office Furniture.

The Mayor also felt that there would need to be guidelines on Record for the New Municipal Building. Also, another meeting to set up an agreement with the Township and the Village for guidelines.

He asked the Board Members to be thinking of a Name for the new Building, and where might be a good location for the old Town Hall plaque. Mayor Farley felt that if some of these decisions could be worked out in advance, then there would be more time for the last minute decisions to be made.

Joe Bayless reported that the Robinson Township Fire Protection District had paid \$245.00 dollars for fire hydrant rental. In the future the Water Office will bill them once a year.

As business was finished Larry Lorance made the motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

February 5, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 5, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Art Farley-Mayor, Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Susie Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Farley reviewed his correspondence. He had a letter from Lincoln Trail College asking the Board to declare February 16-22 as Community College Week. They hope to focus public attention on LTC and what it has to offer. Larry Lorance made the motion to declare Community College Week and Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Art also had a letter from the EPA saying that they had received our amended MCP letter on January 17, 1986. The letter is under agency review and they will reply by letter of findings.

Larry asked the clerk to gather the Ordinances passed in the last year and to get in touch with Frank Heilengenstein of Metro-East so that we can have them prepared to put in our new ordinance book.

Also the clerk is to run the ad that there will be a hearing at the next regular board meeting of Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> on the Truth and Taxation Act.

Joe Bayless had talked with Marilyn Turner from the High School and she recommended checking into an IBM Business Computer System. The Board discussed the possibilities of how the computer could be used in different areas. Joe said he would talk to Kemper and see what they might recommend for our system.

Gary Wilson & the Building Committee made two recommendations to the Board. First they had a sample of Split Face Concrete which they were recommending for the East and West exterior of the building. It was grey in color, but by using the brown mortar between and with the dark brown roof the building will have a tan look. They will cost \$1000 dollars for 250 plus labor. Gary showed the board some pictures of a building in Evansville with the split face concrete. The North and South exterior of the building will have a darker colored brick contrast. The second proposal was a 1A3 telephone system from ICTC. It is a 6 line system with intercom and call transfers. The installation of the system and 4 phones will cost \$2146.00 dollars. The village will still have free service for 6 phones. This phone system will not include the Township. Theirs will be separate. After discussion on the 2 recommendations Joe Bayless made the motion to accept using the Split-Face Concrete on the East and West exterior sides of the building and to have installed the 1A3 phone system from ICTC with 6 line capacity for the

price of \$2146.00 dollars. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lorance-yea, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Rodgers-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-nay, 5 yeas, 1 nay, motion carried.

Cips had sent a letter asking the Board if they wanted the meter disconnected at the Oil Field Museum. We have not used any gas since October 1984. The minimum bill is \$3.20 dollars. The board decided to wait until this summer to decide. The Museum will open again April 15<sup>th</sup> and there might be a need for the gas.

Larry made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Jack Gallion gave a recommendation to the Board concerning the new radio antenna tower. He had talked with Radio Shack and for \$250.00 dollars we would have a 40 ft. tower, with 4 ft. being underground. This would be 3 mid sections and 1 top section. He suggested that there be a layer of sand at the bottom of the base so water could drain out if the problem did arise. He also suggested that the tower be put in the SouthWest Corner. Tom Rodgers made the motion to get the 40 ft. radio antenna tower from Radio Shack for \$250.00 dollars and to put it in the southwest corner. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Bob Lanter had been approached by the Stoy Clerk and asked if he would be interested in taking water samples for the Village of Stoy. He asked the if the Board would have any objections and they said no as long as it was done on his own time. They suggested he get more information on liability before going ahead, if he was interested.

Keith Foltz reported that he had been contacting people with dogs running loose. He had had a good response. He asked the Board if the policy of one verbal warning and then a written citation the second time was o.k. and the Board said f ne.

As all business was finished, Larry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All members voted yea, meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Mayor Farley had a letter from Lawrence Crawford Association for Exceptional citizens asking the Board if they would give \$1000 dollars of Revenue Sharing Funds for their organization. The Board wanted to see if they were received tax money and to table for now. They felt that it is hard to draw the line when the village start donating money.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

February 19, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Wanda Lanter, Joann Mendenhall, Ken Dickson, Pam Bunton, John Henderson.

The minutes of the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

In the absence of Mayor Farley, Larry Lorance conducted the meeting. There was no one present for the Truth and Taxation hearing so Larry turned the meeting over to the Water Committee. Joe Bayless had asked John Henderson of Kemper CPA to come and talk to the board about computers in general for the Water Dept. Mr. Henderson explained about some of the different companies systems and questioned the Board about what they would like to have programmed on a computer. Until the Board lays out the criteria, he could not make a recommendation at this time. He answered questions from the Board members and from Wanda & Joann from the water office. He gave the Board a general price range. As the Board was not ready to decide on the criteria, they decided to wait until we are settled into the new building and then reevaluate what the needs might be.

Larry said that he had talked to Charles Gray of Lcaec and he was interested in bidding on the Janitorial Service for the Exceptional Citizens.

Heritage had made a request for payment, and Tom Rodgers made the motion to pay Heritage \$30,253.38 dollars. Bringing their total thus far to \$110,816.96 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry Lorance had a request for a new street light at the West Edge of Oblong on the last street that goes back North. When new street lights are put in they would like for the Board to consider this location. Carol Tracy checked with Elaine Miller, County Treas. and she reported that Crawford County did vote in the 708 Mental Health Board and they do have a tax levy for the South Eastern Mental Health Assoc. which includes the LCAEC in Chauncey and any other mental health claims in Crawford County. The amount collected from tax payers is \$55,000 to \$60,000 dollars. Since the LCAEC is tax supported the Board felt that they should not give any Revenue Sharing monies to them at this time. They felt that there were too many worthy organizations to donate to and they could not give to them all. They asked the clerk to write the LCAEC a letter of their decision. Gary Wilson told the Board that the Building Committee had reconsidered their first proposal on the split-face concrete and were now leaning toward using the concrete only on the North & South sides on the piers only. There would be some concrete above & below as outline. Then they would use brick on all sides. All members thought it was a good idea, and Gary said he would let them know when the final decision was made. The Legion said they would buy the Flag if the Community Club might want to buy the Pole. If not they said they would do both for the new building.

CIPS had asked Bob Lanter about cutting down trees on Village property between the sidewalk & the curb at 602 E. Main, 704 E. Main & at 701 & 703 S. Range St. Larry said if Bob wanted to go ahead and give them the OK that the people should be notified at the above addresses.

As all regular business was concluded, the Board went into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. to discuss personnel. Back into Reg. Session at 9:45 Jack made motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Bayless. All in favor meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

March 5, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorange, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn-Trustees, Carol Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Ken Dickson, Pam Bunton, Janet Schilowsky.

The minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Lorange conducted the meeting. He reviewed the correspondence. The Richland Financial Corporation had sent a letter informing the Board of the various types of loans and bonds they handle. The Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs had sent a copy of all legislation passed for the year 1985.

Kemper CPA Group had sent a letter asking the Board if they wanted them to do the Audit again this year. The estimate for this years' audit was \$2250.00 dollars. Last year's cost was \$1900.00 dollars. Joe Bayless made the motion to have Kemper do our audit for the estimated figure of \$2,250.00. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry Lorange had been asked if the Village could put up a Dead-End Sign at the end of South Grant St. There is an alley between Grant and Garfield Streets and people are getting stuck because of the mud. There used to be a sign there, but is not now. Bob Lanter said he had a sign that he could put up, and Terry Gish said that he would talk to the Garbage People and tell them not to use the alley at least until things dry up.

George Hesser of Rose Hill had contacted Larry and told him that he was going to put in a movie and VCR rental service in the building beside Check-Mart. He also said that he would have Adult Films in the back for people to rent, but they must be 18 years or older. The Board did not think there was anything illegal and they appreciated Mr. Hesser contacting them.

The Mayor of Bolingbrook, Illinois had written to the Board and asked them if our Village would be interested in adjoining them and other Illinois municipalities in a lawsuit against the EPA for the compliance regulations. The Board decided that they have already made their decision to work towards compliance and they did not want to get involved.

Joe Bayless brought up the problem of the wall at Myrtle Deatherages' on E. Main St. Larry said it was Myrtle's responsibility and that he had contacted Mr. Dale Baird about the problem once before. Joe said that he would call Mr. Baird again and see if Myrtle would be interested in having the Village hire someone to clean up the bricks that have already fallen and send the bill to them. Myrl Littlejohn said that he would check with Rondel Boyd about our insurance to see if the Village is insured for the wall and if we are covered if the wall does any damage to other property.

Janet Schilowsky of Helen's Style Shop in Oblong asked the Board if they would be interested in viewing a presentation organized by the Crawford County Cooperative Extension Service for the betterment of small towns. It is called Main Street USA program and Lincoln Trail College, and the University of Illinois and the Home Ext. Coop are working together to help small communities. Janet and 3 other business people saw the presentation in Robinson and were very excited about the possibilities for Oblong. The Board said they would all like to see the presentation and Janet said she would set it up and notify the Board of the date.

Gary Wilson reported that Terry's radio has not been working outside the Village and suggested that they have a new crystal put in the radio for \$80.00 dollars to see if it would pick up better. The board told Terry to go ahead and try having it fixed.

Gary Wilson made a motion to approve payment for Heritage Builders in the amount of \$9,662.52 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Total the bank has paid Heritage to date is \$120,479.48 dollars.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. All members voted 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

AT 8:30 P.M. THE BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REORGANIZATION.

Back into regular session at 8:55 P.M.

Gary Wilson made the motion to nominate Larry Lorance for President of the Village Board to fill the unexpired term of K. Arthur Farley (deceased 2-27-86). Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Lorance-abstain, Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Rodgers-yea, Littlejohn-yea, 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

March 19, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 19, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance-Mayor, Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion-Trustees, Carol Tracy-Treas., Jane Hosselton-Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Pam Bunton, Ken Dickson, Merle Myerscough.

Merle Myerscough of CIPS informed the Board of the new street lighting rate that was effective Feb. 28, 1986. The Village will now be paying \$660.00 dollars per month for public street and lighting. The CIPS survey showed that the village has 184 lights on this billing. CIPS also found after their survey that they had double billed the Village for 4 lights for the last 8.5 years. So the Village has a credit of \$2,282.00 dollars that will be deducted from future bills until all has been refunded. Mr. Myerscough told the Board that the Village still has to pass a resolution to add or delete lights within the Village. He said to let them know, and CIPS will prepare the agreement.

President Larry Lorance told the Board that he is still receiving money for the memorial fund for Art.

Larry recommended to the Board to appoint Jim Jobe as the new trustee to fill Larry's vacancy. Jack Gallion made a motion to approve the appointment of Jim Jobe for Village trustee thru April 1987. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bayless-yea, Wilson-yea, Rodgers-yea, Littlejohn-yea, Gallion-yea, 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Larry had a letter from Tom Buyers of FHA about our pre-application for a loan for our sewer project. It stated that in the letter that the Illinois EPA had advised the FHA that the Village is being considered for 70% grant money for 1987, through the Build Illinois program. The Village had not been notified of this and the Engineers had not been contacted so the matter is being checked into.

Myrtle Deatherage passed away this past week. Larry had talked to Dale Baird and he agreed that the Village should take care of having the brick wall cleaned up on E. Main St. until Myrtle's estate is settled. Myrl had checked on the insurance coverage the Village has on the house and it went up 40% because of the vacancy Rider that was added to the policy.

The Board agreed that Myrl should contact Jim Houser of Hidalgo and get an estimate for stump removal at the Park.

On recommendation from the Park committee, the Board decided to order 300 6-8" channel catfish at \$.30 each and to order 200 red-ear (3-5") at \$.35 each. They have to be ordered by April 5<sup>th</sup> and can be delivered on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Lanter reported that Gary Lanter got his sewer operator's license-Class 4.

Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Wilson. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

April 2, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 2, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Mayor; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas. and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Randy Baker, Ken Dickson, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Glen Huffman, and Ron Reich.

The minutes of the March 19th meeting were approved as read.

Terry Gish, introduced Glen Huffman, Chief of Police in Robinson. Mr. Huffman came to explain in detail about the I-SEARCH program, which stands for Illinois State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children. Mr. Huffman has asked the Village of Oblong to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Robinson to create a multi-jurisdictional unit to be known as the Lincoln Trail I-SEARCH unit. The I-SEARCH unit will conduct programs for parents, children and communities in ways to prevent the abduction of children. (B) conduct training programs and distribute materials that provide guidelines for children. (C) compile, maintain, and make data available upon request of law enforcement agencies to assist in recovering missing children (D) draft and implement plans for the most efficient use of available resources to publicize and conduct searches for missing children and (E) maintain contacts with other I-SEARCH units to exchange techniques to help aid in recovery of missing children.

The Lincoln Trail I-SEARCH unit will receive a grant for \$30,000 dollars from the state. After discussion, Gary Wilson made a motion to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Robinson and the Village of Oblong on the I-Search program. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote was ~~yes~~ - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Reich came to update the Board on the new Sewer Project and the EPA. According to the last letter received from the EPA on March 28, 1986, the Village is still being considered for 7076 grant money from the Build Illinois program. As of this date, there has been no confirmation of the grant being awarded. Connor & Connor has prepared a revised Basis of Design using a Rock Filter System. They also set up a new schedule to follow to achieve compliance by 1~88 based upon the receipt of grant funds. All of this is stated in a letter that President Larry Lorance signed. The letter will be sent on to the EPA. The letter also states that if the grant money should not be available, then the plan is to implement the project as outlined in the previously ammended MCP plan dated January 1986. All of this of course is subject to EPA approval. Ron hopes to have a response from the EPA by the next Board meeting.

Larry stated that the Illinois Municipal League will be holding an Insurance Day on April 9, 1986 at the Springfield Hilton if any of the Board members were interested in going.

Illinois Cablevision sent a check for the Franchise Fees in the amount of \$3,121.44 dollars.

RariV Baker of Kibler & Associates showed the Board a brick sample, a roof sample and siding and block grouped together. The board thought everything blended well and gave him the go ahead to order the brick.

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April 2, 1986 Board meeting continued -----

Larry asked Bob Lanter if he had any objections to hiring the same 4 boys to work on the MFT program this summer. Bob said all of the boys were good workers and they all had re-applied for the job this year. Gary Wilson made a motion to hire Richie Hawes, Randy Fanci, Eddie Mehler, and Joey Allen for MFT summer work. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The tentative dates of April 25th and 26th were set for the annual spring clean-up. Larry said he would contact the Disposal Company and check on these dates.

Bob Lanter asked the Board if they would be interested in seeing a demonstration on a jet-sprayer. Rep. Tim Falckner from Jack Mueller Sales out of St. Louis said he could set up an actual demonstration for the Water & Sewer Committee to see and then attend the next Board meeting and answer any questions about the machine. Since there wasn't any obligation the committee said for Bob to set up the demonstration. With the sewer plans getting underway, Larry said that all of the funds would probably be tied up.

Joe Bayless had contacted Watwood & Heavener, Inc. out of Centralia. They are consulting engineers and Architects. They are going to inspect our water tower and have ready by the April 16th meeting their recommendation for paint and repairs and estimates.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that the fish have been ordered and will be delivered on April 10th. Myrl had also received estimates on stump removal at the park. Myrl made the motion to hire James Houser of Hidalgo to remove 83 stumps. 68 of them will be ground out and 15 will be cut as low as possible. The cost will be \$841.00 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Myrl said he would contact Mr. Houser.

Bob Lanter said he was ready to set up a meeting time with the Street Committee and Connor & Connor to run the streets for summer MFT road repair.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The following committees will stand in effect until April 1987:

Finance: Gary Wilson, Ch. - Joe Bayless - Myrl Littlejohn Jack

Police: Gallion, Ch., Myrl Littlejohn, Gary Wilson

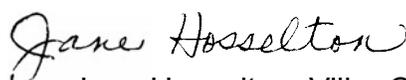
St. & Alley Jim Jobe, Ch., Jack Gallion and Tom Rodgers

Water & Sewer: Joe Bayless, Ch., Gary Wilson and Jack Gallion

Park & Bldg: Myrl Littlejohn, Ch., Tom Rodgers, and Jim Jobe Sidewalk &

Lights: Tom Rodgers, Ch., Jim Jobe and Joe Bayless

As all business was concluded Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

April 16, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 16, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Mayor; Gary Wilson, LT oe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim JObe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas. & Jane Hosselton, clerk.  
Others Present: Ken Dickson, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Mike Connor, Tom Haley, Pam Bunton, Tim Fackler, & Ron Gosnell.

The minutes of the April 2nd meeting were approved as read.

Tom Haley representing the Crawford County Jamboree ask if they could use the park facilities again this year in the summer. They have a jamboree the 2nd Saturday of every month from 6-11:0~ P.M. They have used the park the last 2 years and the Board once again told Tom that they had no objections to his request.

Tim Fackler from Sewer Jet of MO.-IL., Inc. and Ron Gosnell had came to Oblong earlier in the day and demonstrated their new jet sewer sprayer to some of the trustees. He explained that this machine had been used as a demonstrator 3 times and the price was \$14,891.00 dollars. FMC has their own financing at 3-1/2 %. The monthly cost of the machine would be 509.00 / month for 36 months, with no down payment. The Board was impressed with the machine, but still felt they would hold off on making a decision until they were sure of the financing on the sewer project. The

Mike Connor from our engineering firm in Robinson had a breakdown on the 1986 MFT summer program:

140 tons @ 27.00/	Oil and Chip Bituminous	17,100.00
	Patch Mix 10 culvert pipes	3,780.00
	Engineering Fees	900.00
		<u>2,151.48</u>
		\$ 23,931.48

Jack Gallion made a motion to pass Improvement Resolution #86-317 for \$25,000 dollars for MFT Road Repair. Jim Jobe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Also, Mike gave an estimate on repairing North Range (& South too) Street too. The cost was \$7,798.32 dollars. The Board ask Mike to check on the cost of rock vs. stone and on a new oil with rubberized emulsion. Then they can let the bids at the same time as the MFT.

Pres. Larry reported that the Spring Clean-Up will be from 8AM Friday April 25th until Saturday Noon April 26th, at Kentucky & Grant Street (old Marathon Lots). The clerk is to run the ads. Larry reported that the fish are in the lake and Bob Lanter passed around some pictures they took of the fish. Larry asked about the ESDA vehicles stored out in the Villages' building. He thinks some of them could be junked. The clerk was asked to check and see if we have any registration on any of the vehicles.

Gary Wilson, chrmn. of the Finance Committee said that we had \$16,012.18 dollars from Revenue Sharing and asked the Board where they felt it should be deposited. The Park Committee is checking into ordering new playground equipment, so they decided to wait until the next meeting to decide

April 16th meeting continued - -

Joe Bayless read a letter from Watwood & Heavener out of Centralia. Their estimate to paint the exterior of the water tower was 9,000 to 11,000 dollars. If we decide to go ahead and enter into a contract agreement, the said their fee would not exceed \$2,500.00 dollars.

They are coming next week to partly drain the tower and check the inside if the Board still wants them to. Joe Bayless made the motion to retain Watwood & Heavener as consulting engineers for water tower repairs. Tom Rodgers, seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. Larry mentioned that even after the recommendation is made the Village still has the option to go ahead with part of all of the repairs. Joe said that the firm would prepare the agreement and when he received it, he would get the signatures so they could go ahead.

The problem of the speed bump on N. Range St. by Deatherages' was discussed by trustee Jim Jobe. The section is 24 x 10 x 8 feet and goes clear across the road. Jim had checked with Dave Krick for an estimate to repair the road. To tear out & repair using reinforcement rods would cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$1268.75 dollars.

All board members agreed that it was getting out of hand and needed to be fixed now. Jim Jobe made the motion to hire David Krick to repair the area on N. Range St. one side at a time. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Bob Lanter said that he would contact Dave Thursday morning.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:10 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Back into regular session at 9:40 P.M. Jack Gallion made the motion to hire Dave Reynolds for a probationary period of 6 weeks for park maintenance. The wage is minimum. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas – 0 nays motion carried.

Irvin Catt due to ill health had to quit his job effective immediately. Mr. Reynolds will be hired full time if the 6 weeks work out O.K.

As all business was concluded, the Jack made the motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. The vote was 6 yeas – 0 nays motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

May 7, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 7, 1986, at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorange, Mayor; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Sandiford, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Ken Dickson, and Kathy Deffez.

The minutes of the April 16th meeting were approved as read.

Bill Sandiford, President of the Chamber of Commerce, approached the Board and asked that the Board, the Chamber, and other clubs in the community keep their communication lines open and try to work more together in the future. Bill reported that they had a good turn out for cleaning the streets and that the Chamber is organizing another work day on May 17th to clean the parking lots. They (Bill) asked the Board if they would have any objection to the Chamber having new OBLONG sign made for the 4 edges of town. The Board thought that was a good idea. Bill also asked about getting signs with arrows that indicate parking areas behind buildings. He thought this would be a big help for Fall Follies and visitors in the area. Larry said if the Chamber would pick them out that the Village would order them and have them put up.

In correspondence Larry had a letter from the E.P.A. requesting additional information for their evaluation. Also on our new contract with CIPS on the Public Street and Highway Lighting an error had been made in multiplication and the new monthly bill for this account will be \$719.24 dollars. Larry also reported that the contract with Watwood and Heavener had been signed and sent back. Larry said if the guys had not heard from them by May 14th that we should contact them.

Furniture for the new Municipal Building was discussed. Larry had looked through several books and checked with Hicks in Vincennes and got some ideas on how many desks and chairs and what types for the individual offices. He also looked at shelving for the Library. He felt with the amount of businesses interested and the dollars amount that the Board should let bids out on the furniture. The trustees were in agreement with Larry about how much furniture should be bought right now and maybe add to later once moved into the building. Joe Bayless made the motion to have President Lorange type up a bid sheet for new furniture for the new Municipal Building and contact the interested parties and run it in the paper. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Wilson had been contacted by a Community Club member and they felt they wanted to do something else for the new building rather than purchase the flag pole. They might be interested in setting the Town Hall plaque in a planter or some other outside landscaping. Gary said they were going to meet with the building committee and decide. Larry told Tom Rodgers to go ahead and pick out a flag pole and give his recommendation at the next Board meeting.

Myrl, chairman of the Park committee, made their recommendation to purchase a new large gym piece for the older children, 1 new piece of playground equipment for the kiddie park to replace one that broke, and new swing seats for all of the swings. Also the committee wants

to put sand at various place to help insure the safety of children playing in the park. Myrl then made the motion to purchase new playground equipment in the estimated amount of \$14,000 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Village will be ordering the new playground equipment from the Miracle Company.

Tom Rodgers reported that he had been contacted by the Fair Board and the Legion. The Fair Board wanted to know if the Village would be interested in helping financially put in new restrooms and showers in the park. The Board agreed that both would benefit by installing such; they would be used a lot during the fair and also the campers would have better facilities during the camping season. The Board asked Tom if he would contact the Fair Board and have them to do a little further planing and get some estimates on costs. The Legion would like to have a sidewalk put in from Jim Jobes house to the entrance of the park. The Board said they could include that amount of sidewalk in their summer bidding for new sidewalks and then just bill the Legion when the work is done.

Jim Jobe said Paul Perkins asked if he could move his 2 trash dumpsters across the alley and use a parking space the keep them in. It is so close by his back door, and it causes problems with the f ys in the summertime. The Board agreed that he could use the 3rd parking space. If there is any problem with this in the future they will let him know.

Jack Gallion reported that the CB club would be having their annual fea market on August 17th. Also he said the CB Henpeck benches are missing because they are being painted and will be put back soon.

The clerk said that due to an oversight the Villages' contadt for their Xerox machine never had been written up. Now the machine isn't working properly and needs a new drum. Jack Gallion made the motion to enter into a contract with JM's business machines and Xerox for full maintenance for the frst year so that the drum would be covered. The amount of full coverage being \$447.00 dollars. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. If the Village wished they can change the contract to standard service for the 2nd year for less money. Mr. Maurer said that the Xerox representative would be making his service call in a few days, then the repairs could be made.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay bills seconded by Joe Bayless. 'rhe vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Since all business was concluded Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. There were 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk



May 21, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 21, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Mayor; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion; trustees; Carol Tracy, Treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Other Present: Bob Lanter, Ken Dickson, Terry Gish, Gale Inboden and Kathy Deffez.

The minutes of the May 7 meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance asked for approval for the Ruritan Club to use the Park June 22nd for the Franz and Bros. Circus. There will be 2 shows on Sunday at 2:00 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. The Board said it was Okay.

The Bids were let on the summer MFT program and the bids will be opened on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 10:00 A.M. at the Library.

Also the bids were let on office furniture for the new building and they will be opened at regular business meeting on June 4th at 7 P.M.

President Lorance asked the street committee to check into 2 problems. One is the storm water drainage problem at the new Gower Apartments on N. Range and W. Michigan Streets. The other problem is the bus drive on W. Main St. at the elementary school. The buses have driven over a corner of the storm drain and broke a drainage pipe.

Our engineering firm, Watwood and Heavener, are preparing the specs for repairs on the water tower. They will mail the specs to the Water and Sewer Committee and they have the authority to approve them and send them back to Watwood and Heavener, for letting.

Tom Rodgers reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation is preparing a permit for the new sidewalk to be installed on the outer edge of E. Main by the Legion to the Park. When the work is done we will already have the permit.

Myrl reported that the playground equipment is ordered and hopefully will be in by the middle of June.

Larry had a letter from the Secretary of Treasury. It said the revenue sharing act had been repealed and unless changes are made, there will be no more revenue sharing money.

The Board took a break at 8:00 P.M. and took a 15 minute tour of the new town hall building and then went into executive session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss the disposal of Real Estate.

Back into regular session at 8:50 P.M. Gary Wilson made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodger. Vote 6 yeas – 0 nays motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

June 3, 1986

A special meeting was held on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 A.M. for the purpose of opening bids on MFT Road repairs.

Present: Jane Hosselton, clerk; Mike Connor, eng.; Jim Calhoun, dept. of trans.; and Danny Kintner.

The one bid opened \Jas read as follows: (from Kintner & Sons)

Bituminous materials RS-2 Furnished and Applied	11,893 gallons @ .675/gallon	\$8027.77
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Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16 Crushed Stone Furnished & Applied	496 tons @15.10/ton	7489.60
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Total Bid	\$15,517.37
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A Cashier's Check for \$1000 dollars was attached.

The estimated amount for the above was \$17,078.40 dollars.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

June 4, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 4, 1986, at 7:00 P.m. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres.; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion trustees, and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Mike Connor, Ken Dickson, Kathy Deffez, Bob Lanter, and Jerry Gish.

The minutes of the May 21 meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business by the President was to open the bids for furniture for the new Town Hall. The bids were as follows:

Dean's Office Supply (Mt. Carmel)	\$7,704.32	
Hick's Office Equip. (Vincennes)	6,971.90	
Raggio (Robinson)	4,401.29	(No shelving)
R.E. Anderson & Assoc. (Terre Haute)	9,830.00	
Fox Furniture (Oblong)	2,864.00	(Partial Bid)

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to accept the bid from Hicks Office Equipment in the amount of \$6,971.90 dollars. Tom Rodgers 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The MFT bids were opened on Tuesday, June 3rd, Jack Gallion made the motion to accept a bid of \$15,517.37 dollars from Lee Kintner & Sons of Oblong. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Mike Connor, engineer, explained to the board that crushed rock they were interested in using on the repairs for Range Street could not be purchased in our area. The cost was too high if bought in the larger cities. The Board decided to go ahead and use the crushed stone. They asked Mike if he would check with Danny Kintner on the possibility of having the stone washed before it was delivered. Tom Rodgers made a motion to repair Range St. (North & South) at a cost of not more than \$7,798.32 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk said she would contact Mr. Kintner for a price on the oil.

President Lorance asked the committee about the drainage problem at the Gower Apartments. After discussion, the Board decided to have Bob Lanter to grade the road down at the edge of the concrete to see if the water would drain better. If this doesn't work they will get in touch with Mr. Gower. As for the problem at the entrance of the Grade School Bus Barn, the Board decided to have Dave Krick repair with concrete over the storm sewer and have Mr. McCormick talk to Dave Krick about the school's part of the repair.

It was reported that Jim Fenner is having some drainage problem at his residence and Bob said he would see what he could do.

President Lorance read a Letter from the Illinois Municipal League regarding the bleak future of Revenue Sharing monies. The League asked the Board to adopt a Resolution and send to our Representative & the President to get help for General Revenue Sharing. Jim Jobe made the motion to adopt the Resolution for reenactment of Federal General Revenue Sharing Action Request. Myrl seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk is to type up the Resolution and mail to the appropriate addresses.

June 4th meeting CONTINUED-

Gary Wilson made a motion to approve payment from the Bank to Heritage Builders ~n the amount of \$27,950.59 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The total paid to Heritage is now \$148,430.07.

President Lorance said that a trailer permit had been issued to Stacey Yockey at 312 N. Adams. He said that she had met the requirements for a permit.

Joe Bayless had received a copy of the specs for the Water Tower from Watwood and Heavener. After review, Larry asked Joe to contact the engineers just to be sure that we understood that there would be a rep. from the engineers off ce supervising at all times, once the repairs began.

There were locations discussed that have weed problems and the clerk was instructed to send letters as specif ed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. to discuss Salaries.

Back into Regular Session at 9:50 P.M., Jack Gallion made a motion to accept the following Salary Adjustments:

Bob Lanter \$1520.00/month

Terry Gish \$1520.00/month

Harry Shafer \$1365.00/month

Gary Lanter \$1365.00/month Plus \$500.00 Bonus for Operator Certif cation

Wanda Lanter \$865.00/month

Keith Foltz \$325.00/month

Mike McReynolds 625.00/month

All of the hourly wages will stay at \$3.50 per hour and the Patrolman's hourly wage will stay at \$6.00 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the above motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded the motion was made by Jack Gallion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton Village Clerk

June 18, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 18, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres. Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees,; & Carol Tracy, Treas.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Kelley Tracy, Kathy Deffez, and Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the June 4th meeting were approved as read.

The first order of Business was the discussion of the possibility of Youth Unlimited getting to lease the Activity Center for their activities once the Village is moved into their new building. Gary Wilson explained that 3 of the trustees had met with Youth Unlimited last week. They had talked about the Youth paying their own utilities and paying for any normal upkeep. The Youth would plan to be open every Friday & Saturday nights. At the meeting they also discussed the use of the furniture and possible remodeling in the future which would be done by the Youth. If for some reason the Youth would disband, then the Village would still own the building. The Youth & the Village agreed on most of the terms and the building committee plans to meet with the Youth again and answer any questions they might have. Kelley Tracy was at the meeting representing the Youth. Kelley did state that they are a non-profit organization and they carry their own liability insurance. The Youth will lose their present building July 5th.

President Lorance told the Board that Kintner & Sons price on the oil is \$1.04 dollars per gallon instead of the estimated price of \$1.00. This will make his bid on North & South Range Streets \$7947.89. The Board said that it was okay to go ahead with the project. Also, the possibility of having the stone washed can not be done, but there will be an effort made to not get so much dirt in the stones.

Joe Bayless represented the Board at the flag raising ceremony held on Flag Day June 14th.

President Lorance attended a correctional center meeting with all the Mayors of Crawford County. Some of the information Larry got at the meeting were some of the requirements by Governor Thompson for the 3rd correctional center. It would create 400 jobs with a 10 million dollar annual payroll. It would have white collar crime people. At the meeting they were asking each Board and organization to adopt a Resolution supporting trying to get a correctional center for Crawford County. Joe Bayless moved to adopt a resolution to support the minimum security correctional center. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bob Lanter reported that Art McCormick had talked to the State man and with their requirements to fix the bus drive it will have to be brought before the School Board because it will be a lot more money. The Board will make their decision if they will patch or not after the School makes their decision.

June 26, 1986 (Special Meeting)

The Village Board met in Special Session on Thursday, June 26, 1986 at 2:00 P.M. at the residence of Joe Bayless for the purpose of opening bids for repairs to be made on the Water Tower.

Present: Larry Lorange, President, Joe Bayless, trustee, Jane Hosselton, clerk, Don Williams from Watwood & Heavener, Ron Beavers and Ivan Milam.

Joe opened and read the following bids:

D.J. Steinman - Willow Hill, Illinois	(Cashier's Check - 1500.00)
Exterior Prep and Painting	\$13,000.00
Interior Prep and Painting	9,000.00
Pit Repairs	1,000.00
Seam Welding	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Bid	\$25,000.00 (cannot do work until Nov.)

Interstate Painting Co., Carbondale, Ill.	(Bid Bond 10%)
Exterior Prep and Painting	\$8,600.00
Interior Prep and Painting	15,900.00
Pit Repairs	600.00
Seam Welding	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Bid	\$26,100.00

Brighton Painting Co., Wood River, Ill.	(Bid Bond)	and Painting and Painting
Exterior Prep and Painting	\$ 17,653.00	
Interior Prep and Painting	11,420.00	
Pit Repairs	800.00	
Seam Welding	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Bid	\$ 30,373.00	

Ronald L. Beavers Painting, Inc. Newton, Illinois	(Cashier's Ck. \$1,697.75)
Exterior Prep and Painting	\$ 21,700.00
Interior Prep and Painting	10,200.00
Pit Repairs	1,930.00
Seam Welding	<u>125.00</u>
Total Bid	\$ 33,955.00

Don Williams said they would review the bids and make their recommendation at the meeting on July 2, 1986. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

July 2, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 2, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees., Carol Sue Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Kathy Deffez, Don Williams, Bob Blanchard, Tony Williams, Cy Perkins, and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the June 18th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance introduced Don Williams of Watwood & Heavener and Mr. Williams gave his companys letter of recommendation for the bids received at the June 26th meeting for Repairs on the Water Tower. Mr. Williams did not reccomend the low bid of D.J. Steinman because he could not do the work until November and he said they wouldn't want to count on the weather that late in the year. He reccommend the bid of Interstate Painting of Carbondale. Their bid was \$27,100.00 dollars. Mr. Williams found an error in addition which made the bid \$26, 100.00 dollars. Mr. Williams phoned Mr. Milam and he said he would do the job for \$26, 100.00 dollars. Mr. Williams explained that the representative from his company would come to Oblong after each crucial phase to inspect the work before things moved on. He felt that after the repairs are done they should last for at least 8 years. After discussion, Joe Bayless made a motion to accept the bid from Interstate Painting in the amount of \$26,100.00 dollars. Myrl Seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Gary Wilson	- yea	Tom Rodgers	- yea
Joe Bayless	- yea	Jim Jobe	- yea
Myrl Littlejohn	- yea	Jack Gallion	- yea

6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Tony Williams asked the Board if they had any objection to the Postal Service putting a Relay Box next to the sidewalk by the Marathon Lot by Schaefer Electric, for the mail carriers. It would be a 3 ft. pad of concrete with a box bolted to it. The Board said that would be fine. Also, Tony said there is a big problem with dogs trying to bite the mail carriers. He listed W. Alabama, E. Illinois, and especially W. Michigan where there is a Pit Bull. He said there are other streets too. He said if the problem could not be remedied that they could stop mail delivery to a specific house or to the neighborhood involved. The Board told Tony that Connie McNabb picks up dogs running loose within the Village and that he could call her. Tony explained that some of these are on the land of the property owner. Pres. Lorance said he would check with States Attorney - Jon Anderson. He said there would probably need to be a complaint signed against vicious dogs that are on there own property.

Cy Perkins had a problem with parking on S. Garfield St. There is an apartment house next to him and the rentors are parking in front of his house and drive. Larry said he would talk to Dave Levy, owner of the rental house and see if he could possibly provide off street parking for his tenants to solve this problem.

July 2 meeting Continued - - - - -

Preident Lorance opened the Sidewalk Bids and they are as follows:

David Krick - Oblong, Ill.	Total	\$14,309.60
Cravens Construction - Robinson, II.		12,400.00
B & N Construction - Oblong, II.		12,613.00
G & L Construction - Hutsonville, II.		13,414.26

Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to accept the low bid of Cravens Construction with the stipulation that the bid must be broken down on the specif ed areas and that the bid must include the capping that was not listed on their bid sheet. The bid price was \$12,400.00 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Gary Wilson - yea Joe	Tom Rodgers - yea
Bayless - yea Myrl	Jim Jobe - yea Jack
Littlejohn yea	Gallion - yea

6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Tom said he would contact Jerry Cravens and make sure the details were taken care of.

President Lorance had a call from Elliott Allen about the Build Illinois funds. Mr. Allen from the EPA told Larry that Oblong had been dropped from the Senate Bill. Then Joe Bayless read in the Decatur paper a few days later that the House of Representatives approved Oblong's \$834,000 dollar sewer upgrading through Build Illinois, and that the Senate was expected to approve it also. So the Village does not know where they stand. Larry suggested contacting Babe Woodyard again.

Larry reparted that he had talked to Beth from Hicks Off ce Equipment. She said the Library shelving was in and so was everything else with the exception of a station for the water off ce and all of the chairs. The chairs are expected to be shipped by the 1st of August, but Beth told President Lorance that their company would furnish the Village with chairs temporarily if their was a delay in shipment and we were waiting to move into the new building. Larry reported that things are really coming along and we will probably be moving in about a month.

In correspondence President Lorance read a letter from Ill. Dept. of Revenue about a Local Sale Tax meeting to be held at Mt. Vernon on Friday, July 11th.

In response to our Resolution regarding the General Revenue Sharing Fund, Paul Simon wrote back to the Village that he does support the Revenue Sharing.

Larry had received a copy of the Salary Survey for the State of Illinois for 1985.

Gary Wilson made the motion to pay bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

There was discussion on the problem with our water billing system, but no action was taken. The Board went into executive session at 9 P.M. to discuss Personnel & Property.

Back into regular session at 10:10 P.M. it was noted that the Librarian, A.J. Hammond will be quitting July 31, 1986. At this time, there will not be anyone hired

Jack made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom.

6 yeas - 0 nays. 10:15 P.M.

July 16, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 16, 1986, at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Library.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, President; Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, and Jim Jobe, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ed Reis, Kathy Deffez, Ken Dickson, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Bill Sandiford, and Merle Myerscough.

The minutes of the July 2nd meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance introduced Ed Reis from Kemper CPA Group. The Audit was finished and Ed went through the Audit and explained the way in which it is put together. He explained all of the different accounts, comparative totals and stated that the Village of Oblong is in good shape financially. Mr. Reis also read the letter of recommendation from Kemper. They felt that the Board should make a budget for actual cost control, the treasurer should keep a separate ledger for the investments, that the Law Enforcement Fund should be combined with General Fund because most of the money is transferred from the General Account anyway; and finally the Auditors felt that internal control could be improved by requiring 2 signatures on all checks. After all questions were answered, Joe Bayless moved to accept Kemper's Audit Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1986. Myrl seconded the motion. Vote was 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bill Sandiford from the Chamber of Commerce informed the Board that Pioneer Labels of Robinson is looking for a new location. They are considering Oblong as a possibility, but they are considering all possibilities. They need 10,000 sq.ft. and will be hiring more employees within the year. He asked the Board to get in touch with him if they know of any location big enough that might house the business.

Merle Myerscough from CIPI updated the Board on their accounts and rates for those accounts. He also had a sheet typed and passed out which had all of the contracts and expiration dates on them. He included a phone directory also. He explained to the Board that CIPS is proposing to form a holding company for the purpose of being able to invest stockholder funds in other than utility funds. He said the company could be getting better returns. He was just informing the Board of the possibility of the holding company. He also told the Board that the Rate would cover the new lift stations when the Sewer Project is completed.

As a continuation of the Audit Report, Tom Rodgers made a motion to combine the General Fund and the Law Enforcement Fund, dropping the Law Fund. Jim Jobe made a 2nd to the motion. Roll Call vote was 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Joe Bayless made a motion to approve the Budget for the Water Fund, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. A copy is to be sent to FHA. The vote was 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance passed out copies of the Appropriation Ordinance and due the the absence of Finance Chrmn. Gary Wilson, President Lorance went over the significant changes in the Appropriation. After discussion Jim Jobe made a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance # 86-328, Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote was 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Clerk was instructed to send copies to the appropriate people and keep a copy of file.

The possibility of changing the Clerk's position to be an appointive one rather than elected was discussed at a previous meeting. President Lorange had contacted the Illinois Municipal League to ask how to make the change. After discussion, Tom Rodgers made a motion to adopt a Resolution pursuant to paragraph #3-5-9 of Chapter 24 of the Illinois Municipal Code, to make the Clerks~ position appointive. The Clerk will start work on July 21st at a Salary of \$625.00 per month plus \$25.00 dollars per Board Meeting. Her Hours were set from Monday thru Friday, 10:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. She will take over the Librarian duties in addition to her Clerk Duties.

Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Vote was 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Clerk will start to work on Monday, July 21 working with the Librarian at 111 S. Range St. until the move into the new building.

Max Tedford, attorney for the Estate of Myrtle Deatherage had sent a letter with a copy of the Deed to President Lorange. The Estate has been settled and the keys can be picked up at anytime. The Lot and House at 601 E. Main St. had been deeded to the Village in December 1969. The Village has been paying taxes on the property since that time. After the recent death of Myrtle Deatherage, the Village now owns the property. By stipulation the Board must use this property for a dental or medical facility or sell the property and use the proceeds in the same manner. CMH had been over to look at the property\_ and said they could not use it for a medical facility. President Lorange said he would check with our attorney and see what the next step should be.

President Lorange asked Bob Lanter if the guys at the Park could mow the Deatherage property also. Bob said they would.

President Lorange called a Special Meeting for Wednesday, July 23, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Library for the purpose setting up new guidelines for employees and establishing a set of rules to follow once in the new building.

Tom Rodgers reported that he had contacted Cravens Construction Co. and they would include the capping for the sidewalks in their bid price of \$12,400.00 dollars. Their breakdown was as follows:

\$951.86	Park & Legion (new sidewalk)
199.98	Mary Middleton
<u>127.99</u>	Leo Schlosser
\$1279.83	Total (to be paid by individuals)

Total that will be due from the Village is (\$11,120.17)

The colors decided on the new water tower are Lt. Blue with Black lettering.

As all other business was finished, Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

The clerk said Randy Baker had contacted her and ask the Board to approve partial payment for the new stove for the Activity Center. It will be delivered this week and will cost approximately \$3,000.00 dollars. The Board said it was okay to go ahead and pay part of the bill as the architects saw f t.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

July 23, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Wednesday, July 23, 1986 at the Village Library at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, President; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treasurer, & Jane Hosselton, clerk.

The purpose of this special meeting was to set new guidelines and rules for the new Town Hall.

The entire meeting was spent in Executive Session and rules were discussed and agreed upon. The clerk is type up proposed guidelines for employees and they will be adopted at the next regular Board Meeting.

Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. Vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hosselton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

August 6, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 6, 1986 at the new Townhall at 202 S. Rye St.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, President; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, Treas , and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present : Keith Foltz, Gary Lanter, Wanda Lanter, Joann Mendenhall, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Leah Chiddix, Avonelle Purcell, Ken Dickson, Kathy Deffez, Harry Shafer, Dick Ralston, Grace Kintner, Sylvan Cross, Deena Wilson, Fern Waldrop, Nina Price, Gene Harris.

The minutes of the July 16th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance had invited the Activity Center Board as well as all employees so that we could discuss the new rules and regulations for the new Town Hall. We discussed the charges for the rental of the Activity Center as well as deposits. The Board meeting room can also be rented if there isn't a Village or Township meeting scheduled. There were also basic rules for the people to follow in order to keep the rooms nice. The Board answered questions for the people. Employee guidelines were also passed out to the employees. Larry asked them to look them over and if there aren't any questions, the Board will adopt the set of rules at the next regular board meeting.

Richard Ralston, Township Supervisor, and Deena Wilson from the Robinson Township Library came to speak to the Board about the possibility of Oblong becoming part of a district Library System. Mr. Ralston explained that he was not trying to take over the Library, but to try and improve our Library. He explained that there would have to be a tax referendum put on the November voting ballot. Before this can be done, there will need to be 250 signatures on a petition for Oblong Township. If the voters were for the tax referendum, it would mean about \$25,000 dollars from the Oblong Township. The program would be jointly with the surrounding townships and would provide new adult & children's hard back books, Video Tapes, Magazines, Newspapers, Reference materials, computer, etc. The Board said they would look at the literature passed out and thanked them both for coming.

President Lorance announced that a meeting pursuant to the Truth and Taxation Act concerning our Tax Levy would be held at 7:00 P.M. at the August 20th board meeting.

President Lorance appointed a committee of Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Myrl Littlejohn to look into options of what can be done with the Deatherage home on East Main St. which the Village now owns.

The Red Cross had contacted President Lorance and asked if they could play Bingo in the old activity center building at the Fall Follies. The Board said that it was Okay and the President was to sign a letter for the Red Cross so that they could apply for their license, which is good for 2 times in a one year period.

There have been complaints of birds roosting in the trees again this year and the Board decided to ask some of the same men to shoot them again this year. Police chief Terry Gish said they contact him so that he will know where they are shooting.

August 6 Board Meeting Continued - - - - -

The Clerk's position was changed to an appointive one at the July 16th Board meeting. To have the change recorded in our new Ordinance Books the Board had to adopt an amended Ordinance. Jack Gallion made the motion to adopt Ordinance #86-329 to amend Section 1-2-52 of the Revised Code of Ordinances stating that the clerk will be appointed for a 4 year term to be the same year as the election of the Mayor. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board decided to distribute \$15,000 dollars of the Revenue Sharing money total of \$18,419.68 dollars. This should cover the new roof to be put on the oil field museum and to pay for part of the new restroom facility at the Park.

President Lorance had asked the Water Dept. employees to make a list of some of the more expensive items that they will need to purchase once in the new building. They included a sitting chair, shelves for the storage room, 2 sitting stools, and a message center with letters. The total was around \$310.00 dollars. All of the offices will also need to order, but President Lorance said he thought we would wait until we are moved in and see what all we will need.

Gary Wilson read a bid from Jerry's Janitorial Service. A bid of \$150.00 dollars was quoted for putting 2 coats of sealer and 3 coats of wax on all of the tile in the New Town Hall. The Board felt that this should be done before anybody moves anything into the new building, so that any scuff or scratch marks would easily be removed. Jerry's Janitorial also quoted a bid of \$35.00 dollars to come in one day a week and do the following:

- Vacuum - Spot Clean Carpet
- Dust and Damp Mop and spot recondition tile
- Clean all furniture
- Damp wipe walls
- Empty trash cans and refill with plastic liners
- Clean restrooms and polish fixtures and fill paper & soap dispensers
- In general clean over everything
- clean light fixtures yearly

Stripping & Waxing would be extra.

Tom Rodgers made the motion to accept the bid price of \$150.00 dollars to seal and wax tile and to accept the bid of \$35.00 dollars once per week to clean the building. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Gary Wilson said that he would contact the company.

There have been complaints about some of the stations on the Cable TV plus the poor service that the customers seem to be getting. Larry said he would contact Rod Karr and ask him what can be done.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. Vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

August 20, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 20, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the New Municipal Building at 202 S. Range St.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, President; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion trustees; Carol Tracy, Treas., & Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Kathy Deffez, Ken Dickson, Bob Lanter, Vernon Camp, Tom Haley, Marion Stoltz, & Doc and Jane Lindley, Terry Gish.

The minutes of the August 6th meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was the Truth and Taxation Hearing for the Tax Levy. Vernon Camp asked President Lorance some questions pertaining to the Levy which Larry answered satisfactorily. Mr. Camp then asked if the board would consider lowering the minimum gallons of water on the bills. At the current time, the minimum is 3,000 gallons. He felt that a lot of the older citizens probably only use between 1,000 and 2,000 gallons. He wanted the Board to consider lowering the minimum to 2,000 gallons. President Lorance said that it had been discussed before and that the Water Committee would discuss it.

After reviewing the Appropriation figures on the Tax Levy, as the Levy has stayed the same for the last 4 years. Gary Wilson moved to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance # 86-330. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Tom Haley, coordinator for the Crawford County Jamboree asked the Board which money bracket their group would be in, and he also asked about renting in advance, the deposit, and if they could still sell pop to help meet their expenses. The Board said that was fine, and that any previous booked dates will carryover from the old Activity Center to the new, and in January they can set their dates again except for December.

President Lorance discussed moving into the new building. The Shuffle Board Court tile was back ordered, so it was decided to have the Court painted on for now, so that the floor can be finished. Larry said that the South end was done and ready to move. The Water Office is to start moving Friday morning. The Library shelving will be put up on Tuesday, Aug. 26th and the Library will move after that. As soon as the sinks and range hood are installed and Jerry's finishes the floor the Activity Center will be ready to move. Maybe by the end of August. The phone system is being installed now. Hick's will be delivering the furniture on Friday. President Lorance asked the trustees to write down any questions about the way the building is done. If there are to be any changes made, now is the time. The open house will be the first part of October, a date has not yet been decided upon.

The clerk had asked about ordering Door Markers to stand out for the offices, The Board said to go ahead and get them ordered.

Bob Lanter reported that there had been a leak in the water booster pumps over by Robinson. They have been repaired and are in working order now. The tower is being worked on, and the water pressure will be down for 2 to 3 weeks. The Board told Bob to go ahead and have Goss take care of the Radio System as he has in the past.

August 20 meeting continued-----

Joe Bayless had been in touch with Rod Karr from the Cable T.V. He explained why the channels in question were not getting good reception, and said if there were any problems to call the 800 number for service.

Myrl reported that the playground equipment is together and looks real nice. He said that the Boys will finish putting the base down for the equipment.

Tom reported that the sidewalks are started, and that Cravens Construction will finish the walk in front of Dorothy Musgraves before school starts on Friday.

There has been a complaint about the garbage problem at 601 E. Indiana. Larry said he would talk to the residents.

The problem of the Pit Bull Dog on 405 W. Wisconsin was discussed. The dog got loose and bit a paper carrier last week. In some states and villages there has been an ordinance passed to outlaw these kind of dogs because of their viciousness. The Board wasn't ready to take that action yet. Doctor Lindley is holding the dog for 10 days. The owner has been ticketed and will be so again if the dog is loose at anytime. If a biting incident should occur again then the Village has the authority to have the dog destroyed.

Larry was contacted by the owner of the Oblong Gem. They are now a legal paper to circulate our Treasurer's reports, Tax Levies, etc. They would like to have the Villages' business. Larry said from now on that we would use the Oblong Gem as much as possible.

Gary Wilson made the motion to approve payment to Heritage Builders in the amount of \$21,709.20 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

At 8:35 the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Back into regular session at 9:15 P.M., Jack Gallion made a motion to hire Kenny Osborn to enforce Ordinance # \_\_\_\_\_ pertaining to cats and dogs running loose. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Kenny will patrol the streets and take calls if there is a problem in a certain area. He will be paid \$10.00 per animal as was the dog catcher, Connie McNabb. He will be responsible for picking up the animal and taking it to the Animal Shelter in Robinson. The Vote for the motion was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

The committee reported that there haven't been any prospects in the Detherage Home at 601 El Main St.

Jane Hosselton Village Clerk

September 3, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at 202 S. Range St.

Members Present: Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Treadwell, Treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Laura York, B. Musgrave, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, & Ken Dickson.

The Minutes of the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Gary Wilson took charge of the meeting in the absence of President Larry Lorange.

First order of business was progress report on Deatherage House at 601 E. Main St. The committee of Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Joe Bayless had nothing substantial to report at this time.

Bob Lanter reported that the Water Tower was partially filled and that Interstate Painting took a water sample early Wednesday morning and took back to Carbondale with them to test for any contamination and Bob said he was just waiting for the report. They are basically done although there has been a problem with paint on cars reported several of the Board members. The contractors had submitted a bill in the amount of \$19,065.00 dollars. This is 75% of total bill which is \$25,420.00 dollars. Gary asked Joe Bayless if he would contact Watwood and Heavener and asked him if the contractors insurance will take care of the paint on the cars. Some of the cars were having to be resealed and at least one will have to be repainted. Joe is to ask Don Williams who the people should contact to pay their car-cleaning bills. Also, Gary wanted Joe to ask if they used commercial or spot blast. And to double check to see if the right kind of paint was used since it was supposed to dry before it hit the ground.

Gary Wilson discussed the old water office building at 104 W. Main. The Possibility of selling the building by sealed bids was discussed and agreed upon by all members that they wanted to go with sealed bids. Joe Bayless moved to sell by sealed bids the East Edge of lot 28 (20 ft. by 75 ft.) of the William Woods addition. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The bids will be opened at the Board meeting in October, as the ad is to run once a week for 3 weeks the first ad not to be less than 30 days before the opening of the bids. The clerk is to type and run the ad stating that she has the keys and prospective bidders can get the keys from the clerk's office. Gary said he would have the property appraised before the next board meeting and they could combine the appraisal and the location of the building to discuss expectations of a price.

It was reported that there is an unsafe house at S. Garfield and Oklahoma streets. Someone started to tear it down and left the job unfinished.

Gary Wilson said he would get a name and address and get in touch with the owner.

Jack Gallion made a motion to purchase 4 Brookline pushbars at a total cost of \$180.00 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. The bars will be put on the office doors of the Water Dept., Library, and 2 entry doors into south end. The vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays. Randy Baker will order them from Effingham Builders supply.

The Board decided to have Mike Munson go ahead and seed and straw the dirt areas in front of the building for landscape purposes. Mike Munson has been subcontracted by Heritage, and is also working on the parking lot behind the building.

September 3rd meeting continued

Tom Rodgers reported that he had a bill from Cravens Construction on the new sidewalks. There is still so much clean up work yet, and Tom suggested and the Board agreed to withhold payment until some of the trustees have time to inspect the work.

Also, Tom said that Kenny Osborn, dog catcher, had contacted him about having a cage built for his truck. The Board said to go ahead and get with Kenny and have someone build one.

Tom also ask if we were going to continue to treat the lake as in the past. The Board said yes and Tom said he would get the chemical ordered.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. The vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

It was reported that several different articles have appeared in papers stating that the Village of Oblong will be receiving grant fund from Build Illinois, but as of yet, the Village nor the Engineers have been contacted about the matter.

The clerk ask about ordering a sweeper for the building for the individual offices to use. The Board said it was okay to get one and the clerk said she would order a canister vacuum with a power nozzle and attachments from Sears.

The Board decided to have an outside line put on the police phone for anything other than emergency calls. At the time the Village still has an open line on their system. The Clerk said she would contact Illinois Consolidated.

Myrl and Jack reported that the Activity Center is moved. There are still some things in the old building for them to sort through, but they both felt that the Youth Unlimited who will be leasing the building can go ahead and pick up keys and start moving their things into the old Activity Center building. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. to discuss personnel and property.

Back into regular session at 9:35 P.M. Tom Rodgers made a motion to allow Police Chief Terry Gish to attend some evening classes to better himself in his occupation and to better the community. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote was recorded as follows:

Joe Bayless - yea

Jim Jobe - yea

Myrl Littlejohn - nay

Jack Gallion - nay

Tom Rodgers - yea

3 yeas - 2 nays motion carried. It was set up on a trial basis. As long as there isn't a conflict with a work schedule. Terry also said that he would make up the class time another day of the week designated by the Board.

Also Jack Gallion made a motion to adopt Resolution # 86-317 stating that the clerk and treasurer have been eligible for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund since they started work for the Village. This enables them to pay back the years they were not on the program. Joe Bayless seconded the motion and the vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As All business was concluded Joe made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Jane Hosseltor Clerk

September 17, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 17, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, President; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, Treasurer, and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Rick Dennis, Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Ken Dickson, & Kathy Deffez

The minutes of the September 3rd meeting were approved as read.

First on the agenda was Rick Dennis. Rick told the Board that he would like to paint a Panther on the Oblong Water Tower since the tank couldn't be painted the school colors. He showed the Board some sketches that he had drawn. The cost to the Village would be \$300.00 dollars. The Board liked the Black and White sketch that Rick had drawn. Rick wanted to climb up on the Water Tower and check dimensions and height. Larry told him to get with Bob and use the safety belt and the Board will check on the insurance to cover Rick while he is doing the work. The Board will make the final decision at the October 1st Board meeting.

Ron Reich, Connor and Connor Eng. for our Sewer Project gave the Board a report on where the Village stand with their grant money from Build Illinois. Ron had talked to Elliott Allen from E.P.A. and they are proceeding as though the money is available. At this time, The Village has not been officially notified. The amount awarded to Oblong for the project is \$752,500.00 dollars. If the overall cost of the project is bid lower, then the grant money will be lower as will be the cost to the Village. The percentage is 700~. The estimated cost by Connor & Connor is 1,296,410.00 dollars. The amount will not exceed the estimate and hopefully will be somewhat lower. The first papers to be signed were Grant Administrative Items.

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Board of Trustees and all were in favor of each Resolution adopted:

A motion was made by Jack Gallion and seconded by Tom Rodgers to adopt a Resolution authorizing a Representative to Sign Grant Documents.

A motion was made by Jim Jobe and seconded by Joe Bayless to adopt a Certificate regarding NPDES Permit and Operations and Maintenance.

A motion was made by Joe Bayless and seconded by Jim Jobe to adopt a Resolution of Intent Regarding National Flood Insurance.

A motion was made by Gary Wilson and seconded by Tom Rodgers to adopt the Assurance of Compliance for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 13 of the FWCA Amendments of 1972.

A motion was made by Jim Jobe and seconded by Joe Bayless to adopt the Project Implementation Schedule.

The Resolutions and the Project Implementation Schedule are on file at the Clerk's Office.

Ron said the first move would be to secure the easements needed to proceed with the project. He said he would attend the next Board meeting.

September 17th meeting Continued -

President Lorance reported that the Water Tower is completed and back in use. Interstate Painting has been paid 75% of the bill and will submit the remainder after Watwood and Heavener make their inspection. Professional Polishing had been paid in full by Interstate Painting for the cars he removed paint from.

Gary Wilson reported that the house on S. Garfield was suppose to have been cleaned up, but nothing has yet been done. He said he would contact the owner again.

In correspondence, President Lorance read a letter from Crawford County Opportunities, Inc. Robinson, Ill., inviting anyone to see a unique recreational vehicle demonstrated. It is the "flying boat" made by Hovercraft, Inc. The demonstration will be 3:30 P.M. Sunday September 21 near the shelter on the back nine of Quail Creek Country Club.

President Lorance read a letter from the President of the First National Bank of Oblong, Wilford J. Cross commending Police Chief Terry Gish on his arrest in July 1986 of Philip Green who had been forging check. He said Terry was very cooperative and thanked him for a job well done.

Larry said Earl Deckard contacted him about permits from Illinois Department of Transportation. Since Pulliam funeral home is changing curbing and sidewalks the permits required Board approval. Larry said he talked with some of the trustees and signed the permits for Earl and sent them on. The Board discussed paying for part of the sidewalk that the Village would have replaced if Pulliam hadn't of laid a wider sidewalk. Tom Rodgers said he would do some measuring and report back at the next meeting.

Kenny Osborn asked if the Village would purchase a pistol for him to use to quiet animals that he is having difficulty catching. The Board decided to hold off for the time being, and let Kenny catch the ones that he could.

President Lorance checked into having someone appraise the old water office. He said that Rick Houdasheldt would be doing the appraisal.

President Lorance asked if the committee on the Deatherage Property had anything to report. Tom Rodgers said there had been one person interested but he had changed his mind because of the stipulations in the deed.

President Lorance reported that part of an old 6" cast iron water line on Route 33 by Murray Tracy's where there is an old bridge will have to ve moved, by the Village. The state had the right of way in 1952 and the Village laid this line in 1956. Actually, the line needs to be lowered 3 feet for the bridge repair. Dallas Kingery from Dept. of Transportation is sending drawings that he made for the Village to look at. The project had been turned over to Connor and Connor.

The Board discussed names for the new building, and all agreed on The Oblong Municipal Building and the name for the Board meeting room will be THE FARLEY ROOM. The date of October 12th, Sunday from 2-4 P.M. was set for the open house of the new building.

Larry read 3 proposals for Fire Extinguishers for the Range Hood for the Activity Center.  
American Fire & Safety - \$1119.19

Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service - 940.63

Effingham Ext. Sales & Service - 1471.33

The Board agreed to have Larry contact Randy Baker and have him contact low bidder.

The Board agreed to purchase from Jerry's Janitorial Service 2 - 4x8 mats for the front and back entrance of the building. The color is Burgundy Mist. Also they will purchase one 27" X 60" brown mat for the kitchen.

The 4' X 8' mats cost \$116.80 each., and the kitchen mat cost \$28.06 dollars.

The Board gave the okay for Police Chief Terry Gish to order 2 books on law at 14.95 each.

Larry said he had been contacted by some of the merchants about the possibility of making South Range St. a one-way street to provide more parking for business. The street has had several new businesses move in the last year and there are at least 2 more moving in soon. He asked the board to be thinking about it for the next meeting. It was agreed to let the Activity Center keep a petty cash fund of \$50.00 and buy small supplies out of this and deposit excess once or twice a month.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:50 P.M. to discuss Ream Estate.

Back into regular session at 10:00 P.M., Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned.

Jane Hosselton,  
Vollage Clerk

October 1, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 1, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, President; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Kelley Tracy, Kimberly Tracy, Ken Dickson, Connie Stephenson, Gary Sweat, DeLane Baker, Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Joyce Griffin, Rick Dennis, Eric Leckey, and Lisa Pinkston.

The minutes of the September 17th meeting were approved as read.

Lisa Pinkston and Joyce Griffin, representing the Merchants of Oblong, inquired about what would be done with the loud speaker on top of the old Water Office Building. The merchants said Clarence Smith of the Hi-Way Cafe would put in on top of his building and the merchants could still use it for Christmas music. Joyce Griffin asked who to contact about streets lights being burnt out. President Lorance said they would need to contact Cliff Towles or CIPS in Robinson. They were interested in seeing signs put up to designate parking behind the stores and in seeing 2 hour parking on Main Street enforced more. Lisa Pinkston asked if the Village would be interested in buying lights for the 25 real Christmas trees that will be decorated in front of the businesses this year. The Board said if they would check on price and get back to the Board that they would because the Village has split the cost in half with the Chamber in the past. Lisa also asked if the merchants could have some help with the trees and stands from City employees. Bob said they would help when they could.

Connie Stephenson will be our new reporter for the Gem.

Gary Sweat and Kelley Tracy were present from the Youth Teen Center Board, to ask some questions about improvements on the building. Gary asked if they could put a new metal door on the back of the old Activity Center It will have a push bar as the fire marshall designated that it should be. Also, the Teens and Adults would like to paint a base paint on the walls and with adult supervision, Don Corn said the High School Art Class could paint a mural or something else on one or two walls. Gary said the art class would draw some sketches for them to choose from. And Gary asked if they could have the door locks changed. They will be putting a lot of new equipment in the Teen Center and they would like to keep a minimum of keys in circulation. Gary expressed his concern about all of the plate glass at the front of the building, and asked the Board if they had any suggestions or recommendations. The Board asked Gary & Kelley if they would get an estimate as to what it would cost to redo the front of the building similiar to The Strippery.

After discussion the Board felt they should pay for the repairs to the building. Joe Bayless made a motion to have Youth Unlimited get someone to put in a new door, change the locks, and paint the inside of the building and send the bills to the Village. Also to get an estimate for the front of the outside and the Board will consider it. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Rick Dennis and Eric Leckey were at the meeting to see if they could paint the Oblong Panther on the Water Tower. Larry and Joe had checked on the insurance and could not find a way to cover them in case of an accident. They felt it was too dangerous without the appropriated coverage.

Rick Said he would check to see if he could get his own insurance.

If he finds out anything, he will get back to the Board.

Ron Reich from Connor & Connor had more papers to sign for the Sewer Project. Still no formal notice of Build Illinois monies. Ron had contacted Best Construction to take a look at the water line that needs to be dropped 3 ft. for a bridge repair on Route 33. Best Construction said they would be there on Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 1:00 P.M.

President Lorange read correspondence that he had received. He read a letter from Crawford County Historical Society. They stated that they need financial assistance to help relocate. The Board decided the donations should be left up to each individual.

The Village had received a quote from The Star Pool on Comprehensive Liability for Law Enforcement. They are an underwriter for National Sheriffs' Association. Jack Gallion made the motion to accept the quote of \$993.00 dollars to extend coverage until October 11, 1987. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

President Lorange had received a letter asking the Board to adopt a proclamation by Governor Thompson declaring October 1986 LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH. Joe moved to adopt the Proclamation for LUPUS AWARENESS in October and Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorange told the Board that he had the appraisal available for the Board members to look over. He asked the trustees to take some pictures and get some ideas for how to put a sign up for the name of the building. It was also agreed upon to have Pres. Lorange contact Inboden Seed & Sales and have them do the Landscaping for the building.

Pres. Lorange told the Board members that all of the locks on the building had been changed and that the keys have been distributed and he is keeping a list of who has what keys, and the trustees said that was okay with them.

The committee reported that they have not had any interested parties contact them about the Deatherage Home at 601 E. Main Street.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. The vote was 4 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Gary Wilson reported that he had checked on the house on South Garfield and they are still proceeding to tear it down, but is not yet completed. Also Gary said that the Boy Scouts will be having a camp-out at the Oblong Park Oct. 3, 4, and 5th. Gary said through past records Mike McReynolds told him that the Oil Field Museum's 25th anniversary will be October 10th. Ken Dickson said he would do a feature story of the Museum that week.

Bob Lantæ said he had been contacted to block North & South Range streets and Main street Friday October 24th for the Fall Follies that will take place on Saturday. He also reported that Leon Bilyew will pullout the pumps and repair on October 7th. Bob said that Ed Mehler & Randy Fancil would probably work one more week. They have needed the extra help and the 2 guys were able to work the extra weeks.

Bob asked the Board if they could spend \$611.00 dollars for a Home-Lite multi-purpose saw to cut pipe. Joe Bayless made the motion for approval to purchase saw for \$611.00 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Clerk is to write a letter to Ill. Dept. of Trans. and state that the \$659.72 left in MFT from 1984 should remain there. As all other business was concluded Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

October 15, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 15, 1986, at the Municipal Building at 202 S. Range St.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, President; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Rex McGehee, Connie Stephenson, Larry Kirts, and Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the October 1st meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was to open bids for the old Water Office Building at 104 W. Main Street, Oblong. President Lorance stated that the building was appraised for \$7,500.00 dollars. The bids were as follows:

Rex McGehee (Dorsey Kirk Ins.)	\$5,000.00
Thomas R. Artzberger (Prairie Pools)	5,300.00
Carol A. Miller	6,500.00

Gary Wilson moved to accept the high bid from Carol A. Miller of \$6,500.00 dollars and to adopt Ordinance #86-331, directing the sale of property at 104 W. Main St. - Oblong, Ill. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. The roll call vote was 5 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Larry Kirts from Alblinger & Kirts stated that he would like to donate the paint for the inside of the Youth Unlimited building. The Board thanked him for his generosity.

President Lorance said that Connor & Connor had given him the quote they received from Melvin (Punk) Strange of Best Construction for the job of lowering the 6" water line 31/2 feet on route 33 East so the state can repair a bridge. The quote is as follows:

\$1915.00 dollars	-materials
240.00 dollars	- one time moving charge
2004.00 dollars	- for a crew per 8 hour day.

There will be 2 operators, 2 laborers, 2 fitters, 2 backhoes, & 1 foreman.

President Lorance said that Mrs. Junia Whitmer and Mr. Murray Tracy had been contacted since it will be on their property. Mr. Leolin Bowen will be without service for a short time while he is being switched from the 6" line to the 8" line.

It was reported that Cortelyou Machine Shop has pulled out the West pump and are in the process of repairing it. They would like to repair them both at the same time, but the board felt they would like to see the West Pump in good operation before they pull the other pump.

President Lorance read a letter from E.P.A. informing the Board that they were granted \$752,500 dollars of FY Build Illinois money, or 70% of the eligible project cost. In following the implementation schedule President Lorance asked the Water and Sewer committee of (Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson, and Jack Gallion) to talk to Phil Rich about purchasing the necessary footage for the lift station from his property. He also asked them to contact the local lending institutions about the Village's money portion of the project cost.

October 15th meeting continued-----

If something cannot be worked out locally then the Villages' attorney needs to start contacting some bonding companies. There is a date in the implementation schedule for the Village to have their funds secured by.

President Lorance gave the treasurer a Cashier's Check in the amount of \$733.56 dollars that closed out the Art Farley Memorial Fund. The money was used to purchase the Mayor's desk, chair, and 2 side arm chairs for the Municipal Building.

President Lorance stated that the sod was down with the exception of about 50 feet on the south west end of the building. There was not quite enough. The Board agreed to have Larry call Vincennes and order enough sod to finish the lot and have one of the city employees pick it up on Friday. They will lay it Friday evening. Larry reported that the Community Club had several members help lay the sod as well as most of the Board members.

Larry had contacted Inboden Seed and Sales and they suggested the following landscaping be done to accent our new building.

1 Barberry Bush on each side of the flag pole in the planter.

1 yew on each end of planter

1 decorative Bradford Pear tree on the South end.

Total of 13 yews along the North side.

Total Cost - \$424.49 dollars

Tom made the motion to accept the price of \$424.49 and have Inboden Seed & Sales do the landscaping. Joe seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Larry said that he would contact Doc Inboden.

Tinker Haines is bringing 2 more loads of chat for the West Parking area. Then the Township will be grading the alley so that it can have chat put on it.

Larry had talked with Gary Sweat about the Youth Center. After discussion the board agreed to let the Youth Center Board take out a window in addition to putting in a new back door. Also they agreed that there only needed to be one front door, and they felt that it should be recessed like it is now.

Police Chief had sent a note asking what nights around Halloween they wanted extra patrolmen. Terry suggested October 29, 30, and 31st, as well as the 25th which is Fall Follies Night. The Board agreed with the nights he had written down. Trick or Treat night was set for Thursday, October 30th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The age is 12 and under and turn on your porch light if you want trick or treaters.

There was a discussion pertaining to the Deatherage Property at 601 E. Main Street, Since the Village does not have any interested parties in buying it for a medical or dental facility, Jack Gallion made the motion to start proceedings for selling the property at 601 E. Main St. by sealed bids. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to make a list of the people who had requested additional street lights within the village. The trustees will patrol after the leaves are gone and see if there are any additional lights to be added to the list.

October 15th meeting continued-----

It was agreed by the Board to let the activity center employees purchase an artificial Christmas tree from Ablinger & Kirts for the activity room. The CB club is going to buy the decorations for the tree.

Tom Rodgers said he would check with one of our representatives about getting a 3' x 5' flag for the activity center.

The Board told Jane Hosselton, clerk, that she could check prices and tryout some new typewriters. As all business was concluded, Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

NOVEMBER 5, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 5, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 202 S. Range St.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, and Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the October 15 meeting approved as read.

President Lorance had received a check for \$150.00 dollars from Illinois Cablevision for rental of the antenna. Larry said that the Water Office Sale was complete and we had received a check from Carol Miller.

The Board then discussed the sale of the Deatherage Property at 601 E. Main St. The Board had already decided to sale the property by sealed bids. After discussion the Board decided to give the bidders a chance to raise their bid after they are opened. An auction will then take place with bids being raised in increments of \$500.00 dollars. The property will be advertised the week of November 10th. The ad will need to be run once a week for 3 consecutive weeks.

President Lorance had received a certified letter from Illinois E.P.A. stating that they accepted our Municipal Compliance Plan (revised) and also our Implementation schedule.

President Lorance asked the clerk to send a thank-you and information sheet that he had prepared to all of the people who donated to the Art Farley Memorial Fund which was used to purchase office furniture for the Mayor's Office. Larry had received a check for the Village's rental ground which Mr. Dart farms. The check was for \$2,160.00 dollars.

President reported that the fire extinguisher had been installed in the range hood in the kitchen. It has an automatic gas shut off valve in case of a fire. The procedure is then to call Mattoon Fire Ext. Sales and Service and they come and recharge the system. The Board then approved for the Township office to put a refrigerator in their storage area for perishable cheese commodities to keep from one distribution to the next. They also agreed that the Activity Center should be opened during the commodity distribution so that the people can get out of the cold. Mr. Ralston, township supervisor plans to distribute the cheese, etc. from the Municipal building.

Andy Holt had contacted the Board about taking over a water line which the residents south of Ackman Sales off of Route 33 had put in 3 years ago. The residents who put the line in were in contact with the Water Company and did comply with city specifications. Joe Bayless moved to accept the request to take over and service the water line south of Ackman Sales and stated that the people would have the option to accept or not accept the clause for repayment pending acceptance of copy of easements. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board decided to have village employees paint yellow the center sloped walk coming into the back of the municipal building, and to make the first parking space to the south, handicapp parking. Bob said he would order a sign to designate the parking space.

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The Board discussed what to do about the alley behind the municipal building and about the drainage problem. They decided to have Frank Dart, road commissioner, dig a ditch on the west side of the alley and grade off the crown then the Village employees will put in a culvert to alleviate the drainage problem. Then they will have Tinker Haines put chat on all of the alley.

Gary Wilson reported that the house that was torn down on South Garfield Street still has a lot of garbage laying around. Gary and Larry decided they should go talk to the people again about getting the mess cleaned up.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Tom Rodgers. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Clerk had tried out 2 different kinds of typewriters and told the Board that she preferred the IBM Wheelwriter 5 if they would approve the purchase. The cost is \$737.00 dollars and will be purchased from Warner's Office Equipment out of Mattoon, Illinois. Myrl made the motion to buy the typewriter seconded by Tom Rodgers. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Clerk informed the Board that the Oblong P.E.O. had donated \$100 dollars toward an order of preschool books for the Library. The Sunbeam Home Extension had donated \$10 dollars toward the same order. The Oblong Young Homemakers gave the Librarian a check for \$150.00 dollars to purchase a table and chairs for the younger children.

8:30 P.M.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel.

Back into regular session at motion 9:15 P.M., Gary Wilson made the Jobe. adjourn seconded by Jim meeting adjourned. All were in favor and at 9:15 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

November 19, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 19, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Larry Lorance, President; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, Tim and Matt Holt, Tory Potts, Delbert Sanders, Vern Christians, and Ken Dickson

The minutes of the November 5th meeting were approved as read.

Delbert Sanders asked the board if he tore down a house on E. Kentucky if he could burn the house on the premises. The board said they have allowed that in the past and that it was okay. Mr. Sanders was also concerned about a dangerous hedge by his residence on E. Indiana St. The board said they would check with the owner about trimming the hedge for better view. Mr. Sanders asked if the Board wanted him to shove snow for the Village as he has done in the past years and the Board said yes.

Vern Christians, owner of the Village Tap on S. Range st. asked permission of the Board to stay open New Year's Eve until 1:00 A.M. Mr. Christians left and the Board discussed at a later time and have in the past granted permission to stay open later on New Year's Eve. Jim Jobe made the motion to let The Village Tap stay open until 1:00 A.M. on December 31, 1986. The owner is to stop serving liquor at 12:30 A.M. and must be out by 1:00 A.M. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

	Tom Rodgers-yea
	Jim Jobe – yea
	Jack Gallion - yes
Gary Wilson-yea	
Joe Bayless –nay	
Myrl Littlejohn-yea	

5 yeas and 1 nay motion carried.

President Lorance acknowledged that the Village received a check for \$250.00 dollars from the Oblong Ruritan Club towards the cost of the landscaping around the municipal building. The Librarian received a check for \$250.00 dollars towards a preschool thru 2nd grade level book order. The Community Club donated the \$250.00 dollars.

One of the Village's decorative light poles one block north on Range street was apparently hit and broke off this week. After discussion the board decided to replace it with a wooden pole. Larry said that he would talk with CIPS about getting the wooden pole put in. The board asked Bob Lanter to contact Dave Krick about busting out the remaining concrete around the pole.

President Lorance updated the board on progress of the local financing for the Sewer Project. The Village still owes \$66,000 dollars on sewer bonds dating back to November, 1965. The rate is 4 3/4 %. The clerk is trying to locate Ordinance #242 to see what the Villages' obligation is before securing more bonds for the current project.

Andy Holt gave Joe Bayless an itemized statement on the cost of the water line ran in October 1983 south of Ackman Sales off of Route 33. Andy Holt and the other 6 parties involved asked the board

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at the last board meeting if they would take over the water line and maintain it. The board tabled any decision until Joe Bayless could check with Andy Holt and other parties to see if there has been any verbal agreement with Dick Ackman about hooking onto the water line at a later date. They will make a decision when they have secured the necessary information. Mr. Holt also gave to Joe Bayless the easements which the board has asked for.

President Lorange had received a letter from Illinois Department of Transportation stating that the Village is responsible for maintaining the road west of Oblong, last road going North before leaving the city limits. The township has maintained this road in the past and now it is Village's responsibility. This would also be included in the Village's MFT allotment.

December 10th was set for the Village's annual Christmas Party at Gray's in Bridgeport.

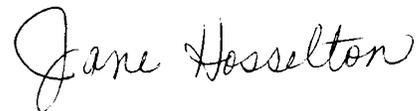
The board discussed the problem with all of the semis parking in the lot on S. Adams street across from Alblinger and Kirts. It is a public parking lot and the semis seem to be using most of the parking area. Larry said that he would check the legal land description to make sure that they are on Village property.

Jack Gallion made a request for Police Chief Terry Gish to go to Champaign to be re-certified for breathe a lizer testing. He must be re-certified each year. Terry has used the method and the Board wanted him to continue with it.

President Lorange stated that there has been interest in the Deatherage house.

As all other business was concluded, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Back into regular session at 9:00 P.M., Tom to Rodgers made the motion were in adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All adjourned at 9:00 P.M. favor and meeting



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 3, 1986

The Village Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 3, 1986, at the Municipal Building at 202 S. Range St.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees, Carol Tractreas., & Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Connie Stephenson, Keith Foltz, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Andy Holt, Harold Lewis, Ken Dickson, and Wanda Watts.

The minutes of the November 19th meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was to decide whether or not the Village would take over a water line south of Route 33. The issue had already been discussed at previous meetings and 3 of the interested parties were present at the meeting. After discussion, Tom Rodgers made the motion, to take over and maintain a waterline south of Ackman Sales off of Route 33. The stipulation stands that Dick Ackman & Carol Myers both have the option to hook onto this line as verbally agreed upon prior to the Village acceptance on maintenance until October, 1988 or until they sell property. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Randy Baker had written 2 letters to the Village Board. One was stating that they were authorizing final payment to Heritage Builders if the Board had no objection. Also, Kibler and Associates had contacted Ace Service about installing a light for the flag and about installing a receptacle in the kitchenette off the Board Room. The electricians will do the extra work at their earliest convenience. The electricians also have the plate covers for the Water Dept. office.

Jack Gallion made the motion to approve final payment to Heritage Builders in the amount of \$6,000.00 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Final payout total to Heritage is \$172,027.15 dollars. The vote was 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Larry had received a letter from Illinois Rural Water Association. They are funded by the state and federal E.P.A. and do consulting work. The dues are \$100.00 per year. The board said they would keep them in mind.

The Board decided to enter into a contract agreement with Mattoon Fire Extinguisher Sales and Service for the maintenance of the Village's Fire Ext. system in the range hood. The cost for a check every 6 months is \$50.00 dollars. If the system is used, the recharge fee is \$85.00 dollars.

The Chamber of Commerce had expressed interest in purchasing something for the new Municipal Building. The Board suggested having them help with the cost of the light for the flag. The Librarian said if they weren't interested in that, she would pick out some new books to order.

Myrl Littejohn made a motion to pay Christmas bonuses again this year. Full-time employees will receive \$35.00 dollars and the part-time employees will receive \$25.00 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance brought the board up to date on the Sewer Project. The Village's attorney, E.H.Price is in the process of giving a title opinion before we purchase any property. He is also checking the abstract. The Board was in agreement to pay \$5,000.00 dollars for the necessary property to put in the new lift station. The Board agreed to have the check issued to Phil Rich as soon as the attorney gives the okay. Mr. Price will then certify all right-of-ways, and then send certification on the E.P.A. Ron Reich, engineer, gave President Lorance 2 copies of the specs and a set of blue prints. The same have been sent to E.P.A. for approval. Mr. Cross, President of First National Bank of Oblong has verbally told President Lorance that the Bank will buy the municipal bonds. Larry will contact Kurt Froelich, bond attorney from Champaign, to start the proceedings. The Village could possibly be ready to let bids shortly after the first of the year. The Board decided to have a special meeting after January 1, with all parties involved to have discussion on all aspects of the project.

President Lorance asked the street committee to do a check for necessary street lights to be added.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:40 P.M. to discuss Personnel.

Back into regular session at 9:30 P.M. a motion was made by Joe Bayless to pay the bills, seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. The vote was 6 yeas –0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion then made a motion to hire Keith Foltz as a Full –Time policeman at a Salary of \$15,000.00 dollars a year, with full-time benefits. His full time job will commence December 1<sup>st</sup>. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. The Vote was as follows:

Gary Wilson – yea

Tom Rodgers –yea

Joe Bayless – yea

Jim Jobe – yea

Myrl Littlejohn - yea

Jack Gallion - yea

6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Jim Jobe made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 17, 1986

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 17, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ken Dickson, Clifford Dennis, Leon Bilyew, Lois Ikemire Terry Gish, Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Vern & Janis Christians, and Connie Stephenson.

The minutes of the December 3rd meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was to open sealed bids for the Deatherage property at 601 E. Main St. in Oblong. The bids were opened by the President and read as follows:

Clifford Dennis	-----	\$10,000.00
Vern Christians	- ----	\$22,000.00
Mrs. Louis Valbert	- ----	\$10,000.00
Leon Bilyew	-----	\$10,000.00

President Lorance then opened the bidding starting at \$22,500.00 dollars. The 2 parties interested in raising their bids were Leon Bilyew and Vern Christians. The bidding process continued between the 2 men raising their bids in 500.00 dollar increments. The final bid was given by Leon Bilyew for Cortelyou Machine Shop, Inc. being in the amount of \$28,500.00 dollars. The board asked everyone to leave the Board Room while they had a brief executive session as to whether or no to accept the final bid and sell the house. The Board was in executive session from 7:15 till 7:25 P.M. Back into regular session at 7:25 P.M. Jim Jobe asked the people to come back into the Board Room. Myrl Littlejohn then made a motion to accept Leon Bilyew's bid for Cortelyou Machine Shop, Inc. in the amount of \$28,500.00 dollars and to adopt Ordinance #86-332 directing the sale of property at 601 E. Main St. Oblong, Illinois. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Mr. Bilyew gave a check to the Village in the amount of \$100.00 dollars to secure the transaction until all of the paper work can be completed.

E.H. Price, Village Attorney, had given President Lorance the go ahead to purchase the property from Phillip Rich for the new lift station. The treasurer issued a check for \$5,000 dollars to Phillip R. Rich. President Lorance said that he would deliver the check along with some other papers.

Keith Foltz and Terry Gish asked the Board about the possibility of getting a repeater system put in the squad car so that the County can pick up what is going on. After discussion Jack Gallion made the motion to buy from Robert Goss of Flat Rock, a repeater, a car mounted charger installed and a crystal change in the portable. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

December 17th meeting continued -----

Keith Foltz handed out to the Board a rotation schedule for the Police Department. They agreed that the schedule looked okay and if problems arose, they could be worked out. President Lorance said there would be a People Party Caucus meeting at the municipal Building Board Room at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, January<sup>th</sup>.12

The Board approved final payment to Rubsam Paint Store and to Kibler & Associates for the Municipal Building.

As all business was concluded, Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON Village Clerk

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January 7, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 7, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorange, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl and Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Ken Dickson, & Connie Stephenson.

The minutes of the December 17th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorange reported that Leon Bilyew has paid the Village for the Deatherage property and had the deed to the property. These two transactions took place on December 31, 1986. Mr. Bilyew has not yet received a clear title yet. Cox, Phillips, Weber & Tedford still needed the following to complete their Title Opinion:

1. Ordinance (directing the sale of property)
2. Proof of Publication
3. Certified Copy of Board Minutes
4. Certified Copy of Resolution

The Board had not yet adopted a Resolution. This Resolution recites the fact of ownership of the property deeded to the Village by David and Myrtle Deatherage, the conditions contained in the deed, and that all efforts have been made to satisfy these conditions. Jack Gallion made the motion to adopt Resolution # 87-318 stating the same as the above. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. The Clerk said she would deliver the necessary papers to the bank so they can complete the sale.

Tom Rodgers and Jim Jobe gave a report of lights that they felt needed to be installed new in the Village. The locations are as follows:

1. West Edge of Town (Last Road)
2. Oblong lake (between Rod Williams and shuffle board court)  
move one pole for light and put in one new one.
3. South Roosevelt (Gale Inboden)
4. North end of parking lot -West side of Municipal Building.

The Board agreed to have the committee to check with Clifford Towles and ask him for a recommendation as to where to put the pole on Roosevelt street and about moving a pole by the lake. They they will have to talk to Merle Myerscough at CIPS.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The remainder of the meeting was spent with Ron Reich, engineer for the Sewer Project. He went over the changes made and sent in to E.P.A. and where the Village stand at this point and how they will divide the bidding process. The Board also laid out the blueprints and Ron went over each phase in detail with the board.

A motion was made by Jack  
to adjourn at 10:20 P.M. All were in

and seconded by Jim  
favor and meeting adjourned.  
JANE HOSELTON, CLERK

January 21, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 21, 1987 at the Municipal Building Board Room.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Jerry Stovall, Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, Keith Foltz Ken Dickson, and Delbert Sanders.

The minutes of the January 7th meeting were approved as read.

Jerry Stovall, truck driver for Schilli Motor Lines asked the Board about the possibility of parking their trucks on the Village Lot between the Wesleyan Church and the Church of Christ. Mr. Stovall said there are 6 truck drivers at this time that need a place to park. Some would be on weekends and some through the week. All of the board members felt that the church parking lot should be kept open; however, they said the ~7 could park on the old Marathon Lots. Mr. Stovall said he would try to park his truck in there. The Board said if they come up with any other helpful solutions that they would let him know.

President Lorance said that Phil Boyd had contacted him about the Antique Engine & Tractor Club using the park on August 8 & 9 for a antique show. They are wanting to block the city streets. Jack Gallion said he would find out for sure what their plans were and get back to the board.

President Lorance ask finance chairman, Gary Wilson, if he would talk to Bill Holt vice-president of First National Bank of Oblong about setting up a meeting to finalize and set up a payment schedule for the cost of the Municipal Building.

President Lorance had xeroxed ~~files~~ for the Board Members of the following:

- Proposed new sewer rate schedule
- Proposed Bond Ordinance
- Engineering Agreement for 3rd phase of sewer project

Ron Reich had told President Lorance that the E.P.A. says that each gallon of water should cost the same. Our old sewer rate drops the rate for more gallons used. Ron doesn't think that the E.P.A. would approve the old rate. Larry asked the Board members to look over the documents and they would discuss them at the next board meeting. Ron Reich plans to attend that meeting.

Tom Rodgers reported on the light situation. He had talked with Cliff Towles, employee of C.I.P.S. Mr. Towles said the new lights would be yellow low sodium lights. The possibility of moving a pole by the shuffle board court at the park was dropped due to the cost. The other locations seemed to be okay with Mr. Towles. He said the next step was to write to Merle Myerscough District Superintendent of C.I.P.S. about the probable locations. The company will send an engineer and they will then give the Village a cost estimate. Then the Board can decide what they want to do for sure.

January 21 meeting continued-----

Keith Foltz requested permission to purchase a good used scanner for the police office at the municipal building. The cost was \$100 dollars. Keith said it would be useful while they are doing their paper work. He asked the Board's opinion as he said that it was not a necessity. The Board felt it would be useful to the police department and Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to purchase the scanner for \$100.00 dollars. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Keith passed out the police shift rotation schedule starting Feb. 10.

The board discussed how to handle overtime and comp time for the police department. It was decided to made mandatory that anything over 8 hours accumulated in a pay period must be turned in as overtime. The comp time should then be used up as soon as possible so overtime hours will not accumulate. They told Keith that worked holidays should be turned in as overtime.

The Board went into executive session at 8:40 P.M., to discuss personnel. Back into regular session at 9:15 P.M., Tom Rodgers made the motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

February 4, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 4, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk

Others Present: Ron Reich, Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Keith Foltz, and Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the January 21st meeting were approved as read.

After discussing old business, Ron Reich explained the necessary documents that needed to be signed to continue on the Sewer Project.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 87-333 authorizing and providing for the issuance of up to \$460,000 Second Lien Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 1987, of the Village of Oblong for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving, and extending its sewerage system. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Wilson then made a motion to authorize the Mayor & Clerk to certify to EPA after a 10 day period that the petition time has expired and that none were filed. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll vote was 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to enter into an Engineering Agreement for Step 3 of the Sewer Project with Connor & Connor Engineering. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Reich explained that a copy of the draft of the sewer use and user charge Ordinance has been sent to E.P.A. He left a copy with the Village Board. Even though rates are stated in the draft, the Village does not have to adopt the new rates until 80 % of the project funds have been released.

Joe Bayless made a motion to adopt a Proclamation declaring February 1st thru February 7th Community College Week. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll Call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Mayor signed the Proclamations and they were posted in the Municipal Building.

The Board then discussed the problem with United of Omaha denying that Keith Foltz could be put on our group insurance plan. As the Village wants to pursue some other options, Jack Gallion made a motion to reimburse Keith for his insurance premium that he has paid since December 17, 1986. The Village will pick up the premium payment of \$178.09 per month until other arrangements can be made. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

February 4th meeting continued-----

President Lorance brought to the Board's attention the problem of delinquent water bills. The Ordinance clearly states that if the bills are not paid on time, that a hearing be set up for the purpose of giving the customer the opportunity to explain why the bill was not paid and make arrangements to take care of the bill. The customers are to be notified by letter of the hearing and if they fail to come to the hearing, then the water can be shut off. The Board agreed to try enforcing the Ordinance since some of the bills have been past due for sometime, and some customers are not making any efforts to pay them. The 10% past due amount will also be added to late bills.

Gary Wilson reported that he had contacted Bill Holt and when the papers are ready Bill will get back to Gary.

Myrl Littlejohn asked the Village Board on behalf of the Fair Board if the trustees had any problems with them building a new Secretary Office. They will build onto the old office extending the East and West sides a total of not more than 3 foot. and they also plan to double the length. The Board said that it was satisfactory with them. If a traffic problem did arise later on they would put up necessary signs to take care of any problems.

Keith Foltz had compiled a list of abandoned vehicles for the Police Committee. The Board discussed the letter used in the past. There was one part of the Ordinance stated that was unclear. President Lorance said that he would talk with Frank Heilengensten of Metro-East and see if he could clear up some questions. In the meantime the Board decided to hold off on sending the letters. The Board decided to wait until Spring and then start cleaning up junk, abandoned vehicles, weeds, vacant properties, etc. The Clerk is to run an ad stating that such a clean up will take place in the Spring, and if residents have any questions as to whether or not they are in violation of the City Ordinances then they should contact a Board Member or the Police Department.

As all business was concluded Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

February 18, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 18, 1987 at the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, President; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ernie Weber, Bob Blanchard, Connie Stephenson, Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Delbert Sanders, and Andy Pullen.

The minutes of the February 4th meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was the Sewer Project. Ron Reich had prepared papers with revised sewer rates. He left these with the trustees to look over. He said that the date of March 19th has tentatively been set to advertise for bids. The bidders would then have 45 days to submit their bids.

Ernie Weber, from Norris Electric Coop. of Newton will be furnishing power for the new sewer plant. Mr. Iveber left with Pres. Lorance the Right-of-ways that need to be signed so they can furnish the power. The resident will get a copy, and copies are to go to the Village, Connor & Connor, and the original back to Norris Electric. Mr. Weber had an application for the Village to fill out. The installation fee for the poles and set up will be \$183.60 dollars. Jack Gallion made the motion to submit the application for membership to Norris Electric. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The President & Clerk signed the application and gave to Mr. Weber. 1/12th of the installation fee will be applied to the electric bill each month. In 12 months, the money will have been refunded.

Mr. Weber had also prepared a Franchise Ordinance that stated if the property was annexed into the Village that Norris Electric would have the opportunity to serve the new customers.

Joe Bayless moved to adopt the Franchise Ordinance #87-334 for the purpose of getting power to the lagoon site. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance introduced Andy Pullen, agent for Life Investors Insurance Company of America. Mr. Pullen has a company that insures small groups. The name of the company is Free Enterprise Trust. He explained the benefits as well as problems of changing insurance companies. He also had quoted prices for Group Health Insurance for \$100 dollar deductible and for \$250 dollar deductible. The Board asked questions and told Mr. Pullen that they would discuss the situation. They were undecided at this time as to whether or not they would change, and they might contact other insurance companies. For the present time they will continue to pay Keith Foltz \$178.09 dollars a month to keep him insured until they decided on a group policy.

Merle Myerscough, district superintendent for CIPS had sent a Resolution to be adopted by the Board of Trustees for additional street lighting. Tom Rodgers, chrmn. of the committee explained where the additional lights would be. There will be a total of 8 new lights at a cost of \$36.44per month.

February 18th meeting continued-----

Jack Gallion made the motion to adopt the Resolution for additional street lighting seconded by Joe Bayless. Roll call vote 5 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance reported that Samuel Music Co. gave him a person to contact in Salem about the acoustics of the Activity Center. He told the board that Doug Cosby would be at the Activity Center at 4:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 24th if any of the board members could make it.

President Lorance had prepared a form for a notice of Hearing on delinquent water bills. The Board approved the form letter. The papers will run a notice as to the intent of the Village Board. If bills are not paid by the 20th of the Month (starting in March), the customers will receive a letter with a hearing set up to appear before the Board at their next regular meeting. If the customer fails to report why he is delinquent at the hearing, then his water will be shut off. There will be a charge of \$20.00 to re-connect the utility.

President Lorance asked the Board if they would like to have a representative from Kemper Computer Store come to the next Board meeting and talk about the Village's need for a computer and advise on what type of system their company might have for the village.

The Board went into executive session at 9:10 P.M. to discuss finances.

Back into regular session at 9:55 P.M. Tom Rodgers made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

March 4, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 4, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, and Jim Jobe, trustees; Carol Tyra, Treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, Ken Dickson, Merle Myerscough, and Harry Shafer.

The minutes of the February 18th meeting were approved as read.

Merle Myerscough, District Superintendent for CIPS was concerned about the Franchise Agreement that the Village signed with Norris Electric Coop at the last board meeting. President Lorance agreed with Mr. Myerscough that after re-reading the Franchise there is a paragraph in Section 2 that should be deleted. President Lorance had already contacted Ernie Weber of Norris Electric and they will draw up another Franchise deleting paragraph C of Section 2.

President Lorance read a letter from Illinois Cablevision apologizing for the 4 day problem with the Cable and explained what they had to fix. The letter stated that anyone wanting credit on their bills for the 4 day period would have to call the company and ask for the credit. The Board felt that the cable company should deduct 4 days from the April bills for every customer in the Oblong area. President Lorance said he would convey the Boards feelings to Rod Karr. Meanwhile, the paper will publish what the letter stated.

President Lorance asked the clerk to run an ad in the paper notifying customers that the delinquent water bills will be handled by a hearing before the board of trustees after March 20th.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. Roll call vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance said that he met with Doug Cosby about the acoustics in the Activity Center. He took sound readings and said he would call or send a letter as to his recommendation for improving the sound.

Tom Rodgers made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

March 18, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Phil Boyd, John Henderson, Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Connie Stephenson, and Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the March 4th meeting were approved as read.

Phil Boyd, member of the Antique Tractor and Engine Association asked to reserve the dates of August 8 and 9 for their antique show. He told the board that the CB Club would have a flea market set up also. He asked about blocking the streets for the 2 days to charge admission and the Board felt that would be alright as long as residents had access to their driveways. Phil said that he would keep the Board informed about the show. Phil also gave the Village a check for \$250.00 dollars from an anonymous former resident of Oblong. The money is to be used for something for the municipal building. Tom made a motion to purchase more folding chairs with the money for the Activity Center. Myrl seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas 0o nays motion carried.

President Lorance introduced John Henderson from Kemper Computer Center. Mr. Henderson had met with Water office personnel and the clerk, treasurer and librarian to determine the computer needs for the Village. He priced to the Village a Wisetek AT , IBM compatible. Total installation, training, and system cost would be \$5836.50 plus the software. John is in the process of finding a company with the best program for water billing for Oblong. He said the software would cost in the range of \$1200.00 to \$4,000.00 dollars depending on the program selected. The Board told Mr. Henderson that they would discuss his proposal and get back to him at a later date.

Ron Reich, engineer for sewer project, said that he has the construction permit. When the press release is made the village can advertise for bids. Ron said that it would not be before March 26th. Ron said that he would need board approval to advertise for bids. Jack Gallion made the motion to give the Mayor and Clerk authority to advertise for bids upon approval from E.P.A. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

A few months ago a semi ran over some meter tile and pipe fence owned by the village when turning into the lane that goes to the nursing home. A complaint was filed by the chief of police and Liberty Mutual insurance company sent a check to the Village in the amount of \$824.43 dollars to pay for the damage. The trucking company was A & H Truck Lines. The treasurer was instructed to deposit the check into the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

President Lorance received a letter of invitation to be in Sainte Marie's 150th parade celebration to be held July 24, 25, and 26. He felt that we should check with the Chamber of Commerce and possible work together to maybe be a part of their celebration.

Bob Harris, a member of the Fair Board had contacted Larry Lorance about their plans for the new office building and restroom facilities. There was a question about putting in new sewer line and about what type of hot water heater to install. Myrl Littlejohn said that he would meet

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with Bob Harris and report back at the next village board meeting.

There were several reports of sewer problems. Some of the problems will be remedied when the sewer project is complete, others need to be taken care of now. Joe Bayless made a motion to have Bob Lanter make arrangements to have plastic pipe put in for sewer in the alley between Jackson and Washington streets. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bob Hill has had problems with his sewer line. Joe Bayless said he would do some additional checking to see what can be done to alleviate his problems.

The Bloodmobile asked how the Board felt about having their blood drive in the Activity Center on May 14th between 12 noon and 6 P.M. The bloodmobile has been in the Fire station the last several years. The fire station felt it would be better if there was another available location. The Board said it would be fine with them. The Bloodmobile will put a sign up at the corner of S. Range St. by the 4-way stop so that people will know where to come to.

Rod Karr, Illinois Cablevision, had contacted President Lorance and told him that the new wave guide was installed on Tuesday, March 17th. They have secured the wave guide in the leg of the water tower and feel that this will take care of a lot of problems.

Keith Foltz brought to the Board's attention the problem of buses having enough room to turn from main street onto S. Range St. going to the high school. The bus drivers were not in favor of using Adams St. so Gary Wilson made the motion to extend on North & South Range Streets one more parking space designated as no parking. Tom seconded the motion, roll call vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

April 1, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 1, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk

The minutes of the March 18th meeting were approved as read.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Willie McKinney, Ron Reich Lex Shuler, Connie Stephenson, and Ken Dickson.

President Lorance introduced Willie McKinney from Kemper CPA Group, He will be doing the Village Audit this year. He had an audit agreement for the Village Board to approve if they want to have Kemper do our audit this year. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to accept and enter into an agreement to have Kemper CPA do our audit at a cost of \$2325.00 dollars. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance then asked Lex Shuler from The Galt Co. out of Salem Illinois to explain and discuss with the Board his proposal for a computer system for the Village. Mr. Shuler gave a system quotation of \$4,495.00 dollars for the utility billing system complete. And a quote of \$3,495.00 dollars for the General Ledger & Fund Accounting system complete. The board asked questions and then agreed to see a demonstration of the equipment at the Municipal Building on Monday, April 6th from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Ron Reich updated the Board of progress on the sewer project. Ron said the bids were advertised in the Oblong Gem and the Decatur Herald. A meeting has been set for 2 P.M. on April 16th, Thursday in the Farley Room. It will be a pre-bid meeting to answer questions for contractors. The date of May 13th at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday has been set to open the bids. Jack Gallion then made a motion to adopt a Resolution accepting and authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement between the Village of Oblong and the Environmental Protection Agency. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk and the mayor signed the resolution.

President Lorance received a recommendation from Doug Cosby of Qmp Sound Engineering of Salem, Illinois. Mr. Cosby sent a sample of what he is suggesting be mounted on the ceiling of the Activity Center to alleviate the echo problem. It would take 1600 square feet of the material at a cost of \$1894.40 dollars plus shipping and installation. The installation could be done by any local contractor. The Board agreed that they needed to improve the sound in the activity center but decided to table the discussion until they have had time to visualize how this would affect the looks of the room.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and the customers that did not come to the hearing will receive disconnect notices by mail to follow up on our Ordinance. A 20.00 dollars re-connect fee will be charged to those who do not pay by the cut off date of this last notice.

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President Lorance read a thank you note commending the Board on the new street lights.

The Board agreed to pay Chamber of Commerce dues again this year and ask Wanda Lanter to be our representative.

President informed the board that the village received franchise fees from Illinois Cablevision in the amount of \$3066.38 dollars.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jack Gallion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance asked Bob Lanter to order a sign for a reserved parking space for the Squad Car.

The Board reviewed applications for summer employment to work on the streets. All of the trustees were in favor of hiring the same 4 guys, so Jim Jobe made the motion to hire, Jesse Allen, Jeff Akeman, Richie Hawes, and John Neely for the summer MFT program. Torn Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The guys will start as soon as school permits them to.

The clerk said that she had ordered 36 folding chairs from Wal-Mart and that they should be in yet this week. The clerk also read a card from Wes and Vickie Rinker donating \$250.00 dollars to books for the library in memory of Vickie's dad E.H. Hawkins. The clerk said that the Fire Extinguisher Sales and Service out of Mattoon had checked our equipment in the kitchen and would send an invoice for the 6 month check./

As all business was concluded Joe Bayless made the motion to adjourn seconded by Torn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

April 15, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 15, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, Treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ken Dickson, Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Eric Olsen, Rodd Karr, and Ron Reich.

The Minutes of the April 1st meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance introduced Rodd Karr from Illinois Cablevision and Eric Olsen from Triax Communications. They explained to the Board that Illinois Cablevision wants to sell their franchise to Triax Communications and the Board would have to approve by passing a Resolution to this effect. Mr. Olsen answered questions about how their larger company hopes to increase more pay channels or add to the basic and also ideas they have in transmitting the signal from Robinson. They presently have companies in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. They have several proposals for central Illinois. Jim Jobe made a motion to adopt a Resolution whereas the Village of Oblong has agreed to transfer its cable television franchise to Illinois Triax Associates IV, L.P., a Missouri limited partnership with its office located at 1000 Hart Road, Barrinton, Illinois 60010. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance re-appointed Carol Sue Tracy as treasurer for the fiscal year 1987-1988. The re-elected trustees signed the official oath for the clerk to keep on file, as did the newly elected President, Larry Lorance.

The Spring clean-up was discussed. The dates of April 24th and April 25th Friday and Saturday were decided upon. The dumpsters will be in the old Marathon lots from Friday noon until Saturday at 1:00 P.M. The clerk was instructed to put the notice in the paper.

President Lorance appointed a committee, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, and Joe Bayless to bring a recommendation to the May 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting concerning the computer for the Water Office.

The trustees discussed the sound problem in the activity center. The trustees didn't feel confident that putting the material on the ceiling would totally take care of the problem. The board tabled the discussion and they are going to get some second opinions.

Ron Reich reminded the board of the pre-bid meeting in the Farley Room on Thursday, April 16th at 2:00 P.M. This meeting is for the contractors to ask the engineers questions. He said the bids will still be opened May 13th.

The jet sewer cleaner that the village has seen in action was discussed once again, but no decisions made at this time.

As all business was concluded, Gary Wilson made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

May 6, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 6 1987 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, Treas; and Jane Hossleton, Clerk.

Others Present: Mike Connor, Ken Dickson, Connie Stephenson, Keith Foltz and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the April 15th meeting were approved as read.

Mike Connor from Connor & Connor Engineering presented an estimated costs of materials for the 1987 summer Motor Fuel Tax program. The break down in cost was as follows:

Oil and Chip-----		\$9,382.14
140 ton Bituminous Patch Mix		3,920.00
10-10x20 CMP Drainage Pipe		<u>950.00</u>
Total	Cost	\$15,758.86

Mike suggested to the Board that the sum of \$17,000.00 dollars be appropriated to cover any other costs that might be added in at a later date. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to adopt the Improvement Resolution in the amount of \$17,000.00 dollars of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the provisions of the Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance explained to the Board that the Chamber of Commerce had donated flower planters to be set between the columns in the front of the Municipal Building. They will be set up on small platforms to allow drainage. The Chamber is also putting barrels of flowers at the 4 way stop in Oblong. The Residents of Ridgeview Care Center will be planting the flowers and taking care of the weeds throughout the summer. Larry asked the Board if they had any objections to this and the trustees said no.

President Lorance made the following changes in committees for 1987-88:

Finance	G. Wilson Ch.	J. Bayless	M. Littlejohn
Police	J. Jobe, Ch.	G. Wilson	M. Littlejohn
Street & Alley	T. Rodgers, Ch.	J. Gallion	G. Wilson
Water & Sewer	J. Bayless, Ch.	T. Rodgers	J. Gallion
Park & Bldg.	M. Littlejohn, Ch.	T. Rodgers	J. Jobe
Sidewalks and Lights	J. Gallion, Ch.	J. Jobe	J. Bayless

President Lorance reported to the trustees that there was one person who did not pay their water bill and did not come to the hearing. The Board said to send the letter and notify the customer of the shut off date of his utility.

The computer committee postponed any recommendation until John Henderson has a chance to submit a second proposal. Kemper Computer has located a

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utility software package and can better give an accurate bid on a computer system. The Village has also received a bid from the Galt Co. The committee will compare the 2 systems and also give The Galt Co. a chance to change any figures on his bid.

Gary Wilson asked the Board if they had any objections the the Boy Scouts using the park grandstand and track area on Tuesday, May 12. They did not have any objections and the date was wrote on the calendar.

Tom Rodgers and Gary Wilson had been contacted by ~~Harold~~ Culbertson a coach on the summer baseball league, about having the sign repainted at the entrance to the ball field. The sign was put their in memory of John Middleton. The original agreement was for the Village to maintain and keep the sign in good repair. The board said to ask Mr. Culbertson if the league would take care of the sign and the Village will pay for it.

Officer Keith Foltz handed a current rotation schedule of the police department. He asked if the Board was ready to move ahead with enforcing the grass ordinance as well as the abandoned vehicle ordinance. They said they were. The police department will first made an attempt to talk to the individuals, if the problem is not taken care of then they will take the necessary steps and send out letters followed by citations.

The librarian asked if the Board would allow her to sponsor a 6-week summer reading program for kids preschool thru 4th grade. She asked if she could establish summer library hours from 9am to 4pm Monday thru Friday. She asked to allow her to hire someone to work with her on Tuesday and work for her on Thursday. This would be from June 15th until August 15th. The assistant would probably work one or two other days prior to June 15th to get set up for the program. Joe Bayless made a motion to try the reading program and hire a 2nd person to help out 2 days a week for the 8 week period. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. The vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded Jack made a motion to asjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

May 20, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 20, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Treadwell, Treas. and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ken Dickson, Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, Tom Haley, and Ron Reich.

The minutes of the May 6 meeting were approved as read.

Tom Haley asked the Board if there were any objections to the Crawford County County Jamborree using the grandstand at the Park starting June 13th. They will meet the second Saturday of each month. They have used the park the last few years and the Board said it was okay.

Ron Reich was present from Connor & Connor Engineering with bid tabulation sheets. The bids were opened on Wednesday, May 13th for Sewer Improvement Project. Ron went through the bids with the trustees and questions were answered. Ron had prepared a Resolution waiving specific requirements of the project specifications. Joe Bayless made a motion to adopt the Resolution waiving items 6 & 7 of paragraph A of Section III of the Village of Oblong specification for Small, Minority, and Women's Business Enterprise Participation. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion then made a motion to accept the Engineers' recommendation, subject to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency approval and award to H & H Plumbing, Heating, and Electrical from Mt. Vernon, Illinois in the amount of \$897,937.70 dollars for the construction of the Sanitary Sewer Improvements for the Village of Oblong. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. President Lorance signed a letter to EPA notifying as such the action that was taken by the board. President Lorance also signed a letter to be sent to H & H Plumbing that they were low bidder.

Ron Reich had also prepared 2 other documents required by E.P.A. They were the Project Cost Summary and the Project Payment Schedule. Ron reviewed these with the trustees. All of the signed documents will be sent on to E.P.A. for approval.

The Board decided to set up a meeting with Ron and the finance committee and finalize the sewer use and sewer rate schedule.

The Board approved an application for a trailer ramp at 509 N. Harrison St.

The Board agreed to let the American Legion sponsor a fishing rodeo for kids at the Oblong Park to be held Saturday, June 6th from 8-10 a.m.

President Lorance had checked with a local company about spraying the municipal building for bugs. The estimate was for first visit \$50.00, and \$28.00 dollars per month thereafter - good for one year. The Board didn't think we would need them except every other month after the initial treatment. Larry said he would contact the company and asked if they would do that.

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Gary Wilson reported that the sign at the baseball diamond has been taken down and is being re-painted as is. The family of John Middleton had picked out the design. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion for the Village to maintain the John Middleton Memorial Field sign and keep as is. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary also mentioned along with Police Chief Terry Gish that there has been some problems with the youth loitering in the streets in front of the Teen Center. The police are working with the Teen Center Board to try and remedy the problem before it gets out of hand. President Lorange said that the police could check the location from time to time but that they could not spend the 3 hours alone patrolling that area.

Jim Jobe said that John Henderson was ready to show his computer system to the Village. A time was set up for Friday, May 22, at 2:00 P.M. in the Farley Room and all that can be there are welcome.

The Board went into executive session at 8:50 P.M. to discuss real estate. Back into regular session at 9:00p.m. Jim Jobe made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

June 3, 1987

A Special Meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 1987 for the purpose of opening bids for summer maintenance on street program.

Present: Mike Connor Jim Calhoun, Danny Kintner, and Jane Hosselton.

Mike Connor opened and read the following bids:

Lee Kintner & Sons	Group I	Cashier's Check - \$300.00
RS-2 7,073 gallons at .64 cents/gall.		\$4526.72
CA-16 295 tons @ \$15.35/ton		4528.25
	Total Bid	\$9054.97

R & S Asphalt, Inc. Lawrenceville, Ill.	Group II	Bituminous Patch Mix	Cashier's Check - \$150.00
140 tons @ \$23.50 ton		\$3,290.00	

Clark County Metal Marshall, Ill.	Group III	Culvert Pipe	Cashier's Check- \$50.00
200 Linear Feet at \$5.00 per foot.		Total \$1,000.00	

Thompson Culvert Co. P.O. Box 158 Hazelwood, Mo. 63042	Group III	Culvert Pipe	Cashier's Check - \$50.00
200 Linear Feet at \$5.00 per foot.		Total \$1,000.00	

Havanna Metal Culvert Havanna, Ill. 62644	Group III	Culvert Pipe	Cashier's Check - \$150.00
200 Linear Feet @ \$4.50 per foot.		Total	\$900.00

The low bidders were as follows:

Lee Kintner & Sons - Group I	R & S	RS-2 and CA-16
Asphalt, Inc - Group II		Bituminous Patch Mix
Havanna, Metal - Group III		Culvert Pipe

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



JANE HOSSSELTON, CLERK

June 3, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, & Jim Jobe, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Helen Cook, Ken Dickson, Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz Norma Hammond, and Jack Cunningham.

The minutes of the May 20th meeting were approved as read.

A water customer with a delinquent bill asked for an extension on her payment and the board granted an extension until June 12th.

The board approved a mobile home permit for Charles Inboden at 305 S. Roosevelt St. in Oblong.

President Lorance signed the necessary papers to send to E.P.A. for reimbursement of 1/2 of the design allowance cost.

Bids had been opened Wednesday morning for Summer Maintenance Program. Jim Jobe made a motion to accept the low bids as recommended by Connor & Connor Engineering. Lee Kintner & Sons- Group I \$9054.97, R & S Asphalt, Inc. - Group II, \$3,290.00 dollars, and Havanna Metal Culverts Group III - \$900.00 dollars. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance reported that Flag Day would be celebrated on June 13th.

Gary Wilson made a motion to release to Crawford County ESDA 2 surplus military vehicles. One Deuce & 1/2 truck, and a jeep. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Jobe rescheduled a computer demonstration by Kemper Computer Group to be held in the Farley Room on Tuesday, June 16th at 2 P.M.

Gary Wilson made the motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Keith Foltz reported that he had contacted 13 property owner about abandoned vehicles and has had good cooperation from most. They are also keeping a check on weeds, abandoned vehicles, etc. Keith also asked the Board if he could take a course at Olney Central College that would certify him as a Juvenile Officer. The school will be June 22-26 at Olney. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. He said he would absorb the first day, if the Village would pay his salary for the other 4 days. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to allow Keith to take the course and the Village will pay his regular salary. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Group Insurance was discussed and clerk was asked to check the pre-existing conditions on the policy that was being discussed.

The Board went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel. Back into Regular session at 9:10 p.m. the following motion was made.

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Jim Jobe made the motion to accept the following pay raises for the 87-88 fiscal year:

Bob Lanter - \$1560.00/month  
Wanda Lanter - 905.00/month  
Harry Shafer -1405.00/month  
Gary Lanter -1405.00/month  
Terry Gish -1560.00/month  
Mike McReynolds- 645.00/month  
Keith Foltz -1405.00/month  
Jack Cunningham - 6.15/hour  
Carol Tracy -186.67/month + 25.00 dollars each board meeting  
Jane Hosselton - 665.00/month + 25.00 dollars each board meeting  
Dave Reynolds- \$3.65/Hour  
Avonelle Purcell - 3.65/hour  
Leah Chiddix - 3.65/hour  
Joann Mendenhall - 3.65/hour

Summer Mft boys stay at 3.35/hour

All of the above with the exception of summer MFT will have 4.5% added to their gross pay for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

The clothing allowance will stay the same. Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter and Harry Shafer - \$200.00 per year. Keith Foltz and Terry Gish \$300.00 per year.

Myrl Littlejohn seconded the pay raises. Roll call Vote –

Gary Wilson – yea                      Tom Rodgers – abstain  
Joe Bayless – yea                      Jim Jobe – yea  
Myrl Littlejohn – yea  
4 yeas – 1 abstain motion carried

As all business was concluded, Joe Bayless made the motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

June 17, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Trace, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Connie Stephenson, Loris Bowman, Bob Lanter Jack Cunningham, and Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the June 3rd meeting were approved as read.

Myrl Littlejohn had asked Loris Bowman to check the acoustics in the Activity Center and give the Board his recommendation on how to improve the sound. He recommended using 2 x 8 sheets of styrofoam and mounting on the concrete walls and the soffit. The Styrofoam could be covered with material for appearance. He also suggested using drapes in the windows. The cost of the styrofoam would be \$3.35 dollars a 4 x 8 sheet. The Board thought they might try mounting the sheets to the ceiling temporarily to see if it would work.

Ron Reich said that the E.P.A. needed a copy of a signed Resolution saying that the Board had adopted the Prevailing Wage for Crawford County. Jack Gallion made a motion to adopt a Resolution accepting the prevailing wage scale for Crawford County as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance reminded the Board that the Bond Closing would be held at First National Bank of Thursday, June 18th at 10:30 a.m.

President Lorance read a quote from Henry's Pest Control from Robinson. Pest Control every other month would be \$35.00 dollars per treatment. After 4 months the Village could probably drop back to treatment on a quarterly basis. He will supply mouse bait only when needed. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to hire Henry VanWinkle to spray the building at \$35.00 dollars per treatment. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board agreed on a proposal to be signed between the Board of trustees and the Crawford County Fair Board Association about the RestRoom Facility at the Park. President Lorance said he would copies to the Fair Board for them to look over. If the agreement is satisfactory to them then the Village will sign the agreement at the July 1st Board Meeting.

President Lorance read correspondence from the Dept. of Commerce and Community Affairs pertaining to House Bill 810 which protects workers of last minutes shock of plant shut downs. And he also read a letter from IEPA pertaining to running more water samples.

The Board approved 2 trailer permits - One at 509 S. Grant St., Stacey Bruner renting a lot from Mike Munson. The other permit was on East Missouri St. for Carla Musgrave renting a lot from Danny Kintner.

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It was noted that the Activity Center will close during the week of July ~'th for Fair Week as they have done in the past. The room will still be available for rent that week.

President Lorance had a request for consideration to the Sidewalk Committee. Earl Deckard who works at Pulliam Funeral Home in Oblong asked the committee to check if they could put a sidewalk on South Grant from Jim Pringle's to the Funeral Home and connect the sidewalks. The committee said they would check on it.

The clerk stated that WTAY - Ernest Patton had donated \$50.00 dollars to the Library in memory of Clarena Burton.

The Board decided to have Bob Lanter contact Cortelyou Machine Shop about rebuilding the other pump on Route 33 if they could get to it before fair week.

The Board okayed for the Police Dept. to continue their certification of Radar Equipment and Tuning Forks at a cost of \$42.00 dollars every 6 months.

As all business was concluded Tom Rodgers made a motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

  
JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 1, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 1, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion trustees, Carol Tracy, treas. and Jane Hosselton, clerk

Others Present: Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Ron Reich, Phil Mendenhall, Carl Kirk, and Ken Dickson.

The Minutes of the June 17th meeting were approved as read.

The Board heard a complaint from a resident about a house on S. Garfield that has partially been torn down for several months but the debris has not yet been hauled away. The Board said they had talked with the owner and he is suppose to hire someone to clean the lot up. If this is not done within the next couple of weeks, the Board may have to take legal action.

Ron Reich informed the Board that they could sign and mail the notice of award on the Sewer Project to Hand H Plumbing, Heating, & Electrical. He had talked with E.P.A. and everything will be approved. President Lorance signed the notice of award. Ron said he had contacted H & H by phone and they will try to get their papers signed and back to Connor & Connor in time for the July 15th board meeting. The contractor has 10 days to respond. Larry reported to the Trustees that the Bond Closing was June 18th. The amount was issued to the Village in the amount of \$460,000.00 dollars, and at this time has been re-invested until the money is needed.

The Board discussed whether or not to change the agreement that the Oblong Police Dept. help the Fire Dept. only within the Village when they are backing out the fire trucks, directing traffic at the 4-way stop. Phil Mendenhall said that they have very good cooperation with the County helping them outside the Village limits. He said if they do need help from Oblong Police they can call on the radio. The Police committee will review the situation and give their recommendation as to whether the Oblong Police should respond outside the city limits.

Jack Gallion made a motion to adopt an agreement between the Village Board of Trustees and the Crawford County Fair Board Association stating cleaning, care, and insurance for the new RestRoom Facility at the Park. Jim Jobe seconded the motion and President Lorance signed the agreement and Bob Harris will sign representing the Fair Board. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance received Curt Froehlich's legal opinion on the Bond Issue.

The finance committee will meet on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. to work on the appropriation. The Appropriation will be adopted at the July 15th board meeting. There will be a hearing prior to the adoption of the document for residents with questions.

July 1st meeting continued-----

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Jobe presented 2 quotes on computer systems - one From Kemper Computer Center, and the other from The Galt Company. Jim then made a motion to accept a proposal from The Galt Co. of Salem Ill. in the amount of \$4,495.00 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Officer Keith Foltz passed out the new rotation schedule for the police dept. He thanked the board for letting him attend a course at OCC. He is now a Certified Youth Officer. The Board agreed to let Hayden Glass & Steel reseal the Squad Car windshield at a cost of \$35.00 dollars.

As all business was concluded, Joe Bayless made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

July 15, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 1987 at 7:00p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ken Dickson, Connie Stephenson, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Willie McKinney, Stephen King, and Ron Reich.

The Minutes of the July 1st board meeting were approved as read.

There weren't any Village residents present for the hearing on the Appropriation.

Willie McKinney, auditor for Kemper CPA Group reviewed the Audit with the Village Board. Letters of recommendations were read and discussed and are on file in the Clerk's office with a copy of the Audit.

Ron Reich brought the Grant Amendment for President Lorance to sign and send on to the E.P.A. concerning the acceptance for the job to be awarded to H & H Plumbing, Heating, and Electrical. Ron had received the Performance Bond from H & H, but have not yet received the signed contract from H & H. Joe Bayless made a motion to give the President and Clerk authorization to execute the contract between The Village of Oblong and H & H Plumbing for Sewer Improvements upon receipt on contract from H& H. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Ron said he would be in contact. As soon after the execution of the contract as possible there will be a Pre-Construction Conference set up between the Village, Contractor E.P.A., and Engineer.

A meeting was set by the Water & Sewer Committee to meet with Ron Reich and discuss sewer rates. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

President Lorance asked for discussion on the Appropriation for 1987-88 fiscal year. After a change in Capital Outlay on the Sewer System, Tom Rodgers made a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance # 87-335 in the total amount of \$1,381,150.00 dollars. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Jim Jobe made a motion to approve a transfer of Cable Franchise from Illinois Cablevision to Triax Associates. Tom seconded the motion Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance reported that the Galt Co. would be setting up the new computer system in the Water Office on Monday, July 20th.

President Lorance said he had sent a letter to Jack Dalberth, owner of S. Garfield Property, stating that Village intent is to have his property cleared of debris and that the Village will have the bill sent to him.

The sidewalk committee gave their proposal for 1006 linear feet of sidewalk to be replaced in the Village. The Board approved and instructed Clerk to run the notice and bids will be opened August 5th, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. and work has to be completed no later than October 15, 1987.

July 15th Board meeting continued-----

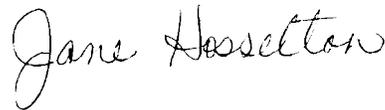
The Board gave Joe Bayless verbal approval to get the necessary Right-of-way for poles to be set for new sewer plant.

The Police Committee stated that the Oblong Police Dept. will stay inside the city limits on fire calls. They should only leave the city limits if the County contacts them for assistance and then it should be within a 4 mile radius. In emergency cases, good judgment should be used by the Department - First concern should be to protect the village.

The Board agreed to take out a meter and cap a line so Wendell Newcomb will have just one meter for his business. Mr. Newcomb will be responsible for running his line to furnish water to their car wash bay. If the empty building is rented in the future for an individual or a business, Mr. Newcomb will have to pay installation costs for another meter.

The Clerk told the Board that she had received a \$100.00 dollar donation from the Ken Hintz family of Stoy, Illinois to purchase new books for the library in his memory.

As all business was concluded, Jim Jobe made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 28, 1987

A Pre-Construction meeting was held at terms 2:00 P.M. on this date for concerning the be set and questions answered Project. Sewer Rehabilitation

Those attending: Larry Lorance, Tom Rodgers, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Jane Hosselton (Village); Ron Reich (engineer); John W. Applegate (IEPA); Mike Wielt & Dean Ferrero (H & H Plumbing); and Alex Quinn (Connor & Connor).

A copy of this meeting is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

August 4, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; and Carol Sue Tracy, treasurer.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Connie Stephenson, Ken Dickson, Bob Thompson, Orpha Tonn, Leonard Schernekau, Ralph Moore, and Ron Reich.

Bob Thompson was present for a hearing concerning delinquent water bill. Payment due date was extended until August 15th. One other customer was not present for their hearing and board instructed water dept to send out shut-off notice.

President Lorance gave highlights of Pre-Construction Meeting. Copy of terms are on file in the Clerk's Office.

President Lorance was in favor of advertising the new water sewer rates and have copies on hand for people to pick up and compare old rates with new rates and give customers a chance to express their feelings on the rates and then adopt the new rates next meeting. Joe Bayless made a motion to put a notice in the paper and have a copy of the new rates available for review at the municipal building. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Reich, engineer from Connor & Connor said that H & H Plumbing will start on lift station at dam or lake, probably will start at the lake first. After inquiry from Jack Gallion, Ron said that he would be inspecting the lift stations himself. Ron also said that he would have the Sewer Use Rate Ordinance for the next board meeting.

The board heard complaints from a resident about an old house owned by Bruce Woods. Roaches and mice have become a problem. The resident also complained about the old nursing home.

President Lorance opened and read the following bids for Sidewalk Repair:

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| 1. | Leonard Schernekau-----           | \$7897.00                  |
| 2. | David Krick Construction-----     | 7824.08                    |
| 3. | VanDyke Builders-----             | 7240.00 (excluded cap-71') |
| 4. | John Russell & Sons-----          | 9750.00                    |
| 5. | Moore Construction-Flat Rock----- | 5513.00                    |
| 6. | Cravens Construction-----         | 6895.00                    |

After discussion with Mr. Moore of Flat Rock, Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to accept low bid from Moore Construction in the amount of \$5,513.00 dollars. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. President Lorance signed an agreement with Moore Construction and they are to start sidewalk repair in the next 3 days.

President Lorance acknowledged a \$25.00 dollar gift to the Oblong Library from the Harmon Family in the memory of Lois J. McKimmey. Read a thank-you from Larry Kirts for the repairs made in front of his store.

August 4th meeting continued-----

President Lorance read a thank you note from Martha Price for letting the Community Club place FHA-Hero Signs at the edges of Oblong.

President Lorance informed the trustees that the Village had received a refund from Boyd-Ikemire Insurance on Workman's Compo Ins. for the year in the amount of \$857.00 dollars.

Read a letter Illinois Municipal League -Risk Management Association. They would like to be included to make a quote on Village Insurance. Board said to have Clerk call them.

Triax Corporation is now owner of Cable Co. and there new package is as follows:  
Basic Cost will now be \$14.95 effective 9/1/87. There will be additional channels added to make a total of 19 channels for the basic package. The company will be in the Activity Center on Monday & Tuesday -Aug. 10 And Aug. 11th to pass out converter boxes to those who do not have one.

Myrl Littlejohn said he had complaints on weeds and junk at 207 E. Illinois St. The property is owned by Charlie Hoke, Jr.

Myrl explained that the Village to take had to update the camping area at the park with the care of some violations Board if it was State Inspectors. Myrl asked the - he would need okay to proceed The Board agreed that volunteer help and money. go ahead. should

Tom Rodgers said he had complaints about the weeds at the West end of Town. 3 or 4 families are ready to sign a complaint. President Lorance said to talk to the owner and show a copy of weed Ordinance and if problem is not taken care of then send a letter of intent to the Owner. The Board then decided to set up an appointment with the owner and all board members go if possible.

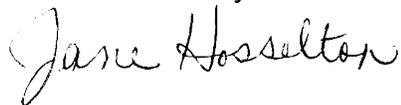
Office Keith Foltz handed out new rotation schedule and asked the Board if it would be okay to switch handicapp parking sign and Police Sign to enable handicapp more room with vans, etc. The Board asked Bob Lanter to switch the signs. Keith said there is a bush at Garfield & East Indiana blocking the view at the southwest corner of intersection on right hand side. The Board told him to talk to the owner and take care of the problem.

President Lorance was asked to tell the members of the Board that they are invited to a County Fire Dinner on August 13th at 7:00 P.M. at the Activity Center. Also they are invited to attend the regular Fire Dept. meetings on every 3rd Thursday at the Oblong Firehouse.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

There was a motion to adjourn and a second - all were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Minutes taken by Carol Tracy in my absence.



Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

August 19, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 19, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Ken Dickson.

The minutes of the August 4th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance asked if there was anyone present with questions concerning the new Sewer Rates. There was not. The Ordinance was not yet prepared, and will be signed and adopted at the next regular meeting.

Ron Reich had President Lorance sign a pay request for 70% of engineering fees for the last 2 months. The amount of pay requested from Build Illinois was \$5056.61 dollars.

President Lorance read a letter from Wilfred J. Cross, Pres. of First National Bank of Oblong. I stated that the Bank had received a check in the amount of \$500.00 dollars for the benefit of the Oblong Oil Field Museum. This was in compliance with the will of Eva Bloom Dennis. The money has been deposited into an interest bearing account, and Mr. Cross would like to meet with the Park Committee to discuss the needs of the Museum. The Park Committee will discuss the needs and set up a meeting with Mr. Cross.

There was a complaint of a dumpster sitting partially in the street on East Texas street. Paul Heath rents it for his Trailer Park. Jack Gallion said he would talk to Mr. Heath about getting it moved off the street.

Gary Wilson, chairman of the Finance Committee, said the Board would need to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance at the next meeting in September. The Clerk was instructed to put the Notice of Hearing in the paper pursuant to the Truth and Taxation Act stating the percentage of increase in taxes. The hearing will be held before adopting the Tax Levy.

Joe Bayless brought up the discussion of purchasing the jet sewer sprayer that the Trustees saw demonstrated in April 1986. Joe felt that with the sewer rehabilitation program that it would be very beneficial to go ahead and purchase the machine. The Trustees felt that it would be a good idea for Bob Lanter to contact Mr. Tim Fackler of Sewer Jet of MO.-II., Inc. from Jack Mueller Sales of St. Louis, Mo. The price quoted from this company in April, 1986 was \$14,891.00 dollars.

Police Chief Terry Gish asked the Board for a motion to amend an Ordinance on Squealing Tires. Jim Jobe made the motion to amend Article V Section 24-5-4 to read as follows:

24-5-4 SAME; SQUEALING TIRES No operator of a motor vehicle shall accelerate the engine thereof when shifting the gears of such vehicle in such a manner as to cause the drive wheels of such vehicle to spin, thereby causing an unreasonably loud or excessive noise.

Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

All business was concluded and Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

September 2, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 2, 1987 at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Jack Mueller, Keith Foltz, Delbert Sanders, Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, Sam Bennett, Bob Thompson, Ken Dickson and Friend.

The August 19th minutes were approved as read.

The first order of business was the Truth & Taxation Act concerning the percentage of increase for the Tax Levy. There weren't any Village residents present for the hearing.

Mr. Thompson asked the Board for an extension on payment of his water bill. The Board granted an extension until September 15th.

Delbert Sanders asked the Board to approve a Mobile Home Permit for Margaret Barnes. She has purchased his lot at 702 E. Kentucky Street. Water Supt., Bob Lanter has already checked the lot and the water & gas meters are already there. They have a copy of Village Ordinance and are in the process of running a concrete pad. The Board did approve the permit.

Sam Bennett, representative of Amway Corporation handed out brochures about a new Telecharge Phone. It allows people to call long distance with credit card, or third party calls, or call collect and the calls cannot be charged back to the location of the phone. There is an access fee for the caller. The owner can set the fee. Mr. Bennett suggested .50 cents per call. The owner of the phone receives .40cents profit per call. The cost of the phone is approximately \$300.00 dollars. The phone could pay for itself in a year. He asked the Board to think about it and see if they would be interested in installing one in the Municipal Building as a service to the people in the community.

President Lorance introduced Jack Mueller from St. Louis, Mo. Jack gave the Board price quotes on the Jet Sewer Sprayer. The 300 gallon machine, which the trustees saw demonstrated last year, cost \$14,891.00 dollars. Mr. Mueller had a 600 gallon machine with a better warranty. After discussion Jack Gallion made the motion to purchase the Model 600 at a cost of \$15,763.00 dollars. The machine has a 4 cylinder water-cooled Renault Engine. It carries a 5 years guarantee and is all fiberglass. The machine comes with 400 feet of hose. Mr. Mueller said he would throw in 100 extra feet of hose at no extra charge. Joe Bayless seconded the motion to buy the machine. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Mr. Mueller said the machine would be delivered the week of September 21st - 25th. They will call before they come and the service man will work 2 days with Bob Lanter explaining how it works.

Ron Reich had prepared the Sewer Use and Sewer Charge Ordinance to be adopted. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to adopt Sewer Use and User Charge Ordinance 87-337 and put into effect October 1, 1987. The meters will be read and billed December 1, 1987 and these will

September 2nd Meeting Continued-----

reflect water used in October and November. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Wilson, finance chairman presented to the Board the Tax Levy for 1987-88. Gary Wilson made the motion to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance #87-336 and Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 - yeas 0 nays motion carried.

The Cystic Fibrosis Chairman had contacted President Lorance and Office Keith Foltz about closing 2 streets at the Park so the bikers could ride the Park circle for their bikathon. The bikeathon will last approximately 2 1/2 hours on Saturday, September 26th, from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. The Board said this was an annual event and as long as their were enough help to keep the children safe that there wasn't any problem.

The treasurer asked the trustees what she should do with the Revenue Sharing Account. The trustees decided to have the treasurer close out this account and transfer the money to the General Account. The amount in the Rev. Sharing account is \$5234.72 dollars.

President Lorance signed parade applications to be sent into the Dept. of Transportation for approval to close Route 33 to have 2 parades. The Homecoming Parade will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday October 16th. The Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 31st at 7:00 p.m.

President Lorance received a letter From Triax Cable Company. Enclosed were phone numbers and representatives to contact if there are any problems. The Robinson number is 1-800-231-5264. The Bloomington office number is 1-800-322-3367.

Illinois Risk Management Association sent to the Clerk forms to fill out so the company can give us a price quote on our insurance for the Village. The Board decided that it was too late this year to let for bids insurance quotes, but wanted to compare some figures and start gathering information for possible bidding the insurance in the summer of 1988.

Bob Lanter told the Board that the Booster Pump was repaired and ready to be set in. They are waiting till Musgraves can put it in.

Gary Wilson & Keith Foltz attended a ESDA meeting in Robinson. It was set up for the Mayors of surrounding communities head a committee and work with Jim Wallace, ESDA coordinator to work on evacuation plans for disasters. The communities have to comply with Federal Regulaitons by July 1988. There will be further meetings and information at a later date. They hope to help one another.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Tom Rodgers asked the Boards' opinion on having someone cut down and haul off some dead trees across from Pulliam Funeral Home on East Main St. They are hazardous. It was mentioned that there are a few close to the campers at the Park. Jack Gallion said he would contact ~Houser from Hidalgo and get a price quote. He has done a lot of work for the Village.

September 2nd Meeting continued-----

Keith Foltz reported that he has received more complaints about the weeds and abandoned cars on Dr. Szigethy's property. Some of the neighbors are ready to sign formal complaints to eliminate the problem. The trustees are trying to work with Dr. Szigethy to take care of this matter.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss Real Estate.

Back into regular session at 10:00 P.M. Jim Jobe made a motion to enter into an agreement to purchase the property at 207 South Range Street at a cost of \$6,000.00 dollars from Steve Keirn as a possible future site of the Deatherage Memorial Clinic. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Mr. Keirn and the Board agreed to allow 30 days for Steve to have his belongings moved out. if the closing takes more than 30 days than Keirn has as long as it takes to close the deal.

As all business was concluded Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

September 16, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorange, Pres., Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Keith Foltz, Tom Weger, Doug Lawhead, Ken Dickson, and Clarence Smith.

The minutes of the September 2nd meeting were approved as read.

Sheriff Tom Weger of Crawford County approached the Board of Trustees about a computer in the Sheriff's Dept. sometime after the first of the year. The Leads Terminal would give the Department direct access to State Police in Springfield which would make safer conditions for officers on duty. Oblong could call the county on a car license they may be stopping, and have the information on the vehicle before they have to leave the police car which would be a matter of minutes. Oblong Police Dept. is paying \$200.00 dollars a month for radio fees. Sheriff Weger asked if the Department would agree to pay \$236.60 per month to help cover the \$407.00 additional monthly charge for the county. The trustees said they would be in favor of this and Sheriff Weger said he would contact the Village again around the first of the year when things are finalized. At this time he was wanting to make sure that the departments in Crawford County would be in favor of this.

Ron Reich had an itemized statement from the Contractor, H & H Plumbing, for the work completed on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements. There was also a listing for materials used. The bill has to be approved by the Village Board, Engineer, and Contractor. Then it is sent on to E.P.A. for their portion of the payment. Ron reported that the job as of September 10th is 32% completed. The breakdown of the bill is as follows:

Labor		\$285,251.20
10% retained		<u>28,525.12</u>
Total		256,726.08
Materials	+	<u>76,129.66</u>
Total Due		\$332,855.74

E.P.A. share due within 45 days Village	\$232,999.02	70%
Share 30% due now	99,856.72	30%

Joe Bayless made the motion to approve the total amount to H & H Plumbing in the amount of \$332,855.74 dollars with the Village to pay 30% - \$99,856.72 now and the \$232,999.02 dollars to be paid when the Village receives the reimbursement from the state. Jack Gallion seconded the motion roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chad Harmon had contacted President Lorange about needing help to put up the new Welcome to Oblong signs that the Chamber of Commerce had made. The signs were made by Beth and Orren Leggitt of Oblong. Bob Lanter said his department would help put the signs up.

Joe Bayless made a motion to approve a mobile home permit for Bill Larrabee at 316 N. Division St. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

September 16th meeting continued-----

Clarence Smith asked the Board if there was a possibility of having a fall clean-up for the Village. He representing the merchants of Oblong. The trustees had calls from residents asking also. The Board that they would be in favor of one if the cost was reasonable. A tentative date was set for October 24. The clerk is to call Larry Komnick of K/C Disposal and get prices. There was also concern about the overflowing trash cans at the Park and on Range Street and Main St. The clerk was suppose to check how often the barrels are dumped. A motion was made by Tom Rodgers and seconded by Joe Bayle check on the fall clean-up. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

There had been some complaints about the railroad crossing on S. Adams street by the grain elevator.

Jack Gallion made a motion to have Jim Houser of Hidalgo remove 2 dead trees and stumps on main st. and one dead tree and stump at the park for a cost of \$370.00 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss Real Estate.

Back into regular sesion at 8:53 p.m. Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 7, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 7, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres., Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ken Russell, Martha Lewis, Doug Lawhead, Richard Newbold, R.D. Newbold, Clarence Smith, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Connie Stephenson, and Christie Scott.

The minutes of the September 16th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance had a list of 4 customers who didn't pay their water bills this past month. Since the people did not attend the hearing, the Board gave permission for the Water Dept. to send out letters stating shut off dates.

President Lorance introduced Christie Scott from Family Counseling Center in Olney, Ill. She gave a short presentation on substance abuse prevention. Their purpose is to make the villages in their 8 county district aware of their services. They come into the school systems and train a small older group to teach to the rest of the students. Some of their topics include D.U.I., F.A.S. (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome), Tobacco, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Decision-making/consequences, and Stress Reduction.

Ken Russell and Martha Lewis representatives of the Youth Unlimited brought 3 estimates to the Board for discussion. The estimates are for remodeling the front of the building located at 116 S. Range St. President Lorance appointed a committee of Tom Rodgers, Jack Gallion, and Jim Jobe to review the estimates and the Board will discuss it at their next meeting.

The Rovers Club gave a donation toward utilities after their camping trip to the Oblong Park.

R.D. Newbold, Boy Scout of Troop 219 is working on his Eagle Scout Rank. He asked the Village Board if they would come up with a project that would take 100 hours of community service. R.D. has to submit 3 work programs, one community oriented, one church oriented, and one through the Legion. He sends the 3 proposed programs to Terre Haute, then they choose which one he will work on. Larry said he would appoint a committee to give some ideas.

Jack Gallion made a motion to have a fall Clean-up on October 23rd and October 24th. The 40 yard dumpsters will cost \$240.00 dollars per pull and will be located at the Old Marathon Lots at the corner of Kentucky and Grant Streets. They will be there from Noon on Friday until Noon on Saturday. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

A member of the Activity Center Board approached President Lorance about the possibility of getting on inlaid Shuffle Board Court for the Activity Room. A committee on that Board had contacted Dave Dhom from Newton about doing the work and getting an estimate. The cost was estimated to be \$150.00 dollars. The Board agreed that they would pay the costs if it wasn't much more than the \$150.00 dollars. If the costs are more they would like to discuss it.

October 7th meeting -continued-----

Joyce Henry had contacted President Lorance about the possibility of the Methodist Church putting a sign on South Range St. noting their location. The Board members did not have any objection to that, but would like to see the Oblong Churches go together and put up a big sign with Church names and addresses on it and put them at the entrances to Oblong. Larry said he would suggest an alternative.

Jack Gallion made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

In other business Trick or Treat Night was set for October 29th, Thursday night, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Children under 12 and people turn their porch lights on for the kids.

As all business was concluded Joe made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 21, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 21, 1987, at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Sue Tyra, Treas. and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Doug Lawhead, & Ralph Moore.

The minutes of the October 7th meeting were approved as read.

Ralph Moore Construction were present at the meeting to report that they have finished the sidewalks. The sidewalk committee had inspected the work and found it to be satisfactory and approved payment to Ralph Moore Construction in the amount of \$5,563.00 dollars.

Ron Reich presented a bill from H & H Plumbing. The project is 60% complete and is ahead of schedule. There was a problem with the lift station on Washington Street but has been taken care of by the contractor with the exception of sand for filler. A change order was made in the amount of \$799.00 dollars. The work has been inspected and is in compliance. Jack Gallion made the motion to approve total due H & H Plumbing in the amount of \$185,173.84 dollars with 30% payable 10-21-87 in the amount of \$55,552.15 dollars and the 70% to be paid when the village is reimbursed by Build Illinois. The 70% figure is \$129,621.69 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion and roll call vote was 5-0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance reported that the abstract is in order to purchase the property from Steve Keirn on South Range St. The amount due Steve Keirn is \$5959.00 dollars. This is the \$6,000.00 minus the \$41.00 dollars for the Title and Realty Company. Steve & Carol have left and Keith & Bev Kirk will handle the closing as power of attorney.

President Lorance set up a meeting with George Whiston for 5 P.M. on Thursday, October 22, 1987. The meeting is at his lot on N. Jackson St. There have been complaints about the condition of the lot.

President Lorance reported that the Activity Center Board will still pay 1/2 of the cost of the shuffle board court. There hasn't been further decisions made on the shuffle board.

President Lorance commented on how good the pump station looks on Route 33 East. It has been painted and has a new roof.

Trustee Gary Wilson is the Villages' representative on finding a location for a land fill in Crawford County.

The Board discussed the possibility of getting some large fish out of the Quail Creek County Club lake. They are needing to get rid of some fish, if the Board can come up with a way to catch them, we could use them as algae eaters at the Oblong Lake. Larry said he would check further and the Board members all said they would help.

There was discussion about an amount to charge the Water Department for rental of the Municipal Bldg. as well as ratio as to which percentage should come out of the Water and Sewer Funds. Larry brought out a figure of \$5,000.00 dollars annually. He asked the Board members to bring their ideas to the next meeting and a rental fee would be decided upon.

October 21st meeting continued-----

Gary Wilson and Joe Bayless proposed to the Board that they have R.D. Newbold Boy Scout, work on a layout for new trees and flowers in the Park area. The Board felt like that would be a good way to do community service and have something to show for it. Joe Bayless said he would call R.D. and have him work something up and bring it before the Board for approval before he sends it to Terre Haute council.

Jim Jobe reported that he is for the getting one more bid on the remodeling he wanted Teen Center and that next board to wait to bring it to the meeting.

Jack Gallion made a motion to approve of the purchase of approximately 20 tons salt at a cost of ~~2~~ a pound. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Policeman Keith Foltz passed out rotation schedules and explained to the Trustees that the Department is cracking down on semis running too fast through the School Zones. It has been a problem for a while, and they do not want it to get out of hand. Extra patrol for Fall Follies has been taken care of but the department did not feel they needed extra help on Trick or Treat night.

As all business was concluded Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

November 4, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 4, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Tom Littlejohn, Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Jerry, Judy, Jay & John German, Ryan Potts, Connie Stephenson, Terry Gish, & Bill Dennis.

The minutes of the October 21st meeting were approved as read.

In Old Business, President Lorance said that George Whiston is working out a fence arrangement around his lot on N. Jackson St. A representative of the Church were in agreement that a fence would take care of the problem.

On past discussion of the condition of the Railroad tracks, President Lorance gave the board members the Track Supervisor's name, Dan Painter. He urged the trustees to call Mr. Painter (Phone 618-238-4493) in hopes that something will be done.

Sewer Bond Interest was paid to First National Bank -\$15,195.96 dollars.

President Lorance reported that the purchase of Steve Keirn property at 207 S. Range St. has been completed. After discussion the Board agreed to advertise for bids the demolition of the existing building. The bids will be opened Nov. 18th and the contractor will have 30 days from that date to complete the job. The clerk is to run the ad in the Gem once and in the Robinson ~~Drain~~ time.

The new Sewer Cleaning Machine was delivered but didn't have all of the attachments that the Village was expecting. Pres. Lorance said he would call Jack Mueller and ask him if he could come to the November 18th board meeting.

A Drain pipe has been laid beside the Municipal Building to help the water drainage problem in Mrs. Bay's yard.

The Board discussed how much longer Dave Reynolds would be working this year. The Board set a cut-off date of 11-15-87 this year and said they would set a more definite date in 1988. If it needed to be extended at that time then they could make a motion to that effect.

It was reported that the easement to get power to the new lagoon is not completed yet.

President Lorance had received a letter from E.P.A. stating that our Operations and Maintenance Manual is adequate so far and showed evidence of timely development. The Village's payment is now approved for 50-90% of project. 10% will be retained until the Manual is completed.

Another letter was received from Illinois E.P.A. concerning the engineering evaluation of the Oblong Public Water Supply done By Fred Gerth on October 1, 1987. Based on the evaluation there were 3 deficiencies. After discussion Joe Bayless made the motion to do what is necessary to bring the Village into compliance with the E.P.A. on the following 3 items:



November 4th meeting -continued-----

(1) Install a device on the filling hose at the bulk water loading station to provide an air gap and to prevent the end of the filling hose from being submerged in vessels being loaded.

(2) Provide an approved colormetric chlorine test kit utilizing the DPD method for determining both free and total chlorine residual.

(3) Maintain daily records of the water supply operations on forms provided and submit completed forms to EPA office on a monthly basis.

Jim Jobe seconded the motion to correct these deficiencies. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Triax Cable Company sent the rent for their Dish - \$150.00 dollars.

At the October 21st board meeting the Board discussed arental fee for the Water & Sewer Dept. for Office space in the Municipal Bldg. Jack Gallion made a motion to charge the Water Dept. \$4500.00 a year due on the first board meeting in November. And the Sewer Dept. will pay \$500.00 dollars a year office rent also due on the First Board Meeting in November. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

The Board discussed remodeling the front of their building on South Range St. that now is being utilized by the Youth Group. The North door will be taken out and all plate glass removed. The South entrance will still be recessed with new doors and decorative 12 x 76 ft. windows. There will be insulation put in and the wall will be paneled. Joe Bayless made a motion to accept the low bid from Don Wisely of D & R Construction Co. in the amount of \$4,600.00 dollars. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas o nays motion carried. The Teen Center is open on Friday & Saturday nights and the Contractor will work around this so it can remain open during the remodeling.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss Real Estate Property.

Back into regular session at 9:14 p.m. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jack Gallion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Clerk

November 18, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 18, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Phil Michl, Jack Mueller, Doug Lawhead, Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, and Keith Foltz.

The minutes of the November 4th board meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance opened and read the following bids for the demolition of the Keim property at 207 S. Range that the Village recently purchased:

Phil Michl - \$1,240.00

John Russell & Sons - \$1,650.00

Todd Brashear Construction - \$2,000.00

Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to accept the low bid of \$1240.00 dollars from Phil Michl. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The job is to be completed within 30 days weather permitting.

Jack Mueller from Street & Sewer Equipment Company discussed with the Board the extra attachments for the Sewer 600 Cleaning Machine. Jack said he would send a reel, 50 ft. of hose and the gun, and a fitting swedge to use when the 100 ft. of hose is cut from the 500 foot. The Board agreed to send the check for \$15,763.00 after the attachments were received.

The Board approved payment to H & H Construction and Connor and Connor Engineering for the 30% share of Village funds for the Sewer Renovation project. The Village Pays \$16,686.11 dollars to H & H and \$2,892.72 dollars to Connor & Connor. The IEPA Share of 70% will be paid when received.

Jack Gallion made a motion to amend Section 24-5-3 in the Village Ordinance Book on No Parking Zones. He made the motion to add South Grant Street 1/2 block south of Main Street on the East Side of the Street. A new sidewalk has been put in their North and South on Grant and there is not enough room for parking on both sides of the street. Joe Bayless seconded the motion Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Bob Lanter said he would have the signs posted for no parking.

The Board approved a trailer permit for Todd and Anita Atkins at 507 S. Adams Street.

Bob Lanter said he had a chlorine test kit ordered.

The Board heard complaints on K/C Disposal not picking up trash on South Range St. The clerk was asked to call Larry Komnick and check on what the problem is.

The Board okayed for the Police Department to purchase new tires for the Squad Car.

Keith Foltz, Police Dept., is in the process of sending a letter to a Resident about the destruction of a vicious dog. The person has received 2 warnings and refuses to take care of the dog. It is permitted to run at large. The Board said to send the letter because it is a danger to the neighbors and community.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:40 to discuss property. Back into regular session at 9:18 p.m. Tom made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

JAN HOSELTON, CLERK

December 2, 1987

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Vern Christians, Doug Lawhead, Terry Gish, & Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the November 18th meeting were approved as read.

The Board approved for the 2 taverns to stay open until 12:30 a.m. on New Year's Eve. The 2 businesses are owned by Vern Christians and Floyd Hintershcer.

7 customers received notices for delinquent water bills; as none of the parties were present for the hearing, the Board instructed the Water Dept. to send out shut off notices.

President Lorance reported that the new shuffle board court is completed in the Activity Center. Dhom's Floor Covering did the work. The cost was \$200.00 dollars. The Activity Center Board will reimburse the Village for 1/2 of the cost as was prior agreed upon.

The Board is in the process of amending the No Parking Zone Ordinances to bring the Village up to date. The Clerk is to have necessary documents ready to sign at the December 17th board meeting.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 5 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 16, 1987

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 16, 1987 at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Larry. Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter and Connie Stenerson

The minutes of the December 2nd meeting were approved as read.

The Board approved payment to H & H Construction in the amount of \$11,420.51 dollars. The Village will pay 30% now, \$3426.15 and the papers were signed to send in for the EPA reimbursement of \$7,994.36. The Board also approved payment to Connor & Connor Engineers in the total amount of \$5,577.48 dollars. The Village will pay 30% now, \$1673.24 and the reimbursement from EPA will be 3904.24.

The Board revised all the No Parking Zones and Jack Gallion made the motion to adopt Ordinance #87-33~ repealing the old list of No Parking Zones and Amending and Adopting the new list. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk has a copy on file of the Ordinance in her office.

There have been 2 trailers sharing the same water meter at 610 S. Range Street. The lots are owned by Charleen Ruddell of Robinson. There has been some problem with the trailer owners not liking the bill being divided evenly, so the Board asked Wanda Lanter, Water Office Secretary to call Mrs. Ruddell and asked her to have a new meter installed to solve the problem.

Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to pay Christmas Bonuses. The full-time employees will receive \$35.00 dollars and the part-time employees will receive \$25.00 dollars. Jim Jobe 2<sup>nd</sup>. – Vote 6-0 motion carried.

It was reported that Don Wisely Construction has started renovation of the Teen Center Building.

The Clerk asked the Oblong Gem reporter to remind water & sewer customers that their New sewer rates will be reflected on their January Bills. The Board voted a sewer raise in October, 1987.

The Librarian received a \$100.00 dollar donation in the Memory of Eva Bloom. The money will be used to buy children's VCR Tapes.

President Lorance commended the Board in their hard work and efforts for this past year. The Board has worked good together and has accomplished a great deal. He thanked them for their willingness and participation.

As all business was concluded, Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

January 6, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 6, 1988 at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Doug Lawhead, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, Kelley & Kim Tracy, and Christine Hampton.

The minutes of the December 16th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance noted that the Customers with delinquent water bills were not present for the hearing. They were 4 unpaid bills this month. The shut off notices will be mailed 1-7-88.

President Lorance introduced Christine Hampton-Program Director for Family Recovery Program. The program was started through the Southeastern Illinois Counseling Center in Olney, Ill. It is a Two-Phase Program including Detoxification and Continuing Outpatient Care for alcohol and substance abusers. The program included counseling for the family members as well. The 3-5 day hospital stay would be at Lawrenceville County Hospital or Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney. The rest of the treatment would be ~~patient~~. Crawford Memorial Hospital does have a counselor.

President Lorance signed Right-of-Way Easements to give Norris Electric authorization to setpoles for electricity to the New Lagoon.

President Lorance said there would be a Landfill Meeting on Thursday Jan. 7th at the Robinson Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Some of the Board members were planning to attend.

Don Wisely Completed the work on the front of the Teen Center building on S. Range Street. The Board discussed having Don box in some posts above the new part to approve the appearance. The cost will be around \$400.00 dollars. The Board asked Jim Jobe to contact Mr. Wisely and have his do the work. The wood sealer on the front of the building will have to be put on when the temperature is at least 40°.

President Lorance read an invitation to a Mayor's Meeting at Fairfield Elk's Lodge on Saturday, January 23rd, 1988. If any board members are interested, reservations can be made in advance.

The Motor Fuel Tax Audit report from Illinois Department of Transportation was passed around for board members to look at. The audit was approved.

Pres. Lorance read a thank you from Mrs. Ted Mehler thanking the Village for the flowers sent in Memory of her husband who passed away. He also received a letter from Rondel Boyd representing the Community Club. The Club wanted permission to repair and refurbish street signs for a project. They would supply the labor and paint and use what new street signs that the Village already has. If new ones need to be ordered they would first contact the Village. The pipe has already been donated and the committee of Rondel Boyd, Kelley Tracy, and Bill Waggoner counted 68 signs that needed some kind of maintenance. The Board most definitely approved of the project and commented that the original signs were put up in the 1960's. Some of the signs have been replaced by the Ruritan Club in the past few years. Kelley Tracy was present to answer any questions that the Board might have.

January 6th meeting -continued-----

Bob Lanter reported that a new water meter had been installed at 610 S. Range St., to alleviate the problem of 2 trailers sharing the same meter.

President Lorange reported that the Activity Center Board has disbanded. The Board has been in existence for many years, but the members felt it was no longer needed since the Village was now responsible for the Activity Center which is located in the new building at 202 S. Range St. The AC Board had money in their checking account and are presently spending the money to purchase new furniture and items for the Activity Room.

The Police Dept. was commended on a job well done in connection with the break in at the Oblong Grade School on December 28th. Burglary and vandalism was the result. All who were involved were caught and charges brought against. Also, all of the stolen merchandise was recovered.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Setting up a small petty cash fund of \$25.00 dollars or less was approved for the Clerk.

The problem of truck and van parking at different corner locations on Main St. was discussed. President Lorange asked the Board members to think of any alternatives that might help the visibility situation to alleviate some wrecks.

As all business was concluded Joe Bayless made the motion to adjourn in favor seconded by Gary Wilson. All were at and meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

January 20, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Doug Lawhead, Ron Reich, Keith Foltz, and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the January 6th meeting were approved as read.

Ron Reich, Engineer for Connor & Connor reported to the Board that H & H Plumbing have been working on the Sewer Lift Stations, Pump Bases, Pipeing in the lift stations, and they have done some work on the force mains to the main lift stations. Ron presented a pay request for H & H in the amount of \$35,931.48 dollars. The Village approved and paid their 30% in the amount of \$10,779.44 dollars. President Lorance signed pay request from EPA in the amount of \$25,152.04 dollars. The Board also approved and paid Connor & Connor \$1,546.92 and a pay request was sent in the EPA for reimbursement of \$3609.47 dollars (70%).

President Lorance had been approached by LaDeena Goodwin about the possibility of the 4-H Clubs installing additional lights for the 4-H building for their use during the fair. Ms. Goodwin said the organization would buy and install the lights if the Village Board did not have any objections. There was a recommendation to use a sort of chain to hang the lights with so that the height could be adjusted and raised during the time that machinery is stored in the building.

President Lorance reported that Gary Wilson, Tom Rodgers and himself attended the County Land Fill Meeting. The committee is in the process of forming a Municipal Joint Action Agency. The first step is to select representatives from the surrounding towns involved. President Lorance asked the Boards permission to appoint Richard Ralston as Oblongs' representative. He felt that Richard was very knowledgeable and interested in the Land Fill Site. The Board was in favor of the recommendation. Each municipality will adopt an Ordinance at a later date to become a party to the Municipal Joint Action Agency agreement.

In correspondence and information President Lorance reported that the meter poles are set for electric for the lagoon site. There will be a meeting concerning the possible Prison Location in Robinson. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Robinson. He urged all to attend for the benefit of our community. There was a water leak in the Water Office on Tuesday. Pres. Lorance said he had contacted and was going to call Randy Baker about the leak. The building needs a new State Flag. The Clerk said she would order one. President Lorance read a letter from Doug Cosby of QMP Sound Engineering stating that he would guarantee the Village's money refunded on his consulting fees and material. Mr. Cosby gave the Board a recommendation on how to improve the echo sound in the Activity Room of the Municipal Bldg.

The Board went into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel. Back into regular session at 8:25 p.m. No further action was taken and Jim Jobe made the motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

February 3, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 3, 1988 at the Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas. And Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Doug Lawhead, and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the January 20th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance had a list of 13 customers with delinquent water bills. The customers were not present for the hearing. The water dept. will send out shut off notices on Feb. 4th, 1988.

President Lorance read 2 thank yous. One was from Darrell & Chris Newton for a wedding gift. The other thank you was from the Youth Unlimited Board. They were very appreciative of the remodeling done on the Youth Center. They reported that 40-65 kids attend the Center each time that it is open and they are very pleased with the turnout.

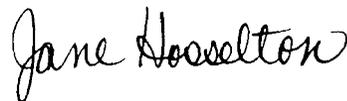
The Shriners in a 2 or 3 county area are planning a Tractor Pull to be held at the Oblong Park on June 12th. The date will be put on the Village calendar.

The Antique Tractor Club is planning on having their 2nd annual show on August 13th and August 14th. This date will also be added to the calendar. The event will be held at the Oblong Park.

President Lorance received a phone call from Rod Karr -Triax Cablevision. He had explained about the Cable Guide and how to deduct the cost from your bill if you do not wish to subscribe to it. Also they discussed some of the complaints and opinions about the Cable packages. Some people are dissatisfied. The Village received their annual fee from Triax in the amount of \$3,285.76 dollars. There are 486 subscribers in Oblong.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



JANE HOSSSELTON, VILLAGE  
CLERK

February 17, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 17, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, and Jim Jobe, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Glen Jackson, Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Doug Lawhead, and Connie Stephenson.

The minutes of the February 3rd meeting were approved as read.

Glen Jackson from Olney Southeastern Illinois Counseling Centers, Inc. talked to the Board about their Crisis Intervention Service and about their Veteran's Readjustment Counseling Program. He passed out brochures and explained how they help and who to call if a person is in need. Crawford Memorial Hosp. and Lawrence County Hospital are both a part of the program. The Olney counseling center has grown a lot over the past 2 years and do receive Federal and State Funding. They are trying to make people aware of the services that they do provide.

President Lorance read a Thank you from Terry & Betty Gish for the flowers sent at the time of Terry's fathers death.

The Board discussed adding the time off for a death in an employees immediate family to the Guidelines for Employees. The Board felt that 3 days off with pay was standard. If there are traveling circumstances they may have to make adjustments for time off. Larry asked the board members to think about it and we would vote at the next meeting.

Police Officer Keith Foltz had a patch designed for the police uniforms that has Oblong, Ill. printed on it as well as a logo that represents Oblong, Ill. He asked the board for approval to purchase 50 patches at a cost of \$210.00 dollars plus shipping. The Board agreed that the patch looked good and would personalize Oblong's Police Dept. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to approve the purchase of 50 patches at a cost of \$210.00 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Keith said it would probably take 8 weeks to get the patches.

The Libray recently received a donation in the memory of E.H. (Ted) Mehler.

President Lorance said the Water Dept. hopes to do their March billing on the computer. It is not yet definite. If things work out there will be a notice put in the paper to that effect.

As all business was concluded Tom Rodgers made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

March 2, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 2, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, & Jim Jobe, trustees; Carol Treadwell; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Richard Newbold, R.D. Newbold, Connie Stephenson, Doug Lawhead, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, and Richard Ralston.

The Minutes of the February 17th meeting were approved as read.

An Oblong Boy Scout, R.D. Newbold, approached the Board earlier asking their permission to submit a plan for beautifying the Park for an Eagle Scout Project. The project plan was sent to the Terre Haute council along with 2 other proposed projects for the Council's review. R.D. was told that the Council chose the project for improving the landscaping at the Oblong Park. R.D. presented to the Board ideas for planting new bushes, shrubs, and trees in bare areas of the park which he had photographed for the Board to see. He had met with Inboden Seed Sales for suggestions and costs for the project. The Board wishes to go ahead with the project and R.D. will meet with the Park committee on Friday, March 4, to look at the areas and determine how much money the Village can spend.

The labor will be done voluntarily as part of the project which is suppose to take 100 hours of labor.

Township Supervisor, Richard Ralston, approached the Board about the possibility of the Village deeding some ground to the Township for cemetery plots. The strip of property is located North of the end of Kentucky Street which runs into the back of the cemetery. It is a grassy area that is adjacent to other cemetery plots. Richard has had inquiries about purchasing additional cemetery plots in that location. President Lorance said the committee would check into it and get back with him. Richard also stated that the next landfill meeting is set for March 11th. He is the Villages' representative.

There were 18 delinquent water bills this month. The Water department will send out shut off notices March 3, 1988. Each delinquent customer is sent out a notice to appear before the board for a hearing concerning their bill. None of the 18 people chose to come to their hearing.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance was asked to attend a meeting on Sunday 3-6-88 at the Courthouse in Robinson to declare Girl Scout Week. The Village will fly the Girl Scout Flag for the week of March 6th, 1988.

Tom Rodgers made the motion to add the following to the Employee Rules and Guidelines: Policy on paid time off for the death of Employees relatives.

The employee will be allowed up to 3 days off if needed for the death of Parents, Grandparents, Children, Brothers, Sisters, and Grandchildren. This applies to employee and spouse. Unusual circumstances will be considered on an individual basis.

Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Gary made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

March 16, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 16, 1988, at the Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, and Ron Reich

The minutes of the March 2nd meeting were approved as read.

Ron Reich brought the Board up to date on the Sewer Project. H & H is back on the job. Most of the bill submitted for payment was for materials. Some of these were pumps, chlorination equipment and building for equipment. Total pay request was in the amount of \$135,139.81 dollars. The Village will pay \$40,541.94 dollars and the remaining \$94,597.87 dollars will be sent on to E.P.A. for payment.

President Lorance reported that after the Park committee met with R.D. Newbold on his Eagle Scout project that the total cost of the project was around \$300.00 dollars and the Board was in favor of him continuing with his project to improve the landscaping at the Oblong Park.

The Board discussed a request made earlier by Township Supervisor, Richard Ralston. He asked the Board if they would be willing to deed a portion of their property that lies adjacent to the Oblong cemetery. The Board had no objection but agreed to leave 20 ft. access for property owners. Pres. Lorance said he would ask Mr. Ralston to have their attorney draw up the Ordinance. The property will be used for more grave sites.

The Board discussed putting a flashing beacon at the 4-way stop and some problem areas in the sewer line that are soon going to need replaced and repaired. The sewer committee will evaluate some of the locations mentioned and give their recommendation.

The Board is in favor of a spring clean-up. The clerk is to call K/C Disposal and set up dates for the end of April.

President Lorance asked police officer Keith Foltz to check with Sparks for help with abandoned cars in Oblong. The Village provided the service for people to get rid of old vehicles to help clean up properties in the Village. The Board also has agreed to follow through with Ordinances on abandoned houses. They have tried to handle it differently in the past but have not received any cooperation.

Harmon's Drug Store is getting ready to blacktop their East parking lot. They had asked the Village if they would replace the sidewalk on the west side of N. Garfield beside their parking lot. Since the Village does not do sidewalk repair until September, the Board decided to ask if Harmons would have the work done and the Village will reimburse when they repair the rest of their sidewalks.

As all business was concluded Jack made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

April 6, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 6, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorange, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Tom Littlejohn, Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Connie Stephenson, Tom Haley, Kay Young, Arlene Watt, and Doug Lawhead.

The minutes of the March 16th meeting were approved as read.

The Water Dept. will send out shut-off notices to 6 delinquent water customers that failed to appear for their hearing.

Tom Haley once again approached the Board and asked to use the Band Stand at the Oblong Park for the Crawford County Jamboree's summer sessions. They have been using the park facilities for the last 5 or 6 years. The Board gave their approval. The summer sessions will start in May weather permitting. They will be the 2nd Saturday night of each month starting at 6:00p.m.

Kay Young, President of Crawford County Historical Society and Arlene Watt approached the Board about financial assistance in covering their costs for printing brochures. The total cost will be ~1268.00 dollars and the State Tourism Council will reimburse 1/2 of the cost or \$634.00 dollars. The brochure has all of Crawford Counties historical sites and pictures and directions. The Historical Society is in the process of contacting other community groups to help with the costs of the brochures. Jack Gallion made the motion for the Village to assist seconded by Jim Jobe. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. A definite donation was not established at this time. The Board said they would do their part. The Historical Museum is planning on being open 7 days a week through the summer using volunteer help. They invited each one to stop and tour the museum at LTC in Robinson.

In correspondence President Lorange had received a letter from CIPS stating that they are filing a civil suit against Triax Cablevision for violations they have failed to bring into compliance. This involves Oblong, Robinson, Palestine, and Hutsonville.

The Spring Clean-Up was set for April 29th and 30th. The clean-up will start on Friday noon the 29th and continue through Sat. noon the 30th. The dumpsters will be at the old Marathon lots at the corner of Grant and Kentucky

Jack Gallion made the motion to hire 4 young men to work for the summer months and help with street repairs. The 4 are John Neeley, Richie Hawes, Jeff Akeman, and Shawn York. The boys can start as soon as school is out. Water Supt., Bob Lanter said he would notify the 4 boys, they will work under Bob's supervision. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

The Board also decided to rehire Dave Reynolds for Park Maintenance April 15th through October 15th; and Mike McReynolds for the Oil Field Museum and registration of campers and ground maintenance for the campers. He will also work from April 15th to October 15th.

Gary Wilson made the motion to pay bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

April 6th Board Meeting continued-----

The Board discussed how to proceed to clean up abandoned buildings that are hazardous in the Village. They have contacted most of the residents several times and they refuse to clean up the properties. The President and Trustees decided they would proceed according to the Village Code Book of Ordinances. A letter will be mailed to the individuals giving them a chance to state why they are unable to take care of the problem. If these people choose not to come to the next Board meeting then proper action will be taken.

Letters of the same intent will be mailed or hand delivered to persons with unnecessary trash in view of the public.

Some of these locations are dangerous to inquisitive children and the Village feels they could also be held liable in an accident situation if they do not take necessary steps to take care of the problem.

Joe Bayless reported that the Sewer Committee recommends to lay a new sewer line starting from the manhole in the alley behind Raymond Lewis's residence at 208 E. Ohio St. which will go through his yard and out to the street and will also cross the corner of Wiley Johnson's at 205 N. Garfield.

This is a main problem area and the committee felt this would be the best place to start sewer rehabilitation. Jack & Myrl said they would talk to Mr. Lewis and Mr. Johnson and explain what the Village is proposing to do.

The Lincoln Trail Campers asked permission to plant a tree at the Oblong Park. They are planting a tree at each park they camp in. The Board said they could.

Jane Hosselton asked permission to once again hold a summer reading program for children ages 4 thru 10 years of age. The program will run from June 13th through the 27th of July. Thelma Baker will work Monday thru Thursday during the program as she did last summer. The Board approved to cover the expenses and the Library has also sent out letters asking community organizations to help sponsor the reading program. The projected enrollment will be around 75 to 80 kids.

The Board approved for Fuson Music Co. to temporarily display a sign in front of his business on S. Range St. during business hours. The sign will be up against the bldg. and will not be a hazard to pedestrians.

It was noted that the park needs to have teeter totters repaired or new ones to replace the broken ones.

As all business was concluded Myrl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

April 20, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 20, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Linda Rowe, Jack Flynn, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Ron Reich Phil Boyd, Richard Ralston, Doug Lawhead, Connie Stephenson, and Keith Foltz.

The minutes of the April 6th meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was to discuss clean up of specific properties discussed in the previous meeting. 3 residents were notified of the Villages' intent if the properties were not cleaned up. 701 W. Main and N. Jackson lots are in the process of clean-up and the trustees were satisfied that both lots looked much better. The Dr. Szigethy property at 501 W. Main has not yet been cleaned up and Dr. Szigethy was not able to attend the board meeting and did not send reasons why his property has not been tended to. The Village Board will proceed to enforce their Ordinance since there has not been any attempt on the owner's part.

The Trustees discussed extending their clean-up to 4 days to help the Village residents have time to dispose of their unwanted items. The Clerk is suppose to contact K/C Disposal and see if the Spring Clean-Up could be April 27,28,29, & 30th. The Village would have to pay for the 2 days of clean-up and the disposal company includes the other 2 days in their contract.

Phil Boyd requested permission to once again use the Oblong Park for the Oblong Antique Tractor & Engine Show to be held on August 13th and August 14th. This is their second year. Admission is \$2.00 dollars and children under 12 are free.

Richard Ralston reported on the progress of the Solid Waste Disposal Facility. By the next Village Board meeting the Board will be asked to pass an Ordinance to establish the Village as part of the Municipal Joint Action Agency, approve a 50c per person according to population to start an account. This would be a one time charge. And the Village would also have to appoint there representative by signing an Ordinance. The target date is July 1989. This is the date to start construction. A copy of the agreement is in the Clerk's office for Trustees to take a look at.

Ron Reich presented a bill from H & H Plumbing in the amount of \$47,791.96 dollars. The Village payed \$14,337.59 dollars and the President signed a pay request from EPA in the amount of \$36,150.96 dollars. This will cover 70% of the Contractor's Bill and 70% of the Engineer's Bill. The project is 90% complete. Ron said there should be no problem of being in compliance by July 1, 1988. Ron also said he would have Mike set up a date to run the streets with Bob Lanter for the summer Road ~~date~~.

Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to donate \$100.00 dollars to the Crawford County Historical Society to help pay for the printing of their brochures. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

April 20th Board meeting continued-----

Gary Wilson made the motion to accept Kemper Cpa Group's proposal to do the Village Audit. The cost will be approximately \$2395.00 dollars. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. President Lorance signed the agreement.

Officer Foltz reported that the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad owns the building south of the Railroad tracks on S. Adams St. There has been some problem with children playing in the dangerous building. Mr. Beard said that the building is not used for anything and that they would hire someone to tear the building down.

Officer Foltz also passed around the new Oblong Patches for the Police uniforms. The design on the patch was taken from the Belt Buckle that the Community Club had designed. Judy Wilson drew the design and Keith presented one of the patches to trustee Gary Wilson to give to his wife, Judy.

The clerk was asked to check into putting an ad in the Illinois Municipal League magazine to see the Addressograph machine.

Jane Hosselton, told the board that the Library had received a \$100.00 dollar donation from the Ruritan Club and a \$25.00 dollar donation from the Sunbeam Home Extension Group to be used for the summer reading program.

The board went into Executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss Police Personnel.

Back into Regular session at 9:20 p.m. Gary Wilson made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hosselton".

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

May 4, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 4, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, Treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Mike Conner, Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Doug Lawhead and Connie Stephenson.

The minutes of the April 20th meeting were approved as read.

Mike Conner and Bob Lanter had ran the streets for the Summer Repair Program. The total estimated cost will be \$25,377.45 dollars and this will include engineering, Oil & Chip, Patch Mix, and Culvert Pipe. The estimated cost includes the repair of Ohio Street after the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. After Discussion Tom Rodgers made a motion to approve the street repair program in the amount of \$25,377.45 dollars. Myrl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion then made the motion to pass a Resolution to appropriate \$26,000 dollars from Motor Fuel Tax Fund for Summer Street Program. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Mike Conner commented that the pump & lift stations would be put into operation on Thursday to see if everything was working.

President Lorance had a call from Steve Printz of Patoka, Ill. asking if the Oil Field Museum would be interested in a 1926 Gaso Suction Pump. The size is 10 x 18. It is 12 ft. long, 8 ft. tall, and 4 ft. wide. The trustees were to do some checking about having it unloaded and where before they decide. One trustee said that he would try to go and take a look at it first.

The property at 501 W. Main Street was turned over to the Village Attorney, E.H. Price for advice before moving ahead with legal action.

President Lorance read a thank you from Crawford County Historical Society for their donation towards the printing of County History Brochures.

The Water dept. was instructed to send out 7 shut off notices to delinquent customers.

One customer had mailed her bill and the checks were lost in the mail. The result was that the customer was charged the 10% penalty for being late. The customer did not feel that the 10% should of been assessed. After discussion, the board decided that they could not make exceptions. The 10% is due from the customer.

Frank Weber had mailed to President Lorance Ordinances to be signed for the Village to become a member of the Crawford County Solid Waste Disposal Agency. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to adopt Ordinance #88-339 to establish a Municipal Joint Action Agency. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion then made the motion to authorize the Village Treasurer, Carol Tracy, to pay to the Treasurer of the Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency the sum of 50 cents times the population of Oblong in the amount of \$838.50 dollars which is based on 1677 residents as stated by the State of Illinois, Bureau of Census. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

May 4th Board Meeting Continued-----

The Board did not appoint a member to the Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency at this time.

Clothing Allowance was approved and paid at this time:

Terry Gish - \$300.00  
Keith Foltz - \$300.00  
Bob Lanter - \$200.00  
Gary Lanter- \$200.00  
Harry Shafer-\$200.00  
Jack Cunningham - \$150.00  
Mike McReynolds - 2 uniforms

The Police Committee proposed to replace our auxiliary policemen. This is due to restructuring the Oblong Police Dept. They will be using 2 men from the Oblong area. They are recommending to hire Larry Fear and Carl Veach. They will replace John Maurer and Raymond Kidwell. These men will work ballgames and other school events when needed. The School will pay the men as they have done in the past. These 2 men will also be able to help on part-time patrol when the regular part time policeman, Jack Cunningham is unavailable. Larry Fear will have to qualify for his fire arm certification. After discussion Jim Jobe made the motion to replace John Maurer and Raymond Kidwell with Auxiliary Police Larry Fear and Carl Veach due to the restructuring of our Police Department and to pay\$150.00 dollars to each man a one time payment for uniforms. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Joe Bayless made the motion to pay bills seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Since Larry Fear will need to qualify for his fire arm certification Keith Foltz asked the Board about the Police Dept. joining the Southeastern Organization for \$105.00 dollars per year. This would pay for the fire arm training, and all classes and updates for all members for the year. The single charge for one person for fire-arm training is \$350.00 dollars if they are not a member.

Jack Gallion made the motion to pay \$105.00 dollars for the Oblong Police Dept. to join the 'SouthEastern Criminal Justice Training Organization and also pay for ammunition for Larry Fear to qualify for his firearm certification. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Keith said he would send out letters to Mr. Maurer and Mr. Kidwell thanking them for their help and cooperation as auxiliary police for the Village of Oblong.

Village Clerk, Jane Hosselton told the Board that she had received \$100.00 donation from the Oblong Community Club and \$50.00 dollars from the American Legion to help with costs of the Library's Summer Reading Program. Total donations at this time stands at \$275.00 dollars.

The clerk had received a call asking if the Village planned to re-bid their liability insurance. After discussion, Pres. Lorange said he would appoint a committee to look into bidding the insurance. The Village has had good cooperation in the past and does feel that the costs have been reasonable. Every so many years the Village normally gives others an opportunity to bid.

As All business was concluded, Jim Jobe made the motion to adjourn seconded Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON. Village Clerk

May 18, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 18, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorange, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Naomi Michl, Bob Blanchard, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish and Connie Stephenson.

The Minutes of the May 4th meeting were approved as read.

Naomi Michl voiced a complaint about chicken pens next door to her residence. She lives at 605 E. Kentucky Street. She said the chicken coops had not been cleaned up since 1973 and the owners throw garbage out in the pens which rots and draws maggots and flies. She said there has also been occasions where dead chickens have been burned on the premises and the odor is unbearable. Mrs. Michl is willing to sign a complaint to get the property cleaned up. President Lorange read Ordinances against chickens within the Village and also a Nuisance Ordinance against the same. The police was instructed to take copies of the Ordinances to the owner and give a warning. If within the specified time the chicken pens have not been cleaned up, then a ticket will be issued and the owners will have to appear in court.

The Municipal Building has new flowers in front compliments of the Chamber of Commerce. Kathryn and Bob Hart planted the flowers at the building and in other locations on main street.

President Lorange read a letter from Jerry's Janitorial Service that they have quit some of their smaller accounts and they will not be cleaning the Municipal Building after May 15th. Pres. Lorange asked the Building committee to try to find someone to take their place.

A finance committee meeting - Members Joe Bayless, Gary Wilson and Myrl Littlejohn will meet on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss salaries and the upcoming appropriation.

Myrl Littlejohn expressed his concern with the noise problem in the Activity Room of the Municipal Building. Pres. Lorange asked the Board members if they were willing to spend the money to try to remedy the situation. There were some questions concerning the guarantee and also the possible price increase in the material. Pres. Lorange said he would call Doug Cosby of QMP Sound Engineering from Salem and ask him to attend the next Board Meeting on June 1st. Mr. Cosby made a recommendation to the board in March, 1987 on how to eliminate some of the echo problem. The trustees will make their decision after the June 1st meeting.

Bob Lanter reported that the new sewer line that the Village is putting in involved repairing more line than expected. They are currently working on the sewer line in the vicinity of the 200 block of E. Ohio Street.

Jane Hosselton had received a call from Willie McKinney of Kemper CPA. They will start the Village audit on Tuesday, May 31st.

As all business was concluded, Gary Wilson made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 1, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 1, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Tom Littlejohn, Rodgers, Jim Jobe & Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Connie Stephenson, Keith Foltz, Bob Blanchard, Bob Lanter Clarence & Joyce Lawhead, Mrs. Neely, and Clarence Smith.

The minutes of the May 18th meeting were approved as read.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawhead answered a complaint that was made to the Village Board in regard to chicken coops on their lot on Kentucky Street. They stated they have only had the chickens since March, 1987. They had signed statements from their neighbors stating they did not have any complaints against the chickens. Since the last board meeting, Board Pres. Larry Lorance and trustees Jack Gallion and Tom Rodgers visited the property and did not find any violations to the city's Ordinances. The inspector from the Dept. of Agriculture did not find any violations either. The Board dropped the issue.

12 delinquent water customers will be sent out shut off notices on Thursday, June 2nd.

President Lorance read a letter from QMP Sound Engineering in Salem. Mr. Cosby stated that the price quote for material to improve the sound in the Activity Center Room still stands as quoted in March of 1987. He also sent names and addresses of several customers for the Board to check with about the results of the company's recommendations. After discussion Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to order 1184 square feet of MEI Nubby Ceiling Panels at a cost of \$1894.40 dollars plus shipping and handling. The manufacturer is Metal Building Interior Products Company. A local carpenter will be hired to put the material on the ceiling of the Activity Center Room. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk is to call Doug Cosby and ask him to order the material and have it shipped directly to the Oblong Municipal Building.

A work day was set for Monday, June 6th at 4:00 p.m. to set poles at the park for electrical repairs.

The Board approved a trailer permit for Terry Bailey at 507 N. Garfield St.

Jim Jobe read a proposal from Darrel Carter of Palestine to clean the Municipal Building. The cost was \$87.00 dollars per week. He only had Thursday night open to clean. The board decided to try to hire someone locally to work at least 2 days a week and do minor repairs, mowing, trimming, etc. in addition to the cleaning of the interior of the building. Jim Jobe is checking on some equipment for Village to purchase for the cleaning of the hardware floors. The clerk typed a proposed list of job description.

Clarence Smith, President of the Chamber of Commerce asked the Village if they would have any objection to the Chamber purchasing summer banners for decoration in Oblong. They wish to put lights on the Village poles to shine on the banners so they can be seen after dark. The Village said they would pay the CIPS bill for the use of the electricity.

The Board went into executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss re-hiring employees and salaries.

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Back into regular session at 9:20 pm. Joe Bayless made the motion to accept the new Salary rates for the 1988-89 fiscal year as presented. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yeas - a nays motion carried. The pay raises are as follows:

Bob Lanter	\$1600.00/month		
Wanda Lanter	\$ 945.00/month		
Harry Shafer	\$1445.00/month		
Gary Lanter	\$1445.00/month		
Terry Gish	\$1600.00/month		
Keith Foltz	\$1445.00/month		
Mike McReynolds	\$665.00/month		
Jane Hosselton	\$ 705.00/month plus	\$25.00 per board meeting	(may miss 1 meet per yr)
Carol Sue Tracy	- \$ 206.67/month plus	\$25.00 per board meeting	(may miss 1 meet per yr)
Dave Reynolds	\$ -	3.80 per hour	
Avonelle Purcell Leah	\$ -	3.80 per hour	
Chiddix Joann	\$ -	3.80 per hour	
Mendenhall Jack	\$ -	3.80 per hour	
Cunnirgham	\$	6.30per hour	

Summer MFT boys stay at \$3.35 / hour

All of the above with the exception of summer MFT employees and part-time patrolman will have 4.5% added to their gross pay for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

As all business was concluded Joe Bayless made the motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 14, 1988

A Special Meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 1988 for the purpose of opening bids for summer maintenance on street program.

Present: Mike Connor, Jim Calhoun, Danny Kintner, Bob Lanter and Jane Hosse1ton.

Mike Connor opened and read the following bids:

Lee Kintner & Sons	Group I	Cashier's	Check 1,000.00	.90/ga11on
Bituminous Materials - M.C. 30 3010		Gallons at	\$2,709.00	
Bituminous Materials - HFR -90 12024		Gallons at	.68/ga11on	\$8,176.32
Seal Aggregate-CA-16	501 tons	at	\$15.45/ton	<u>\$7,740.45</u> Total Bid
			\$18,625.77	

R & S Asphalt, Inc.			Certified Ck.	\$150.00
Lawrenceville, Ill	Group II Bit. Patch Mix			
140 tons @ \$27.25/ton	Total	\$3,815.00		

Thompson Culvert Co.	Group III Culvert Pipe		Cashiers Ck.	\$50.00
Hazelwood, Mo.				
200 Linear Feet at \$4.65/L.F.		Total	\$930.00	

Woody's Municipal Supply, Co.	Group III	Culvert Ppe	Cashiers Ck.	\$40.60
Edwardsville, Ill.				
200 Linear Feet at \$4.06/L.F.		Total	\$812.00	

Havana Metal Culverts	Group III	Culvert Pipe	Cashiers Ck.	\$150.00
Havanna, Ill.				
200 Linear Feet at \$4.49/L.F.		Total	\$898.00	

The low bidders were as follows:

Lee Kintner & Sons - Group I

R & S Asphalt, Inc. - Group II

Woody's Municipal Supply - Group III

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

June 15, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 15, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Bob Blanchard, and Terish.

The Minutes of the June 1st and June 14th meetings were approved as read.

The first order of business was Motor Fuel Tax bids. Jack Gallion made a motion to accept low bids as recommended by Connor & Connor, Inc. Lee Kintner & Sons - Group I - \$18,625.77 dollars. R & S Asphalt, Inc. Group II - \$3,815.00 dollars. Woody's Municipal Supply - Group III \$812.00 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion to accept the low bids. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Reich of Connor & Connor Eng. presented a bill from the Contractor on the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to approve payment to H & H Plumbing in the total amount of \$48,720.73 dollars. The Village share is \$14,616.22 dollars. EPA reimbursement will be \$34,104.51 dollars. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion also made a motion to approve a pay request sent into E.P.A. in the total amount of \$39,388.94 dollars. This includes H & H bill and 2 monts of engineer bills. Myrl seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

The Village approved to accept a (1926) Gaso Suction Pump for the Oilfield Museum from Steve Printz of Patoka, Illinois

President Lorance received a check and thank you note from the Friendly Campers of Effingham for the use of the Oblong Park. They have camped at Oblong Park for several years.

The computer in the Water Office was discussed. There has been numerous problems with the programming of the computer. The Board decided to give the employees and Galt Computer Co. of Salem another week or two to straighten the billing problems on the Computer. The computer was purchased in July 1987. Training was not started until September. The Village has only billed one or two decent billings since that time. The Board will decide whether or not to keep the present system or find an alternative company for their computer needs. They will know by the July board meeting if the problems were resolved.

Gary Wilson, Finance Chairman, went over the changes in the appropriation for the new fiscal year. After discussion, Jim Jobe made the motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance No. #88-340 in the total amount of \$659,105.00 dollars as presented by the Finance Committee. Vote 5 years 0 nays motion carried. The Clerk has the Ordinance on file in the village office. Myrl Littlejohn reported that the electrical work is done at the Park.

Tom Rodgers presented a letter from the Residents of the 100 Block of Oak Drive and the 300 Block of East Texas St. asking the Village to agree to accept the donation of the existing sewer and water lines at the above stated/location. The lines have been laid to village specification

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and with this agreement the Village will assume responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of said sewer and water lines.

After discussion Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to accept and takeover and maintain the existing water and sewer lines in the 100 block of Oak Drive and in the 300 Block of East Texas Streets. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Jobe had contacted George Fitz of Oblong and ask him if he would be interested in a Janitorial Position on a part-time basis with the Village of Oblong to clean the Municipal Building. He said he would accept the position for \$200.00 dollars per month. Jack Gallion made the motion to hire George Fitz for \$200.00 dollars per month with a 90 day probation period. He will start June 16th and the village will purchases all necessary supplies for cleaning of building and floor purposes. The clerk has a copy on file of the outline of cleaning duties for the janitor. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion to hire George Fitz. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Jobe said he would contact Don Wisely about hiring him to paint the outside of the Teen Center building since he had done all the previous repair work and priming of the building.

As all business was concluded Jack Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 6, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 6, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas. and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, and Alex Quinn.

The Minutes of the June 15th board meeting were approved as read.

Alex Quinn of Connor & Connor Engineering brought before the Board 6 change orders from the Sewer Rehabilitation Project to approve and send into E.P.A. Some of the changes included sand backfill, pipe modification, moving a control panel and deletion of surface restoration. Myrl made the motion to approve the change order. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board approved the appointment of Richard Ralston to the Crawford County Solid Waste Disposal Agency as representative for the Village of Oblong. The members were to meet July 6th to elect officers and organize the Agency.

Due to the current dry weather conditions, Tom Rodgers declared that the Village Board trustees advised President Lorance to ban all open burning within the Village until further notice. Myrl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk is to put the notice on the Radio Station and in the newspaper. The Board will lift the ban when they feel it is safe.

The Board approved a trailer permit for Nora Snider at 411 S. Garfield Street. Another permit was not approved at this time because requirements haven't been met.

President Lorance received a letter from Mr. Richard Gray in Hayworth, Ill asking about our elderly housing in Oblong. The clerk is to write a reply to Mr. Gray

The Board decided to continue with the current computer system. The July bills were mailed without as many problems and the Water Office is currently working on those problems under the advisement of Marilyn Turner.

Myrl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Tom Rodgers. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

July 20, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 20, 1988 at the Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, Treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Willie McKinney, Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Bob Blanchard, and Don McKinney.

The minutes of the July 6th board meeting were approved as read.

Willie McKinney from Kemper CPA Group presented the annual Village Audit to the Board. The Clerk has a copy on file in the Village office.

Don McKinney Real Estate salesman asked the Board the Reason why the Liquor License Ordinance for the Village states that the owner must be a resident of the Village. He asked the Board if there would be a possibility of changing the Ordinance to allow someone in the County to possibly purchase a liquor license and purchase property in the Oblong Village. The Board was in agreement that the law had been that way for many years and they did not have a problem with possibly changing the Ordinance. Board President Larry Lorance said he would check the legal aspects of changing the Ordinance. The decision will be made at the August 3rd Board Meeting.

The Board agreed to lift the Ban and allow village residents to burn outdoors.

The Village Board accepted Don Wisely's bid to put acoustic material on the ceiling of the Activity Center Room.

President Lorance acknowledged that a book titled Sketches in Crude Oil by John J. McLaurin had been donated to the Oblong Oil Field Museum in the memory of Albert & Marie (Tohill) Stout - Hutsonville, Ill.

President Lorance read a thank you from Keith Foltz family.

The Board approved a Boy Scout Fall Camporee for September 23, 24, and 25th. The district camporee will be held at the Oblong Park.

Jim Jobe read 2 bids for painting the outside of the Teen Center Building. Jim then made a motion to accept Howard Perkins bid of \$95.00 dollars plus the cost of the paint. Myrl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The sidewalk committee gave their proposal for 879 linear feet of sidewalk to be replaced in the Village. The Board approved and instructed the Clerk to run the notice and bids will be opened August 3rd, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. and work has to be completed no later than October 15, 1988.

The clerk was asked to call Jack Mueller Sales in St. Louis, Mo. and ask to have a title sent for the Sewer Jet Machine that the Village purchased last fall. And also check on insurance for the machine.

The clerk stated that the employees group insurance will increase Sept. 1 from \$826.13 dollars to \$942.58 dollars per month.

As all business was concluded Jack Gallion made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

August 3, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 3, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, and Jim Jobe, trustees; and Carol ~~Ty~~ <sup>Myers</sup> Treasurer.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Linda Cravens, Lennie Schernekau, Phil Boyd, Dave Krick, Sr., Mr. Moore, Ron Reich, Herb Meeker, Roy Cunningham, and Bob Blanchard.

The minutes of the July 20th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance opened and read the Sidewalk Bids as follows:

Leonard Schernekau	Robinson, III.	\$4,892.10
Dave Krick, Sr.	Oblong, III.	\$6,647.40
VanDyke Builders, Inc.	Robinson, III.	\$5,098.00
B & N Construction	Oblong, III.	\$9,280.00
Moore Construction	Flat Rock, III.	\$5,174.00

Joe Bayless moved to accept the lowest bid of Leonard Schernekau, \$4,892.10 dollars. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The contractor was not sure when they would start the sidewalks.

There were 16 delinquent water bills; however, none of the customers were present for a hearing and will be notified of shut-off dates for their utility service.

Roy Cunningham had questions concerning his water bill. He thought the bill was too high, and asked the board to review his past and current bills. Pres. Lorance said he would look at the bills and get back to Mr. Cunningham.

Phil Boyd was present to ask if the police would make a few extra patrols at the Park during the Antique Tractor Show on August 13 and 14. Phil also asked about the possibility of reserving the camp sites for out of town exhibitors. The board did not have any objection for them to try, but doubted if it would work out. Phil said they would just see how things work out. He also asked about the trees that were cut down in the park, but the Boy Scouts and 2 other people have already spoke for them. At this time, the board did not have any more questions or problems with the Tractor Show.

Ron Reich explained that when the Village has a big rain that they are having problems with sewer back-up. They are doing a thorough study to solve the problem. There will have to be a few adjustments for the rehabilitation program. Ron wants the board to see the problem on video tape. A meeting was set for Wednesday, August 10, at 7P.M. in the Farley Room to discuss what needs to be done.

President Lorance read a thank you note from Carol Myers. She retired from the Oblong Gem. He read a letter from Triax Cablevision informing the village board that they are raising their rates. Pres. Lorance had received a letter from Risk Management Association.

August 3rd meeting continued-----

President Lorance told the Board that it is a State Statute that the liquor license for Oblong be issued to someone who resides within the Village. However, there is a loop hole - if they are a corporation the owner could live outside the Village limits. Larry contacted Don McKinney and advised him of the situation.

The board received a request from LaVern Meese north of the High School. He would like to widen the alley way, but would have to take out curb and sidewalk. Jack, Jim and Joe are going to take a look at the alley.

The Village will have their Truth and Taxation hearing at the August 17th board meeting. The clerk is to run the notice in the Thursday issue of the Oblong Gem.

The village is still looking for a tractor. Tom is checking on a possibility.

The activity center acoustic tile has been installed and the Teen Center building has been painted.

The clerk called Jack Mueller about sending a title for the sewer jet machine. He said he would call the company and mail it out by first of August. The machine has been insured since Dec. 1987. The clerk needs to call Mr. Mueller again - the title has not yet been received.

The water billing situation was discussed. The general feeling of the board was to continue on with the computer. The auditors still feel that 2 months behind is too much. The only options are to drop 2 months billing or stay as they are now, or pay a little as you go. The Board felt they should straighten out other little problems before changing anything else. The July 1st payments were \$16,503.00 dollars. There were \$1353.00 dollars past due. It was decided to store the addressograph machine in the 4-H building and cover it until they see that the water office will not need to use it anymore.

Bob had found a Ford 2000 tractor and the board agreed to let Tom Rodgers look at it and if the price was under \$3700.00 dollars to go ahead and let the city purchase it.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Keith Foltz reported that the Fair went okay and that the 3 part-time patrolmen are rotating working 4 hours on Sunday evening and things are working good.

As all business was concluded, Tom made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk  
Minutes taken by Carol S. Tracy in my  
absence.

August 17, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 17, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorange, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Linda Cravens, Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter and Bill Thomas

The minutes of the August 3rd meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was the Truth in Taxation Hearing regarding the proposed Tax Levy for the Village. There were not any residents present at the hearing with questions about the Tax Levy, so the Board will adopt the 1988-89 Tax Levy at the September 7th Board Meeting.

The Village Board approved a trailer permit for Randy and Teresa Reynolds at 605 E. Kentucky St.

President Lorange had been contacted by Kay Young of the Crawford County Historical Society. There will be a meeting on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 P.M. at the LTC Museum. The meeting will be with the Illinois Tourism Council. They are interested in making Crawford County part of their Illinois Council. Since Oblong's Oil Field Museum will be discussed, Pres. Lorange asked the trustees to attend if possible to answer any questions that the council might have.

Lloyd Stagner of Hardinville had contacted President Lorange about forming their own water company and hooking on to Oblong for their water supply. After discussion the Board was in agreement that Oblong's pumps were not large enough to add that many customers plus take care of Oblong's needs. Jack Gallion made a motion to decline from supplying water to the Hardinville area on the basis that Oblong's lines are not big enough to handle the extra customers. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. ~~Vote 6~~ - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorange asked the Sidewalk committee to look at the walk in front of the new Village parking lot across from the Municipal Building on S. range St. The sidewalk is a hazard and the contractor doing our sidewalks might be able to do this one also. The committee is to decide what to do and call the contractor.

LaVern Meese had permission to put a new drive in and permission was granted.

The Village found a tractor and Tom Rodgers made the motion to purchase a 1968 Ford 2000 Tractor for \$3,600.00 dollars from Paddock and Son Implement. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Joe Bayless moved to adopt 2 Resolutions requesting permission from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to close Route 33 for the Homecoming Parade on September 23rd, and for the Halloween Parade on October 29th. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board discussed the problem with the sewer system. Ron Reich had recommended at a previous meeting that pipe needed to be replaced to the Washington St. lift station from Route 33 and that pipe also needed to be replaced at the West end of the lake. He would like to have a company use a TV video camera to see if they would run into any problems with these 2 areas. The Board agreed to have Water chairman Joe Bayless contact Ron Reich and ask him to get estimates on each location and go from there. The Village will probably have to work on one area at a time due to the cost. They will decide after they have an estimate.

August 17th Board meeting -continued-----

The Village has been corresponding with the Illinois Dept. of Public Health on the electrical compliance for the Oblong Park Camp Area. The last letter that Park chairman Myrl Littlejohn received said that the Village would still need to comply, but could have until April, 1990 if the sanitary dump station work is done. When they inspect the dump station, if all is okay, they will go ahead and issue the Village a license. Myrl made a motion to send a letter to the Ill. Dept. of Public Health and agree to repair the electrical amps at the park by April, 1990. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bob Lanter noted the problem with North and South Range Streets. The recent hot weather had caused bumps in the road.

The Board went into executive session at 8:05 to discuss possible hiring of personnel.

Back into regular session at 8:55 P.M., Tom Rodgers made the motion to hire Bill Thomas to represent the Village as their city attorney effective September 1, 1988. Compensation is to be established later. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

September 7, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 7, 1988, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Keith Foltz, Linda Cravens, Alex Quinn, Charles Hoke, Sr. and Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the August 17th board meeting were approved as read.

There were not any water customers present for the hearing on delinquent water bills, shut-off notices will be sent out.

President Lorance had received an approval from E.P.A. for the change orders submitted by the engineers. The project is 98% complete. Gary Wilson made the motion to approve payment to H & H Construction in the amount of \$27,038.38 dollars. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Pres. Lorance also signed a pay request in the amount of \$50,546.06 dollars. This included the engineer bill, H & H bill, and partial pay on retainer.

Alex Quinn from Connor & Connor presented to the Board a preliminary estimate on sewer rehabilitation. If the TV video camera is used the estimated cost is \$1,000 dollars per day or \$1.00 per foot. Area 1 - Washington St. 16" Sewer Main \$30,000.00 - Area 2 - Park 18" Sewer Main - \$42,458.50 - Area 3 - Grant to Harrison St. 12" Sewer Main - \$13,216.00 dollars. The Board agreed to look over the preliminary estimates and discuss what they should do at a special Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. At this time the Board will also discuss some improvement plans for the Oil Field Museum.

Charles Hoke Sr. had questions concerning his recent water bills. Pres. Lorance said he would look at the problem with him.

Gary Wilson moved to adopt Tax Levy #88-341 for the 88-89 Fiscal Year. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion made a motion to pay the new Village Attorney, Bill Thomas, \$50.00 dollars retainer fee and his established rate for any additional work. Myrl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Carol Tracy had received a letter from Kemper CPA concerning the guaranteeing of securities for the Village. The Bank's pledge for securities was okay. Gary Wilson will tell the Building & Loan what the auditors need so that the Village will be covered.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that the Village received their license for the camp area at the park. The Village just recently made some changes to comply with the Department of Public Health.

Due to the reoccurring problems with the new restroom facilities at the park, Mike McReynolds will be issuing keys to the campers and the facilities will be locked at dark to try and stop the vandalism.

September 7th meeting continued-----

Tom Rodgers had some literature on new dump trucks. He is going to ask the company to set up a demonstration for Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. before the special board meeting. The demonstration will be in the parking lot at the Municipal Building.

Jim Jobe made a motion to purchase a portable radio from Goss Communications at a cost of \$600.00 dollars for the Police Department. The radio is 6 mos. old and is still under full warranty. Tom seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Also the police committee recommended to the Board to change the Oblong Auxiliary Police to Part-time patrolman so they would be covered according to the state statutes. Myrl made the motion to make Larry Fear and Carl Veach part-time patrolman so they can patrol on Sundays and work in special situations. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The status will stay the same as it was.

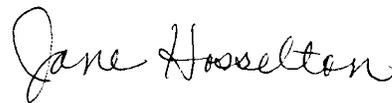
The sidewalk committee added to the list the sidewalk in front of the new parking lot on South Range St. Bob Lanter said he would check and see where to get concrete parking blocks for the parking lot to keep people from driving over the sidewalk.

Bob Lanter reported a trouble area that needs storm sewer replaced. At the present time, the line is 12" clay. He said there is about 350 ft. that needs to be replaced.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills, Joe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Carol Tracy asked if there was anything booked at the Park on Wednesday, Sept. 28th. The board said there is not and the park is open to the public.

As all business was concluded, Tom made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

September 14, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in Special Session for the purpose of discussing Sewer Rehabilitation and the Oil Field Museum. The meeting was held in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 1988.

Members Present: Larry Lorange, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, Trustees; Carol Tracy, Treasurer, and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Jerry Kidwell, and Ron Reich.

Ron Reich explained to the Board that they are eligible for a Compliance Grant for the additional sewer rehabilitation that needs to be done within the Village. The work that was to be done was submitted with the initial plans. The Village was responsible for financing this work on their own. Since that time, more Build Illinois funds have become available and they have set aside \$91,420 dollars or 70% of the estimated project cost as described in the Municipal Compliance Plan letter. The Village does have to go through the necessary steps to apply for the Grant. After discussion the Board wanted to wait until Ron had the packet and could gather more information about the Grant. He hopes to have some information by the September 21, Board meeting.

The Board then discussed the needed repairs for the Oil Field Museum. The pictures and cases in the old part of the building need to be put in the new part so that the building can be heated in the winter to help preserve them. Park chairman Myrl Littlejohn suggested petitioning off 1/3 of the new part of the building and insulating and putting the pictures and cases on display and heat the building some in the winter time. Myrl said he would get the material costs by the next board meeting. Jerry Kidwell had met with a representative of the Rural Affairs Council in Springfield this summer and he was very interested in the Oblong Oil Field Museum and explained to Mr. Kidwell that there are monies available to help such projects. Jerry said that he would contact Mr. Don Norton and try to set up a time if he is interested in coming to Oblong.

Bob Lanter said they were ready to work on the storm sewer at Grant and Ohio streets. He said it would take an estimate of 300 to 350' of pipe. They would need to dig down 4 feet deep. The board approved for Bob to order PVC ultra-rib pipe. It is new and suppose to be easier to fit together. They felt like this job would be a good one to experiment with.

President Lorange explained that a truck had destroyed the stop sign at the 4-way stop on the east corner. Cips is going to cut out the pole. Pres. Lorange also asked the board to think about putting in a flashing beacon at the 4-way stop. It is hard for out of town people to see the stop signs with the congestion. The approximate cost would be \$5500.00 dollars.

As all business was concluded Gary made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

September 21, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1988, at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosseton, clerk.

Other Present: Ron Reich, Keith Foltz, Linda Cravens, Herb Meeker, & Bob Lanter

The minutes of the Sept. 7 and Sept. 14 meetings were approved as read.

Ron Reich told the Board that he had received the Grant Application Packet from the State. It specified that the Village would need to have the certificate of Right of Ways & Easements, a certificate signed by the Village attorney stating that the Village has legal right to proceed with Sewer Rehabilitation. The engineers will also have to revise the schedule for the work. The initial rehabilitation plan was sent in with the Municipal Compliance Plan and states that the work must be completed by July 1988, so this would need to be changed. Ron said that even if he proceeds with the necessary information and papers, the Village is not obligated to take the Grant from the state. Joe Bayless made a motion to let Connor & Connor proceed with the Grant Application and Application for the Construction permit. Myrl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron told the board that there is a problem with water overflowing at the Lagoon site. The water can be contained from spilling over by putting a 1 block high wall around it and a cap on top. This could go in as a change order through the E.P.A. It takes about 60 days to have a change order approved. There is also a problem with with vent pipe on the force main by Raulin Shryock property. There is a bad odor because the pipe is so close to the ground. The agreement was that by extending the vent pipe up 10 more feet this should eliminate the smell. Since there could be other small things to fix, the board felt like we should go ahead and put in for the change order. Ron said that he could get an' EPA inspection scheduled and probably proceed with the local projects possibly sooner than, 60 days. Then the Board could get a local bid for the job.

Ron also told the Board that the E.P.A. is in the process of making a regulation change for the chlorination. They are allowing towns to apply for exemption to delete chlorination year round or through the winter months. He felt like Oblong might have a charge of being exempt.

President Lorance opened bids for the Storm Sewer repair on Grant Street.

David Krick Sr.	\$1665.00
Francis Gangloff	\$2200.00
Mike Munson	\$590.00

Jack Gallion made a motion to accept low bid of \$590.00 dollars from Mike Munson. Myrl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The board watched a demonstration of a Crysteel Triple Tipper dump truck before the board meeting. Myrl Littlejohn made a motion to purchase the Dodge Ram dump truck from B/M Country Truck Equipment of R.R. #2 Olney, Ill. Phone 395-8046. for the price of \$14,000 dollars (no more) This is to be paid out of Water, Sewer, and General in thirds. Tom seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. Tom said he would contact B/M sales and make the offer.

September 21 meeting continued-----

Gary Wilson said that the securities backing from the People Building & Loan is taken care of. We are guaranteed through Fannie Mays - Federal Home Loan. Carol Tracy will send a copy of the letter to Willie McKinney of Kemper CPA group.

The treasurer noted that the Village has a building payment due in November to the First National Bank of Oblong in the amount of \$33,305.26 dollars.

Myrl Littlejohn reported that the estimated cost to make section of the Oil Field Museum building and insulate and move things around would probably cost in the vicinity of \$2,000 dollars finished. The Board decided to not start the project until the Oil Field Museum closes for the season. That will be October 15.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:15 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Back into regular session at 9:45 p.m. Jack (Grouch) Gallion made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 5, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 5, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Richard Ralston, Herb Meeker, Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, and Floyd Hinterscher.

The minutes of the September 21 meeting were approved as read.

In April Richard Ralston had addressed the Board about deeding a small portion of Kentucky street to the Oblong Township since the lot adjoins the cemetery it could be used for more gravesites. Richard had the Ordinance drawn up and needed the Board to make a motion to accept and sign the Ordinance.

Jim Jobe made the motion to adopt Ordinance #88-342 whereas, the Town of Oblong has requested the Village of Oblong to vacate those portions of Kentucky Street hereinafter described so that the said lands can be used for cemetery purposes. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

A water customer questioned why he pays his sewerbill according to water usage and if there is a possibility of updating the water bills. The Board discussed the questions and explained. However, they are working on possibilities to make some adjustments to the billing system.

President Lorance had the necessary papers to sign in preparation for the \$90,000 dollar Grant for sewer rehabilitation. Connor and Connor prepared the documents. Jack Gallion made the motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing President Lorance to sign grant documents. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to adopt a Resolution of intent regarding National Flood Insurance if needed. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance also signed a certificate regarding local financing, a certificate regarding limitations on State Grant Awards, and a certificate regarding operation and maintenance.

President Lorance also signed a change order in the amount of \$500.00 dollars to build a block wall at the lagoon site and make a vent pipe extension both items associated with the Sewer Rehabilitation project. Then he passed out copies of Final Pay Estimate to Board Members for them to review. Ron Reich will be here at the October 19th meeting to discuss the final bill with the trustees.

There was also a certificate regarding right of ways, project site and easements. Pres. Lorance gave the document to the sewer and water committee and asked them to meet with the Village attorney, Bill Thomas, he will need to sign the certificate.

Rosella LeFever reported a dead tree on W. Main street in front of her house. It is hanging out over the road. And she also has a problem with ditch drainage on the west side of her house due to traffic backing into the ditch and plugging it off. The committee will check about having the tree cut down by Mr. Houser of Hidalgo. There is also a problem with a tree at a residence on N. Jackson St. and the committee will determine if it is on Village property - if so they will have it cut down also.

October 5th meeting -continued-----

President Lorance discussed with the Board a slight change in the water bills to enter an actual reading each month to keep the bills from being averaged - thus hoping to keep the bills from fluctuating so much. The board was in agreement to try the suggestion and the water department clerks are in the process of putting the necessary information into the computer.

Pres. Lorance talked to a person from Carmi that is interested in purchasing the water office's old addressograph machine. The board felt they would not be using it anymore and advised Larry to contact the woman and decide on a figure and sell the machine.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jane Hosselton and Carol Tracy asked the Board to consider no smoking in the Farley Room during Village Board meetings and as an alternative take a short break in the meeting to give those who want to a chance to smoke outside the room. They noted that they have a problem being in a closed room with smoke and that the filter system does not handle the smoke. After discussion, Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to check on the cost of a new exhaust fan to see if it would do better, Tom seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Joe Bayless then made a motion to have no smoking in the Farley Room while the Village Board meeting is in progress. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Vote Gary Wilson - yea, Joe Bayless - yea, Myrl Littlejohn - abstain, Tom Rodgers - abstain, Jim Jobe - abstain, and Jack Gallion - abstain. 2 yeas - 4 abstain - motion carried. Pres. Lorance told the clerk to put up a sign pertaining to Village Board meetings only.

Bob Lanter discussed a problem with a manhole by the high school. He told the board that it would totally need to be rebuilt. The board told Bob to hire Dave Krick to fix it.

Bob also asked about the possibility of purchasing a new radio and putting in the new dump truck and using the radio out of the old dump truck and put it in the Ford truck.

The Board felt that we should take care of the snow-plow needed for the truck first. They felt like they could not purchase one at this time.

Bob also asked the Board if they had checked the problem with the bumps on North and South Range streets as a result of the intense heat this summer. The Board decided to check with Mike Connor and ask him if these repairs could be made under Motor Fuel Tax monies next summer.

Jane Hosselton reported that at the death of Betty Inboden she had requested that donations be made to the Oblong Library. At this time she had received \$563.00 dollars to be spent on books and tapes in memory of Betty Inboden. As all business was concluded, Tom made a motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

JANf-HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Ron Reich, Linda Cravens, & Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the October 5th meeting were approved as read.

Trick or Treat night was set for Thursday, October 27th, from 6:00 -9:00 P.M. for children under 12 years of age. Residents are to turn on their porch lights if they wish to treat the kids.

Jack Gallion reported that the sidewalks are not yet finished. There was additional work added to the bid and the work is taking longer.

The addressograph was sold to a newspaper office in Carmi for the sum of \$150.00.

The Board discussed a problem with Matheny Automotive Service being quite a bit higher on their gas prices. The Village employees have to use the full service pumps which makes the gas higher. The Trustees decided that they would buy gas at Matheny's Standard only if they will carry the charges for 1 month and sell to the Village at the Self-Service price. The police department had some problems last year with the premium gas not working in the squad car and had not been purchasing gas there lately. The owner had contacted the Mayor and ask why. The Village's normal policy is to rotate a month at a time buying from each Gas station in town.

President Lorance made note that the rental for the water & sewer office will be due in November.

Treasurer, Carol Tracy, asked the board if they wanted her to invest M.F.T. funds and they said yes. Also the Village has a building payment due in November and Liability Insurance. Pres. Lorance said he would check with the Village attorney about borrowing money locally until a CD comes due in January.

Ron Reich had papers for Pres. Lorance to sign regarding the Sewer Rehabilitation project. Copies had been passed out at the Oct. 5th meeting and members approved of the documents. Pres. Lorance signed the Minority Business Enterprise Form, change order to adjust the final contract, and final pay estimate in the amount of \$54,946.00 dollars.

President Lorance informed the trustees that the Village has a law suit filed against them in excess of \$15,000 dollars. The law suit has been filed by Nancy Goble, mother of the deceased, Danny Inboden, who was killed when his car was hit by Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. The death occurred in October 1986.

Joe Bayless reported that Village attorney, Bill Thomas, will check with property owners for descriptions for easements for new sewer rehab program.

A fall clean-up was mentioned, but at this time the Board does not plan to have one.

As all business was concluded, Joe Bayless made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Rodgers. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

November 2, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 2, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, Treas., and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

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JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

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JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

November 16, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 16, 1988 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Linda Cravens, Keith Foltz, and Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the November 2nd meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance read correspondence that he had received. He received a thank you from Harmon's Drug Store. The Village and Harmon's worked together in a sidewalk project. Pres. Lorance received a letter from E.P.A. stating that they are ready to schedule a final on-site inspection to release final payment on sewer rehabilitation program. He also received a letter from E.P.A. concerning making changes in the Sewer Rate Ordinance. Ron Reich had been in contact with the E.P.A. and has some ideas and wants to meet with the sewer committee to discuss them.

President Lorance asked the Board of Trustees if they wished to continue with the same policy allowing Village residents to borrow a key from the water office and dump burnable items at the Lagoon. There have been a few instances where people outside of the Village have dumped things. Board felt like the village residents need a place to take brush, trees, leaves, etc. They suggested that there is a question, have the water office contact Bob before allowing a person to take the key.

The Water office still has a leak when there is heavy rains and blowing. Myrl Littlejohn said he would take another look before calling someone.

The Village Christmas Party was set for Tuesday evening, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Gray's in Bridgeport.

The Board approved a request to trap for muskrats at the lagoon.

Jack Gallion reported that Leonard Schernekau is finished with the sidewalk projects and everything looks good.

As all business was concluded, Tom made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 7, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December, 7, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Yrebas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Alicia Hyde, Danny Nichols, Linda Cravens, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter and Herb Meeker, Rebecca Adams.

The minutes of the November 16th meeting were approved as read.

Two customers with past due water bills appeared in their behalf. One customer was granted the extension of paying \$30.00 dollars extra per month to payoff a high water bill from the summer months, and another water customer was granted to have her water deposit deferred until January when she showed proof of being able to pay at that time.

President Lorance had been approached by the manager of Freedom Oil Company about purchasing gas from their station. The Village has not purchased gas from them in the past because they do not carry charge accounts and did not have high octane gas. They do now have high octane. After Board discussion, they still felt that they do not wish to obtain a credit card to charge their gas purchases. Unless the station can carry the Village on a 30 day basis, the Village Will not be able to do business with them.

President Lorance informed the trustees that Gary Crosby is now manager of Triax Cable Company and they are in the process of changing some of the packages. The 4 Crawford county communities were represented at a recent meeting and Mr. Crosby engaged in discussion and listened to complaints to try to change the packages to meet and satisfy the needs of our community.

Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to have the the municipal building sealed on the outside to prevent any leaks. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Myrl and Jack acknowledged that Albert and Marie (Tohill) Stout of Rural Route 1 Hutsonville, Ill had recently donated a pitcher with the Tydol-Veedol Oil Company name on it. The pitcher was donated to the Oblong Oil Field Museum.

President Lorance said that Ron Reich had hired a company to TV Sewers on December 19th, 1988.

It was discussed about dividing up the Village Insurance and splitting the cost according to percentage of coverage in the different divisions within the Village. Clerk Jane Hosselton will check with Boyd-Ikemire Insurance for information.

Tom Rodgers noted that all Right of Way Easements have been signed.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jim Jobe. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board discussed purchasing a buffer machine for the municipal bldg. The Village will rent one this week and check on the machine that has been priced to them and make a decision at the December 21st Board Meeting. As all business was concluded Jack Made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom. All were in favor and meeting adourned at 8:00 P.M.  
JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 21, 1988

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 21, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Alisha Hyde, Danny Nichols, Pickle Sanders, Bob Lanter, Greg Stamps, Linda Cravens, and Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the December 7th meeting were approved as read.

A water customer discussed with the board how she could pay her past due water bill. As all effort was being made, the board agreed to extend the late payment thru January.

Pickle Sanders voiced his opinion on the problem with cats running loose in Oblong. And The Board once again hired Mr. Sanders to plow snow for the Village if and when necessary.

Floyd Hinterscher and Vern Christians had both contacted President Lorance about having extended New Year's Eve hours in their liquor establishments. The Board granted that they could serve alcohol until 12:30 a.m. and have everyone out by 1:00 A.M. These have been the rules in the past for New Year's Eve only.

Jack Gallion made the motion to pay Full-time employees 35.00 dollar Christmas Bonuses and part-time employees 25.00 dollar bonuses. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Tom Rodgers made a motion to purchase from HP Products a SSS 19" floor machine with 1-1/2 horsepower. at a cost of \$712.00 dollars plus \$45.50 for pad holder and cluth plate. This machine will be used for maintenance in the Municipal building. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The machine should be delivered within 2 weeks.

As all business was concluded Joe made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

January 4, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 4, 1989, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Linda Cravens, Herb Meeker, and Richard Ralston.

The minutes of the December 21st board meeting were approved as read.

There were 19 delinquent water customers. None of the customers were present for the hearing. The shut off notices will be mailed as scheduled. President Lorance read a thank you from Jack & Jackie Cunningham for flowers.

Richard Ralston, Oblong representative for the Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency brought the board up to date on the progress made by the organization. The agency has filled out applications for grants through Illinois EPA for feasibility study. The agency first has to establish a curb side recycling program. The Lawrence Crawford Agency for Exceptional Citizens is interested in helping with the program as well as others. The lines of communication are open and the Agency has a lot of support.

Myrl Littlejohn received a letter from Don R. Norton of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council. Myrl had contacted Mr. Norton about possible grant monies available to help remodel and preserve the Oil Field Museum. In the letter Mr. Norton stated that a small group will come and look over the museum early to middle January. Myrl is in Texas and Pres. Lorance read the letter to the Board.

President Lorance had received requests in behalf of Handicapp Parking on Range or Main streets with access close to restaurants and businesses. Jack Gallion made a motion to make to Handicapp Parking spaces. One on North Range 1st space by Building and Loan and the second location will be on South Range in front of Paul's Cue Club. This will help the handicapp not to have to cross Main Street. The motion is to try the arrangement for 6 months to see if it will work. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. If after the 6 month period the Board wants to make the parking spaces permanent then the Board will vote to change their parking Ordinance.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Illinois EPA made their final on-site inspection, Thursday, December 29. It went very well and there were only a couple of minor changes. A letter will follow with the report.

Greg Stamps who did the TV of the sewers is still working on reports for the Village Board.

Jane Hosselton reported that the First National Bank of Oblong donated to the Library a lighted Globe and a New Atlas.

Bill Womack of Ill. E.P.A. will do the final audit of Village records for the Sewer project on Thursday, January 19th.

January 4th board meeting continued-----

The Board agreed at the Dec. 21st meeting to break down the Village's Insurance and pay by percentage out of General, Water and Sewer Funds. The Mayor and Clerk met and figured percentages. The clerk will use the same percentage each year. It is on file in the clerk's office.

As all business was concluded Tom Rodgers made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

January 18, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 1989, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Rocky Neeley, LeRoy Cox, Ron Reich, Herb Meeker, Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, and Linda Cravens.

The minutes of the January 4th meeting were approved as read.

LeRoy Cox representative of a local A.A. Group asked about the possibility of their group meeting in the Municipal Building. There was a conflict because the AA group meets on Wednesday nights and so does the Village Board. Pres. Lorance said he would check with the President of the Teen Center Board about using their building. Members of the Board also suggested to Mr. Cox that he check with the Legion and the Schools in Oblong.

Jack Gallion made a motion to appoint Rocky Neeley as the Villages' Animal Control Officer. He will be paid \$10.00 for each animal taken to the dog pound. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Reich discussed with the Board applying for exemption for deletion of chlorination. If approved the EPA makes an amendment to the discharge permit. This would omit testing twice a month as well as other ways that could save the Village money. The Board agreed to apply for the exemption. Ron said it would be a minimum of 90 days before the Board will have a response. Several of the surrounding communities are applying for the exemption.

Ron went over new Sewer Rates to be adopted. The EPA has required changes on the Sewer Rates. The new rates would benefit the customers who never use the minimum. The rate as required by the EPA should drop the minimum to 2,000 gallons instead of 3,000 gallons. The Board will review the proposal and if there aren't any changes - the new rate Ordinance will be sent to EPA for approval.

Ron went over a few minor changes that the EPA cited at their final inspection. All of the changes are mostly taken care of. There are still some things that H & H have to repair or change before final pay can be sent. Ron sent a letter to H & H but has not yet heard from them.

The Board approved to be a cooperating/participating agency in Crawford County to initiate service to a larger number of Crawford County's mobile senior citizens through outreach that will draw the new patrons into the library facility and prepare them to effectively utilize the automated services. The RTL has applied for a Federal Grant to fund the project and purchase all the computer and printers needed for the class. The project is pending the award of grant monies.

As all business was concluded Tom Rodgers made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

February 1, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 1, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, Carol Tracy, treas; ~~trustees~~; Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Linda Cravens, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, and Ron Reich.

The minutes of the January 18th meeting were approved as read.

The Board approved for the Oblong Antique Tractor Association to use the midway, Grand Stand and Stage for their annual tractor show. The dates are August 12 and 13. Phil Boyd is president of the organization.

Rocky Neeley, Animal Control Officer, asked the Board to put a notice in the paper clarifying the Village Ordinance on cats. Some pet owners did not realize that animals running at large includes dogs and cats. The reporters will include the notice with their article.

Ron Reich told the board that he had finished the exemption request on the chlorination system and sent it in. Ron then discussed the sewer rates. He had passed out copies of proposed sewer rate increases at the January 18th meeting. Jim Jobe made a motion to adopt Ordinance 89-343 to amend Ordinance #87-337 which regulates the use and user charges for the sanitary sewer system and also to authorize President Lorance to sign a letter to send to EPA saying that the Village will use Savings Funds for Bond and Depreciation Account.

Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The clerk was instructed to put a notice in the paper that the Village Board would accept bids on the old dump truck until the March<sup>1st</sup> meeting at which time the bids will be opened.

The clerk stated that the Betty Inboden total memorial gift to the Library was \$1,025.08 dollars.

The clerk asked about the possibility of trading the old Xerox machine and purchasing a new one. The Board said to check around and try some and then discuss at next board meeting.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss finances.

Back into regular session at 8:20 p.m. Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gary Wilson. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded Gary made a motion to adjourn seconded by Myrl Littlejohn. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

February 15, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 15, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, and Jim Jobe, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter, and Keith Foltz.

The February 1st minutes were approved as read.

President Lorance received rental from Triax Cablevision for 1988 in the amount of \$3,705.83 dollars. This is based on 485 customers in Oblong. Pres. Lorance commented that Triax has kept in contact with him on an every 2 weeks basis and are concerned that the customers are satisfied.

Pres. Lorance also read a letter from the Tourism committee of the Crawford County Historical Society. They are asking businesses, governments, groups, or individuals to join their organization. The membership fee is 5.00 dollars for an individual and \$20.00 dollars for a group. Joe Bayless made a motion to join at a cost of \$20.00. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Tom Rodgers made a motion to enter into a maintenance agreement with the Galt Company for 3 years at \$35.00 dollars per month to be paid annually. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The new sewer rates have been put into the computer.

United of Omaha changed the Employees hospitalization insurance in December 1988. There have been a lot of changes and less coverage and the Village and employees are dissatisfied. The Village is checking into other options and will discuss when the information is available.

Tom Rodgers made a motion to purchase for the Village offices a Xerox 10/12 from JM's Business machines at a cost of \$1740.00 dollars. There was not a second motion did not carry. Myrl made a motion to purchase a Xerox 10/12 RE which has enlargement and reduction capabilities from JM's Business Machines at a cost of \$2,120.00 dollars. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. Vote. Gary Wilson - yea; Joe Bayless - yea, Myrl Littlejohn - yea; Tom Rodgers, nay; and Jim Jobe - yea. 4 yeas - 1 nay motion carried. The copier will be paid for out of General and Water Fund.

The Village Board went into executive session at 8:05 P.M. to discuss finances.

Back into regular session at 8:45 P.M. Pres. Lorance asked Joe Bayless to take any Village calls as he will be out of town until Tuesday. Tuesday night Feb. 21 there will be a Park Committee meeting at the Municipal Bldg. at 7:00 p.m.

As all business was concluded Myrl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk



March 1, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 1, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, and Jim Jobe, trustees; Carol Tracy, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, and ~~Y~~ ~~er~~ ~~ish~~.

The minutes of the February 15th meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was to open bids and sell the 1971 Chevy Dump truck which was replaced in September 1988.

Bill's Machine and Power Transmission Ky	Olney, Ill	\$301. 00
Chapman	Willow Hill, Ill	352.00
Larry Vandevender	Hutsonville, Ill.	310.00
Scott Ackman	Oblong, Ill.	327.00
Randy Reynolds	Oblong, Ill.	400.00
Gerald Weave	Oblong, Ill.	100.00

Jim Jobe made the motion to accept Randy Reynolds bid of \$400.00 dollars. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

There were 23 delinquent water customers this month. The shut off notices will be sent out Thursday from the Water Department.

The Board discussed that the F.H.A. who holds the Villages' loan for a waterline construction in 1982 is offering to let the Village buy back the loan at a discounted rate. The original bond issue was in the amount of \$520,000.00 dollars. All of the money was not used at the time of construction and 75,000.00 dollars was paid back on the loan. The Board has been in contact with the Bank and discussed what the savings could mean to the Village. The total savings would be approximately \$387,248.00 dollars. This is with borrowing \$133,000.00 dollars and paying out of reserves 150,000.00 dollars. Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to purchase the Village's outstanding loan from Farmers Home Administration for the Water Dept. and start Bond Issuance to borrow \$133,000.00 dollars from First National Bank of Oblong and pay back in 7 years. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried. A check was sent to F.H.A. in the amount of \$20,750.00 dollars ~~and~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~cash~~ ~~and~~ ~~faith~~ ~~deposit~~.

Village health insurance was discussed and it was decided to set up an informative meeting with Peter Ruedi representing Carle Care. The meeting is tentatively set for Wed. 6p.m. March 15th if Mr. Ruedi can come.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

President Lorance read a letter from E.P.A. stating that they approved the Sewer User Rates on February 23, 1989.

The Board congratulated Joe Bayless and the Scholastic Bowl on their outstanding achievements.

As all business was concluded, Gary made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Jobe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

JANE HOSSSELTON VILLAGE CLERK

March 15, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Richard Ralston, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, and Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the March 1st meeting were approved as read.

Richard Ralston, Township Supervisor, donated \$200.00 to the Village of Oblong on behalf of the Oblong Township for use of their copy machine. The Village just purchased a new Xerox 10/12 RE copier. The money will be put on the new copier. President Lorance that Connor & Connor said H & H has finished the punch list finishing up the Sewer Rehab Project. There are still some parts on order. The Village still owes H & H approximately \$50,000.00 dollars. The Board decided to send around \$25,000.00 dollars in April and withhold until everything is complete then they will send into E.P.A. for final pay. There is a possibility that there might be some leaks at the lagoon, this will give the Village more time to watch for leaks.

The Village has been taking necessary steps to re-purchase their Water Line Construction loan from F.H.A. at a discounted rate. Kurt Froelich of Champaign sent President Lorance a copy of the Bond Ordinance to be adopted. After discussion Tom Rodgers made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 89-344 authorizing and providing for the issuance of up to \$133,000 dollars waterworks refunding revenue bonds, Series 1989 of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois. Vote; Gary Wilson, yea - Joe Bayless, yea Myrl Littlejohn, yea - Tom Rodgers, yea- Jim Jobe, yea- and Jack Gallion, yea. Vote yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Peter Ruedi, Carle Care Representative met with Village employees and had an informative meeting about the Health Maintenance Organization. Mr. Ruedi is getting a quote for 10,000 dollar life insurance for each employee. Their current coverage does have 10,000 term life insurance. The Board will try to decide at the next board meeting if we will change insurance or health care coverage.

Bob Lanter reported that during the recent ice storm, they had to borrow a generator for the lagoon. He said the Village should have one in cases of emergencies. He had priced a 3,000 watt Honda generator with a conversion kit that can be used as a welder. Sparks and Sons has the welder and the cost is \$1995.00 dollars. Tom made a motion to purchase the generator for 1995.00 dollars and pay 50% out of sewer and 50% out of water funds. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Marathon made a donation to the Library in memory of Woodrow VanSchyock who who recently past away.

As all business was concluded Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Bayless. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

April 5, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 5, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Torn Littlejohn, Rodgers, Jim Jobe, and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, and Richard Ralston.

The Minutes of the March 15th meeting were approved as read.

There were not any utility customers present for utility bills a hearing for overdue out so the Water Department will send to the customers who are out-off notices delinquent.

Richard Ralston reported progress to the Village Board concerning Crawford County Solid Waste Disposal Agency. His proposal to the Board was to agree to try for one year a different method of picking up trash within the Village. The Agency would like to use Oblong and Palestine on a trial basis for one year. The current method is to set trash out on a designated day. Customers are allowed 5 trash bags a week and the charge is \$7.00 dollars a month. During the trial period of one year, customers would purchase in advance a sticker for each trash bag. The cost per 30 gallon trash bag would be \$1.00 dollar. The idea is to cut down on the amount of trash that has be buried. Each household would be given a plastic container free of charge for newspapers, glass bottles and cans. With people sorting the recyclable things, they would have less trash to bag. The trash pickup would still be one day a week and the truck would only pick up the bags that have a sticker on them. There would be a different truck on the same day pick up the contents of the plastic containers. The Agency has not heard finalization for their grant money. If everything is approved, they would like to put the project in action July 1, 1989. There were many pros and cons discussed and the Agency realizes that there will be some problems arise that they will have to deal with when they happen. The Board did feel as a whole that this could be the answer to future problems of dealing with trash. Joe Bayless made a motion to agree to have Oblong try the new Trash Program for one year if the grant is approved. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Village received a letter from Illinois EPA stating that the Village's application for exemption from the effluent disinfection requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.121 for the Oblong STP has been tentatively approved for year-round exemption.

The Board set the dates for the Spring Clean-Up for April 21 and 22nd. The dumpsters will be at the old Marathon lots at the corner of Grant and Kentucky streets. Louis Robinson from Rumpke Trash Disposal contacted the Clerk and said he was interested in bidding for Oblong's business. The Board might re-bid the Garbage contract later this summer depending what happens with the Solid Waste Disposal Agency.

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President Lorance said that the Bond Closing took place on Thursday, March 30th at First National Bank of Oblong. Those present were President-Larry Lorance, Clerk-Jane Hosselton, Trustee- Tom Rodgers, V. Pres. Bank - Steve Holliday, Attorney-Bill Thomas, and Bond Council-Kurt Froehlich. The Bonds are all signed. The final pay-off to F.H.A. for re-purchase of Water Loan in 1982 was \$287,235.66 dollars. The Village has a signed receipt for the paid bonds and they will be sent to the Village within a week or two.

The Village election was held on Tuesday, April 4, 1989. The results of the election were a new President and 3 new trustees. The new President of the Board of Trustees will be Tom Rodgers, and the 3 trustees will be Chuck Tuel, Earl Deckard, and Rick Houdasheldt. The new officers will take office on May 3rd. according to Village Ordinance. Not seeking re-election were Prs. Larry Lorance, and trustees Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn and Tom Rodgers as trustee.

The application for summer help were reviewed and Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to hire Richie Hawes, Jeff Finn, Bill Goodwin, and Jeff Akeman. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Bob said he would notify the boys and they could start as soon as they are out of school.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Oil Field Museum will once again open for the season of April 15th. Mike McReynolds will be caretaker of the Museum. Dave Reynolds will start his employment on April 15th also in Park Maintenance and help with the other departments when needed.

Officer Keith Foltz said he would probably have some help for getting the Oil Museum cleaned up for the season. He had some boys that would be doing some community service.

The Clerk had not heard back from Carle Care on the group insurance.

There is now a new Platinum Plan available on Cancer Insurance with American Family Life. Several employees and council members already have insurance with American Family Life. The clerk said she would contact Barbara Decker to come and go over the new plan. The insurance will be made available to new council members and the other members will have the option to change if they want.

As all business was concluded, Myrl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Wilson. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

*Jane Hosselton*

April 5 , 1989 Board Meeting Minutes Continued-----

President Lorance said that the Bond Closing took place on Thursday, March 30th at First National Bank of Oblong. Those present were President-Larry Lorance, Clerk-Jane Hosselton, Trustee- Tom Rodgers, V. Pres. Bank - Steve Holliday, Attorney-Bill Thomas, and Bond Council-Kurt Froehlich. The Bonds are all signed. The final pay-off to F.H.A. for re-purchase of Water Loan in 1982 was \$287,235.66 dollars. The Village has a signed receipt for the paid bonds and they will be sent to the Village within a week or two.

The Village election was held on Tuesday, April 4, 1989. The results of the election were a new President and 3 new trustees. The new President of the Board of Trustees will be Tom Rodgers, and the 3 trustees will be Chuck Tuel, Earl Deckard, and Rick Houdasheldt. The new officers will take office on May 3rd. according to Village Ordinance. Not seeking re-election were Prs. Larry Lorance, and trustees Gary Wilson, Myrl Littlejohn and Tom Rodgers as trustee.

The application for summer help were reviewed and Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to hire Richie Hawes, Jeff Finn, Bill Goodwin, and Jeff Akeman. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Bob said he would notify the boys and they could start as soon as they are out of school.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe Bayless. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Oil Field Museum will once again open for the season of April 15th. Mike McReynolds will be caretaker of the Museum. Dave Reynolds will start his employment on April 15th also in Park Maintenance and help with the other departments when needed.

Officer Keith Foltz said he would probably have some help for getting the Oil Museum cleaned up for the season. He had some boys that would be doing some community service.

The Clerk had not heard back from Carle Care on the group insurance.

There is now a new Platinum Plan available on Cancer Insurance with American Family Life. Several employees and council members already have insurance with American Family Life. The clerk said she would contact Barbara Decker to come and go over the new plan. The insurance will be made available to new council members and the other members will have the option to change if they want.

As all business was concluded, Myrl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Wilson. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

*Jane Hosselton*

April 19, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 19, 1989 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Larry Lorance, Pres; Gary Wilson, Joe Bayless, Myrl Littlejohn, Tom Rodgers, Jim Jobe and Jack Gallion, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, Treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Larry & Cheryl Komnick, Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Carl Veach, Bob Lanter, Chuck Tuel, Linda Cravens, & Herb Meeker.

The Minutes of the April 5th meeting were approved as read.

President Lorance informed the board that the Crawford County Solid Waste Disposal Agency project has been postponed. They will re-submit their grant application and the trial project could start after the July 1 date originally hoped for. Larry & Cheryl Komnick owners of K/C Disposal of Mt. Carmel came to discuss their Franchise with the Village of Oblong. The Village had a franchise agreement with Fuller Disposal until July of 1983 at which time the Village Board transferred the franchise agreement to K/C Disposal in August of 1983. However, at that time, there was not a signed agreement. The original franchise states that the residents have to go with the company contracted to pick up the trash. Some Oblong residents have recently changed to Rumpke Disposal Co. in Robinson. Mr. Komnick would like to continue doing business with the Village and sign a franchise. All board members commented that they thought the service had been excellent. The board had not received any complaints. The discussion was tabled. The new village board will be seated on May 3, 1989 and they will make a decision on the franchise agreement after that time.

President Lorance reported that R.D. Newbold is still working on his Eagle Scout Project. He started the project last summer and has been landscaping different areas of the Oblong Park. He will be doing more work on the project this spring and summer and he will keep the board up to date and present any proposals that he might have.

Jerry Russell had contacted Pres. Lorance and ask if he could make a new 4-H Wash Pad for cattle at the park. There is an existing wash-pad which doesn't drain right and he is going to re-do the pad. The Board said fine.

Pres. Lorance received a letter from Connor & Connor stating that the 1 year warranty on the Sewer Treatment Plant Project will expire on June 8, 1989. After this date the Village will be responsible for any costs incurred.

Tom Rodgers made a motion to contract Houser Tree Service of Hidalgo to take out a tree and stump on the North side of outer E. Main st. and 3 stumps on the south side of E. Main St. at a cost of \$150.00 dollars. Gary Wilson seconded the Motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Wilson made a motion to pay Clerk Jane Hosselton 25 cents per mile for 110 mile trip to Flora to deliver papers for bond closing on March 30th. Myrl Littlejohn seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Tom Rodgers stated that there is an electrical problem at the Oil Field Museum. After discussion Jack Gallion made a motion to request funds from the First National Bank of Oblong from the Eva Dennis Trust Fund to put in a new 100 amp service entrance to the Museum. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. The money was donated to the Village to be used specifically for the Oil Field Museum.

April 19th meeting continued-----

Police Committee Chairman, Jim Jobe, explained to the Board that the light bar on the squad car has not been working well. The light bar is 13 years old and has been rebuilt twice. The cost for a used rebuilt light bar with 90 day warranty would be 149.95 dollars. The cost for a new light bar with a 5 year warranty would be 492.97 dollars. The committee recommended that the Village purchase the new light bar. Tom Rodgers made the motion to a new light bar for \$492.97 dollars plus shipping. Jim Jobe 2nd the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Carol Tracy, treasurer told the Board that the base fee from The Exchange National Bank of Chicago to handle the old sewer bonds will increase from \$70.00 dollars per year to \$500.00 dollars per year. The bonds will not be paid off until the year 2002. Pres. Lorance suggested that if there is money left from the sewer rehab program that the board might want to payoff the old sewer bonds to save the cost.

Clerk Jane Hosselton said that she had a donation of \$100.00 dollars to the Library from David L. Krick Jr. in memory of Lois Mc Kimmy.

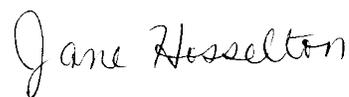
The liquor license are due and payable by April 30, 1989. The clerk typed up the license and the mayor and clerk signed them. The owners are required to fill out an application for a license each year and the annual fee is \$1,000.00 dollars. There are 2 licenses issued in the Village of Oblong.

Jane Hosselton asked if she could continue this summer and have a summer reading program in the library. This will be the 3rd year for the program. The board did not have any objections. Thelma Baker will work through the summer helping with the program.

Each member of the village board expressed their thanks and opinions to all members of the board on working together the past many years. There were comments as to the accomplishments that had been made and that it was rewarding serving on the Village Board.

Incoming Pres. Tom Rodgers and Board Trustees Chuck Tuel, Earl Deckard, and Rick Houdasheldt signed their official oath to have on file in the Clerk's office. They will take office on May 3, 1989.

As all business was concluded, Myrl Littlejohn made the motion to adjourn seconded by Gary Wilson. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

May 3, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 3, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Keith Foltz, Linda Cravens, Louis Robinson, Gary ~~~, Bill Holt, Herb Meeker, Janet Schilowsky, Lisa Pinkston, and Laura Demma.

The Minutes of the April 17th meeting were approved as read.

President Rodgers first act as Mayor was to appoint Carol Sue treasurer for one year and to appoint Jane Hosselton as clerk 4 year term to expire in 1993.

Pres. Rodgers set up the following committees for 1989 -90

	<u>Chairman</u>		
Finance	Joe Bayless	Jim Jobe	Earl Deckard
Water & Sewer	Jack Gallion	Rick Houdasheldt	Joe Bayless
Police	Chuck Tuel	Earl Deckard	Jim Jobe
Street & Alley Park	Jim Jobe	Rick Houdasheldt	Jack Gallion
Sidewalk and	Rick Houdasheldt	Chuck Tuel	Jack Gallion
Lights	Earl Deckard	Joe Bayless	Chuck Tuel

One Oblong Water customer was present to discuss a delinquent water bill. Pres. Rodgers said he would check the records in the water department and get back with the customer on Friday, May 5th.

Bill Holt representing the Oblong Fire Department requested that the Village consider flushing the fire hydrants annually. He felt that the Village would be held liable if one of the hydrants did not work. Jim Jobe made a motion to have the Water Department flush the hydrants annually dividing the town into sections Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Lisa Pinkston and Janet Schilowsky representing the Chamber of Commerce asked the Village if they would donate money or buy 1 or 2 trash cans for up town. They are asking community organizations to donate also. At the present time, Oblong has 6 decorative trash cans on main street. They would like to have at least ten. The Village helped purchase the initial trash cans bought. Jim Jobe made a motion to buy one trash can at a cost of \$404.00 or \$417.00 dollars plus shipping, Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Janet Schilowsky also asked about putting up signs to designate where the parking areas are for shopping. The Village asked her to contact Bill Sandiford. The village could order the signs for the Chamber.

Louis Robinsons. and Gary Alumbaugh representing Rumpke Trash Company in Robinson. Stated They are already servicing some merchants and some residential customers in Oblong. Since the Village does not have a signed franchise at this time, if the Village does put the job up for bid, Rumpke would like to have an opportunity to submit a bid. Rumpke currently operates in 4 states. Pres. Rodgers told Mr. Robinson that they would be notified when the job was bid. The trustees are interested in making the franchise on an annual basis.

May 3rd Meeting continued-----

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Chuck Tuel. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion reported that Myrl Littlejohn is working on the 100 amp service entrance at the Oil Field Museum at the Oblong Park.

Pres. Rodgers reported that we are still waiting to hear from the State about our Oil Field Museum. The Village applied for a Grant, the grants are to be reviewed sometime in May.

The John Middleton Little League sign is painted and ready to be put back up. Bob Lanter will ask Gerald Bilyew if he will put the sign up.

Jane Hosselton had been in contact with Carle Care Insurance. A volunteer committee of Joe Bayless, Rick Houdasheldt and Earl Deckard said they would work with the Clerk and try to come up with a proposal to present to the Board.

The Clerk was instructed to put a notice in the paper concerning weeds 8" and more in height, abandoned buildings and cars. The Village Ordinance states guidelines and tickets can be issued to violaters.

Pres. Rodgers has been in contact with the Village attorney, Bill Thomas and the easements are all complete except one. Construction should begin July 15th for sewer rehab.

In correspondence, Pres. Rodgers had received a letter informing of a community Expo in Chicago in June, CIPS issues, and a letter stating that May is ground water protection month.

Seiferts sent a letter stating that as of June 1, 1989 they will no longer sell gasoline. They will keep their automotive repair business and include a large selection of used cars. Their decision came about because of EPA rulings and changes being made with underground pumps.

Gary Lanter reported that they are having problems with the booster pump at the Lagoon.

The light bar for the squad car came in today. It will be mounted on Thursday.

The following dates were set up for committee meetings:

Insurance Committee:	Monday, May 8th at 6:30 P.M. (Farley Room) "
Water & Sewer	Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 P.M.
Police	Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 P.M.
Park	Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 P.M.

As all business was concluded Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

May 17, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 17, 1989, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Richard Newbold, R.D. Newbold, Dick Ridlen, Tom Haley, Howard Mouser, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Ron Reich, Mike Connor, and Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the May 3rd meeting were approved as read.

R.D. Newbold reported to the board about his Eagle Scout Project at the Park. He started the project last year of landscaping around the Park and he is suppose to contribute 100 hours to the project. He explained that due to the dry weather some of the trees and bushes had died. He gave an estimate of \$160.60 dollars to plant 7 silver maple trees and some bushes. Rick made a motion to give permission for R.D. to purchase the trees and bushes and continue with the project. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Tom Haley asked the board if the Crawford County Jamboree could use the park in the summer months for their music on the second Saturday of each month. They have used the park and grandstand in the past. The board said okay.

Howard Mouser approached the board representing waterline customers south of town. The residents own their own line which services 16 homes. They would like to get the line into Village specs and have the city take the line over. There was discussion about the size of line and also that they would need to have EPA approval. The Village Board have taken over lines in the past and said as long as the line meets the approvals they will accept the line.

There was discussion concerning the fact that the Village pays hydrant rental from one account to another. Possibly there was an agreement set up several years ago and the Village paid to help the Fire Department. Joe Bayless made a motion to stop paying \$100.00 dollars a month out of General Fund into the Water Fund for rental of their own hydrants. Earl Seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The water and sewer committee will check with the trustees of the OblgrFire Protection District.

Ron Reich engineer from Connor & Connor discussed the current status with the Grant for more sewer rehabilitation. Several documents needed signature to proceed. Joe Bayless made a motion to adopt a Resolution to authorize Tom to sign Grant Documents for E.P.A. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Jack made the motion to adopt a Resolution of Intent regarding National Flood Insurance. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

The Village already had their certificate regarding Local financing which states that the Village will keep 60,000 dollars available in their local account. President Rodgers also signed the certification regarding limitations on State Grant Awards which states that the Village agrees to pay the 30% not covered by the Grant.

As all of the current sewer project is very close to finished Ron stated that the Village should go ahead and request for final payment to close out the records on the project. Rick made a motion to give Tom approval to make a request for final payment in the amount of \$59,971.76 dollars from E.P.A. Joe Bayless seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Village still owes an estimated 25,000 dollars to H & H the contractor and the Village still owes some to the engineers. Ron is sending a letter to H & H in Mt. Vernon about extending the warranty on the pump. He also explained that due to algae in the summer the Village might notice higher chemical bills.

Mike Connor had ran the streets with Bob Lanter for summer repairs. He had a map of where the repairs would be made. He discussed with the Board that he could set up the program where the Village could be reimbursed for a flat labor rate and truck rental out of the MFT account. Mike felt like 10,000 dollars would help with the Village expense and still leave enough to do the repairs in the MFT account. Jack Made a motion to approve street repairs, labor and truck rental and engineering in the amount of \$35,778.86 dollars. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl then made a motion to MFT appropriate \$37,000.00 dollars out of Jim cover the project. o nays motion seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas carried.

President Rodgers reviewed his correspondence. He received a letter from Kemper CPA stating the fee for the 1988-89 Audit. Joe made a motion to allow Kemper to do the Audit at a cost of \$2,490.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas-0 nays motion carried. Kemper will start the audit on May 30th and hope to be able to complete the audit in 5-7 days.

The Board discussed the trash situation and were all in agreement that they wanted a written franchise and that they wanted to bid the job. A volunteer committee of Earl, Jim and Joe will meet and revise the old franchise making some changes and adding a clause for an out if the Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency gets to go ahead with their project this summer. After they make changes, the village attorney will check the franchise.

Joe Bayless finance chairman said he needs any estimated costs and needs from the committees before doing the annual appropriation. Also, the finance committee will be reviewing salaries.

Rick discussed some possibilities with tearing down the old grand stand and putting up a smaller one. He said he would check into the costs.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to pay a clothing allowance of \$150.00 dollars to Carl Veach and Larry Fear on an annual basis. Earl seconded seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Jack Cunningham, Carl Veach and Larry Fear are currently working as part-time patrolman on a rotating basis for the Oblong PoliceDepartment.

As all business was concluded, Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck Tuel. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

June 7, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 7, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Sue Trydinger, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Lisa Pinkston, Clarence Smith, Bill Thomas, Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Linda Cravens, and Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the May 17th meeting were approved as read.

Lisa Pinkston and Clarence Smith were concerned with the drainage problem in their store buildings. With the slope of the road behind when we have heavy rains, it runs into their store buildings. Some of the other stores in the same area are having problems too. The Village is going to check into digging out and making a different slope to see if it will drain better. Lisa also reported that the new trash containers for Main St. are ordered.

Ron Reich reported that the new sewer rehab program is going good. He said we should be ready to advertise for bids by the middle of June. The Board gave approval for Ron to go ahead and advertise as soon as they are ready. President Rodgers signed the construction permit, certificate of right of way and easements, and Specs sheet.

Ron presented to the Board the Engineering agreement for Step III Sewer Rehab program. Jim Jobe made the motion to approve the engineering agreement in the amount of \$15,012.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried. Ron also recommended to the Board to sign and send in the audit paper to EPA that says the Village agrees with the final amount to be paid by EPA. Ron has checked the figures and agrees with them. The Village still owes H & H \$25,620.87 dollars and they owe Connor and Connor \$11,541.40 dollars. Rick made the motion to sign the final audit paper agreeing that the EPA owes to the Village \$33,239.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Village received a letter from H & H stating that they will extend the warranty on the new lagoon cell because of possible leaking. It should correct itself in time but the Village will be covered just in case. Ron felt that the Village should go ahead and make final payment to H & H because they have finished everything that needed to be done. The Village agreed to pay \$25,620.87 out of the EPA Construction Account.

President Rodgers informed the Board that on Monday, June 12, at 5 P.M. Babe Woodyard, Mike Weaver, Don Norton, and a Dept. of Transportation representative will be at the Municipal Building to have a ceremony and present a sign to the 1989 Oblong State Math Champions. The signs will be placed under the Oblong population signs at the East and West edges of Oblong. Everyone is invited to attend.

President Rodgers reviewed his correspondence on a Gas Tax and A Sur Charge Plan. Tom gave each trustee a copy of the proposed Trash Franchise to be bid if all are in agreement. A decision will be made at the June 21st Board meeting.

Rick made a motion to adopt a Resolution ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages for Oblong. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

June 7th meeting continued -----

The Oblong Police Dept is now submitting an activity report to the Board for each month. It state how many traffic citations, DUI's, Alcohol arrests, Ordinance violations, Warning tickets, criminal charges, and other which pertains to escorts, general assistance, etc. There were 91 contacts made in the Police Dept for the month of May.

Rick had checked with Mike Munson on an estimated cost for tearing down the Band shell from the concrete up. Mike said he would do the job for \$400.00 dollars and haul off the concrete. The Village would need to have a new pole set and all of the electric moved. Rick said he would check with Lytle Electric. There were no' definite decisions made at this time.

The Board discussed the problems with destruction of the Restrooms at the Park. The Village cannot afford to keep replacing all of the broken and destroyed items each week. Rick made a motion to have the restrooms locked at 8:00 p.m. The campers can get a key for the restrooms by paying a \$10.00 dollar deposit that will be refunded when the key is returned. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays. Motion carried. If there is a big event scheduled it will be up to the police on duty to extend when they lock the restrooms.

The Board went into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Back into regular session at 8:42 p.m. Chuck made a motion to pay bills seconded by Jim. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 21, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 21, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Jim Wallace, Linda Cravens, Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter, Bob Utterback, Phil Mendenhall, & Mike Munson.

The minutes of the June 7th meeting were approved as read.

Bob Utterback asked the board what water customers need to do to have the Village take over and maintain a water line. The line was put in according to Village requirements. The city attorney is looking over the agreement if everything is in order the Village will sign the agreement when all of the customers on the line have signed.

R.D. Newbold sent a letter to Pres. Rodgers stating that his project at the Oblong Park is now complete. The clerk is to send a letter to R.D. So he can get the credit for his project from the Terre Haute council.

The Board reviewed the proposed trash franchise again and Earl Deckard made a motion to put the trash franchise up for bid for one year according to Village agreement. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 1 nay Joe Bayless motion carried. The clerk is to put the notice in the paper that the bids will be opened at the July 19th Board meeting and that the Village Board has the right to reject any or all bids.

President Rodgers reviewed the cover letters from the audit for 1988-89 from Kemper CPA Group. Willie McKinney will be at the July 19th board meeting to discuss the audit in more detail. He had already met with the finance committee. Jim Jobe made the motion to require 2 signatures on all Village checks effective July 1, 1989. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 6 years - 0 nays motion carried. The checks will require the Treasurer's signature and the Village Board president's signature or one of the 3 finance committee members.

Pres. Rodgers discussed with the Board a computer proposal made by Kemper Computers. The Board talked over a year ago about putting one in the Mayor's office for the clerk and treasurer to keep all of the Village records on. Pres. Rodgers stated that he would like for the board to think about the idea and make a decision at the July 5th board meeting. The Village would need to act right away or wait until the end of the 1990 fiscal year because of all the records that would have to be put on.

The proposal is:

Hardware	2200.00
CA General Ledger	815.00
Training (on site)	1000.00
2 people/8 hr. course	<u>260.00</u>
	\$4275.00

Earl Deckard reported that the Sidewalk outline will be ready by the July 5th board meeting.

Rick reported that he had one estimate on the electrical work at the park but was still checking other possibilities.

June 21st Board meeting continued-----

Phil Mendenhall representing the Oblong Fire Dept. asked the Board if they could have a circus to raise money. Chuck Tuel made the motion to allow the Fire Dept. to use the Park for a circus on August 5th. Earl <sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Jim Wallace ESDA coordinator presented to the Board the County Emergency Response Plan. A committee has been working for 2 years on the State mandated plan. This will join county forces with a chain of command set up to cover any disaster. The Board was very impressed with the plan and asked some questions. Chuck Tuel made the motion to adopt the Policy as presented by th Committee and support and do what is necessary to finalize the Plan. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas o nays motion carried. Jim did explain that Tom would be first on the chain of command as Mayor but the Board needs to set up who would be called next if Tom was not available. They should have at least 4 names in the order of chain of command.

The Board went into executive session at 8:45 P.M. to discuss salaries.

Back into regular session at 9:25.

Jack made a motion to adopt the finance committees' recommended Salary pay scale for the 1989-90 fiscal year. They are as follows:

Wanda Lanter	\$ 1020.00/month + IMRF4.5%
Bob Lanter Terry	1675.00/month + IMRF
Gish Harry Shafer	1675.00/month + IMRF
Gary Lanter Keith	1520.00/month + IMRF
Foltz	1520.00/month + IMRF
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Joann Mendenhall,  
Leah Chiddix, Dave Reynolds, &  
Avonelle Purcell 4.00/hr.+ IMRF

Jack Cunningham, Carl Veach  
& Larry Fear (Part-time Police) 6.50 / hour

Mike McReynolds	665.00/month + IMRF
Carol Tracy Jane	241.67/month +25.00 / board mtg. + IMRF
Hosselton	740.00/month + 25.00 /board mtg. + IMRF with Full-time benefits

Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Joe made a motion to accept the finance committees' realignment on guidelines of sick days, personal days and vacation time. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried. The changes are as follows:

Vacation: 1 year -1 week  
2-4 years - 2 weeks  
5-9 years - 3 weeks  
10 years & over 4 weeks

Sick Days: Termination or retirement -Sick ~~da~~ cannot be turned into cash value.

Personal Days: Each full-time employee will now be given one personal day each year - not to be tacked on before or after a vacation. These days cannot be acc

As all business was concluded Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim.

July 5, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 5, 1989, at 7:00 P. M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others: Bob Lanter, Keith Foltz, Dick Ridlen, Herb Meeker, Bob Harris, and Linda Cravens.

The minutes of the June 21st board meeting were approved as read.

John Richey who lives on North Taylor Street asked about having a street light put in at the end of Illinois St. The Board said they would check the location, but generally they wait until they can add so many to the contract to justify the change.

Bob Harris and Dick Ridlen asked the Board if they would donate the 400.00 dollars that they were thinking of using to tear down the Band Stand at the Park and let the Fair Board use the money and with volunteer labor repair the Band Shelter. The Board said that would be fine and if they could repair the shelter with that amount of money it would be an asset to the Park. Jack made a motion to pay \$400.00 dollars to the Fair Board to renovate the stage at the Park. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers reported that Bill Thomas finished with the Easements for the Sewer Rehab program and they are filed and recorded.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from the Public Health Dept commending the Village for their well-maintained camp ground. They did an inspection on June 15, 1989 and did not find any violations. The license can be renewed at the expiration date.

The Village received final pay from EPA for the sewer rehab program.

Pres. Rodgers received information from the Ill. Risk Management Association concerning liability insurance for small municipalities. Rick said he would take the forms and look over the information.

Pres. Rodgers signed the certificate for Operations and Maintenance for State Grant Rehab. It will be sent in to EPA.

Jack made a motion to accept the 1989-90 Appropriation Ordinance #89-345 as proposed by the Finance Committee. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The trustees discussed the possibility of purchasing a new computer for Village Clerk and Treasurer records. Earl made the motion to purchase a computer from Kemper Computer Group in the amount of \$3015.00 dollars plus training to be used for Village records. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Joe Bayless discussed with the Board an Insurance Proposal from Don Houdasheldt representing Time Insurance Company. The Village employees met with 2 different representatives and they felt that the Time Ins. plan was very good coverage.

July 5th Board meeting continued

The Board was in agreement that if the Time Ins. Co. would accept all of the employees that they would change Insurance companies for the full-time employees with the Village still paying \$150.00 dollars of the \$250.00 dollar deductible. The increase in cost per month will be approximately \$250.00 dollars.

Earl Deckard reported that the proposed sidewalk repair will be for 967 linear feet. He passed out proposals for the trustees to review and discuss at the next meeting on July 19th.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Chuck. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bob Lanter reported that they got the new broom for the sweeper.

Keith Foltz gave an Activity Report for the Police Dept. with 97 contacts being made.

The clerk reported that there will be a bid opening for street repairs on Tuesday, July 18, 1989 at 10 A. M.

As all business was concluded Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 F. M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

July 18, 1989

A Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 18, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building for the purpose of opening bids for summer maintenance on street program.

Present: Tom Rodgers, Mike Connor, Billie Elkins, Jane Hosselton, Danny Kintner, Dave Krick, Jim Kavanaugh, Mike Munson, Bob Lanter, and Larry Waldrop.

Mike Connor opened and read the following bids:

1. Ambraw Asphalt - Certified Check -\$150.00  
Bituminous Patch Mix -140 ton - 27.75/ton \$3,885.00
2. Lee Kintner & Sons Cashiers Check -\$1,000.00  
Bituminous Materials - HFRS - 13,607 gallons - 70~/gallon - \$9,524.90  
Furnish & Apply  
CA - 16 Crushed Stone 567 tons -15.50/ton \$8,788.50
3. Dave and Terry Krick -Cashiers Check -\$150.00  
Pavement Repair 50 sq. yd. 65.70/sq. yd. \$3,285.00
4. Larry Waldrop \$150.00 Cash -Not Received  
Pavement Repair - 50 sq. yd. 99.53/sq. yd. \$4,976.50

Bids will be awarded at the regular Village Board Meeting on Wednesday July 19, 1989. All bids were awardable according to estimate except the pavement repair.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 19, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 19, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Others Present: Mike Connor, Bob Hansen, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Willie Krick, McKinney, Herb Meeker, David Rumpke, and Larry and Cheryl Komnick.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

The minutes of the July 5th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers opened bids for the Trash Franchise. Bids were as follows:

1. Hansen & Sons Vincennes, Ind. \$6.00/month for 5 bags each week  
Each additional bag over 5 is 25~ per bag.
2. K/C Disposal - Lawrenceville, Ill. \$7.00/month for 6 bags each week  
Each additional bag over 6 is 50~ per bag.
3. Rumpke - Robinson, Ill. \$7.00/month-No limit on bags per week.

After discussion the Board felt they needed public input before they could make a decision. Jack Gallion made the motion to table the decision until the August 2nd Board Meeting. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Mike Connor discussed the bid opening for MFT that took place on Tuesday. Rick made the motion to accept all low bids as follows:

Ambraw Asphalt - Patch Mix - \$3,885.00  
Lee Kintner & Sons - HFRS & CA-16 - \$18,313.40  
Dave & Terry Krick - Pavement Repair - \$3,285.00

Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Willie McKinney reviewed the audit for the 1988-89 Fiscal Year. Village looks good and Kemper is working on ways to help the Village generate more revenue.

Pres. Rodgers received word from the Illinois Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources that the Oblong Oil Field Museum will be awarded \$1970.00 dollars for operating expenses. Tom has appointed a committee of Rick Houdasheldt, Allen Price, Bill Black, Jerry Kidwell, and Bill Sandiford to continue working toward grant money for construction.

Pres. Rodgers said that the Village will not let bids on the Sewer Project until the end of January. This should alleviate problems with the weather in the late fall.

Sheriff Tom Weger approached Tom about the Multi-county drug task force. They are asking for a one time donation according to population to get the task force started. Then the intent is to generate enough money for operations. The board tabled their decision until the next meeting.

Earl Deckard reported that the Sidewalk committee is ready to advertise for bids for 967 linear feet of sidewalk repair. The bids will be opened at the August 16th board meeting.

July 19th Board meeting continued-----

Chuck Tuel reported that the Fair Board and volunteers put 21 gallons of paint on the Band Shelter. He also suggested that the Village think about putting up a couple of steel doors' sometime. The wood doors get torn up by vandals.

Bob Lanter asked about having the fair grounds sprayed before and after the fair. The board agreed to continue as they have in the past.

Jim Jobe made a motion to purchase a transit with tripod and case from Sears in the amount of \$218.00 plus shipping and handling. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

August 2, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 2, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Larry Komnick, Tom Weger, Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, Keith Foltz, Gary Davis, and Rumpke Representatives.

The minutes of the July 19th meeting were approved as read.

The sanitary hauling proposals were reviewed from K/C Disposal, Rumpke, and Hansen & Sons. Jim Jobe made a motion to accept the bid from K/C Disposal of Lawrenceville, Ill. Chuck Tuel seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. K/C has serviced the Oblong area for the past 8 years. The input from the Village residents was to keep the same company. The contract is for one year and will be re-bid each year. # 89-346

Pres. Rodgers sent a thank you to Senator Babe Woodyard in regard to a flag that was purchased and given to the Village of Oblong for the Municipal Building.

Pres. Rodgers talked to Tom Cullen in regard to how much the Village of Oblong's share will be generated from the Sur Tax. The payments will be monthly and over a 2 year period the minimum amount will be \$108,848.00 dollars. The amount could be slightly higher. And there are not any stipulations as to how the money must be spent, it is up to the jurisdiction of the Village Board.

Sheriff Tom Weger and Robinson Mayor Gary Davis addressed the Board on the Drug Task Force. Tom explained that each county will supply one man's salary, clothing, etc. which is what the money from each city or Village within the county will be used for. There will be 2 state personnel people to supervise the employees. The Drug Task Force Board will consist of one delegate of each county to govern decisions. Oblong will pay \$1.10 per person times population. Jim Jobe made a motion to participate in the Drug Task Force Program at a cost of \$1.10 per person x 1800 people equaling \$1980.00 dollars to be paid in one payment. Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The treasurer did issue the check payable to Elaine Miller, County Treasurer in the amount of 1980.00 dollars.

Joe Bayless reported that the committee might add on 8 feet extra on the sidewalk proposal. They are going to check a problem area.

Chuck made a motion to pay bills seconded by Jim. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Activity Sheet from the Police Department showed 112 contacts and 1402 miles driven for the month of Jul

The problem with the Railroad tracks was discussed and Pres. Rodgers asked the trustees to call and see what can be done - the response from Railroad company has not been productive.

The Board went into executive session at 8:20 P.M. to discuss Real Estate.  
Back into regular session at 8:25 - Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick.  
All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

August 16, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 16, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Leonard Schernekau, Herb Meeker, Connie Stephenson, Carl Veach, Keith Foltz, and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the August 2nd meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers opened and read the following sidewalk repair bids:

Leonard L. Schernkau	Robinson, III.	\$5,568.70
Dave & Terry Krick	Oblong, III.	\$8,303.30
John Russell & Sons	Oblong, III.	\$7,932.00
BJ's Construction	Oblong, III.	\$7,478.00

Jack Gallion made the motion to accept the low bid of 5,568.70 from Leonard Schernekau. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. There will be 8 feet of sidewalk replacement on Grant and Nebraska in addition to the original specs.

The board gave permission for Sarah Bush to borrow a picture album from the Oil Field Museum to have reproduced.

The Village computer is installed and in operation. The board discussed the proposed maintenance agreement. Rick made a motion to enter into a maintenance agreement with Kemper Computer Center for 2 years all parts and labor covered for a one year cost of \$496.85 dollars. The amount will be divided 3 ways between water, sewer and general funds. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

The Truth and Taxation Hearing was set for September 6th, 1989 at the Village Board meeting. Jim made a motion to accept the estimated figures for the 1989-90 Tax Levy. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Tax Levy will be adopted at the September 6th meeting following the hearing.

Rick Houdasheldt updated the Board of the Oil Field Museum expansion project. He had received a letter of support from the Crawford County Board. There is a mid-September deadline for the State Grant.

Carol Sue Tracy went over some of the new computer print outs with the Trustees.

As all business was concluded Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M. to watch a Video of the Oil Field Museum filmed by trustee Joe Bayless, starring George Whiston, Sylvan Cross and Jack Bush explaining and demonstrating oil field equipment.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

September 6, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 6, 1989 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Dr. Lindley Chuck and Beulah Smith, Harold Ridlen, Keith Kidwell, Marian Stuckey, and Russell Mikeworth.

The minutes of the August 16th meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was the Truth and Taxation Hearing. Pres. Tom Rodgers explained the increase in tax rates to several Village residents. The actual rate of increase that was noticed on individual tax bills will be between 5.4% and 5.9%. After discussion Rick made a motion to adopt Tax Levy #89~ Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. The Village Board added 4 funds to the Tax Levy this year that do not require a tax referendum. They are Audit, IMRF, Social Security, and Unemployment. -347

Pres. Rodgers read a letter from IEPA stating that the Village is assured to get a full 70% grant for Sewer rehabilitation that will start in the spring. Also the Grant cannot be added to unless proven cost effective.

The Village Christmas Party was set for Dec. 15th at the Municipal Building.

Trustees asked the clerk to check with Leonard Schernekau to see when he can start on the sidewalks. There is an Oct. 15th deadline.

Jim Jobe reported that Clyde Milam donated a picture of the "First Gusher at Oil Center" to the Oblong Oil Field Museum.

Also Jim has received some calls that trash is being picked up before 6 a.m. The clerk is to check with K/C.

Rick Houdasheldt reported that there are several pieces of equipment that will need repair. He had prepared a list of needs. Pres. Rodgers asked the finance committee to meet and determine expense and priorities and report back to the board when they have a proposal.

Bob Lanter reported that Dave & Terry Krick had more extensive repair in 2 locations on Rarge St. The repairs were necessary and at this time did not know the cost.

Joe made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Chuck. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 8:30 to discuss Real Estate. Back into regular session at 8:45 p.m. Pres. Rodgers made the statement that Oblong Fire Chief had called and reported that he was asked to apply for a burn permit for the house at 501 W. Main St. The fire department will burn the house and provide traffic control and furnish hydrants. It is the former Szigethy property.

As all business was concluded, Joe made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

September 20, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 20, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Linda Cravens, and Mike Burke.

The minutes of the September 6th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers had been contacted by Truckers Express of Longview, Texas, asking permission to bring a vessel 15'6" tall by 11' wide by 130' long through Oblong going to Marathon Refinery. They will be turning South on Range St. A letter was sent to David Johnson, commissioner, stating that Truckers Express would be responsible for any damages that occur in the Village of Oblong. It will be coming through in a couple of weeks, . they will contact the Village 2 days in advance to set up traffic control.

Gary Lanter had an Illinois EPA inspection on Tuesday and everything was in order.

MFT 1988 audit was approved by the Village Board.

The Street Sweeper has undergone repairs in the amount of \$11,845.82 dollars. The lift assembly is not working properly and will take 800.00 or .900.00 dollars to repair. The Board felt they should take the time to fix it right and go ahead and due the extra repair.

Pres. Rodgers read through the Police Activity Sheet - there were 154 contacts made. Pres. Rodgers commended the Police Dept. on 2 cases that were recently solved in a matter of a few days.

David & Terry Krick recently repaired North and South Range St. where the street was raised due to the extreme summer heat in 1988. There was extensive work done and the cost exceeded the estimate given. Jim Jobe made a motion to pass an improvement Resolution in the amount of \$8,000 dollars to amend the estimated cost of Maintenance for Motor Fuel Tax. Earl seconded the motion. Vote: Bayless - yea, Deckard - yea, Jobe - yea, Gallion - nay, and Tuel - yea. 4 yeas - 1 nays motion carried. Mike Connor will send the papers into the State for approval to payout of MFT funds.

The Board voted to add 4 line items to the Tax Levy and Willie McKinney met with Tom and Jane prior to the meeting to show had to adjust the amounts to show the line items in the appropriation and the levy. The totals will not change, they will just transfer out of the General Fund into the Line Items. Jim Jobe made the motion approving the amendment to the Appropriation and to change the form. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Clerk Jane Hosselton explained that CTLS book service will have a meeting Thurs. Sept. 21 at 7:30 in Flora at CTLS to determine a rate of increase on the yearly book rental for the Reading Centers. The Oblong Library rate will go from 200.00 dollars to 800.00 dollars if passed. The Library will receive new material and the book van will come once a qtr. instead of once a month. A proposal is to be sent to Oblong after the board meeting.

September 20, 1989 Board Meeting Continued-----

Pres. Rodgers had been to a meeting with Triax Cablevision. The Basic Rate will be going up \$1.45 per month. This will made the basic cost \$18.40 per month. They will be adding to channels. One will be TNT and they are trying to get WOR out of New York. If they cannot get WOR they will replace it with A & E which will be a cultural channel.

Treasurer Carol Tracy went over the Trial Balance with The Board Members and explained the different accounts.

As all business was concluded Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl Deckard. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

October 4, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 4, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, Treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Herb Meeker, Connie Nichols, Bob Lanter Marlin Hedge, Melissa Dollahan.

The minutes of the September 20th meeting were approved as read.

President Rodgers discussed water bills with Marlin Hedge, Connie Nichols, and Melissa Dollahan.

Trick or Treat night was set for Monday, October 30th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 p.m. for children ages 12 and under. Residents please turn porch lights on so kids will know where they can go.

Pres. Rodgers read through the The Police Department Activity Sheet. He were 142 contacts made. on a job well done in commended the department done.

Pres. Rodgers reported that Triax can not get WOR on cablevision at this time; however, they are still negotiating and hope that they can put in on in a couple of months.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay bills seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

CTLS sent the Oblong Library a copy of the new contract agreement for the upcoming year 1990. The new rates will be \$800.00 dollars for one year. The Board will decide at a later date whether or not to enter into the contract agreement.

As all business was concluded, Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk



October 18, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 18, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Herb Meeker, Keith Foltz, and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the October 4th meeting were approved as read.

In the first order of business, Jim Jobe made a motion seconded by Chuck Tuel for President Tom Rodgers to sign a proclamation designating October National Lupus Month. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl Deckard reported that the sidewalks should be done by October 25-26 tho As the contractor did not meet the October 15th deadline, the board discussed being more specific in the bidding process next year and charge a penalty if the sidewalks are not finished in time.

Rick Houdasheldt reported that packets including design work of the Oil Field Museum have been sent into the State of Illinois for the Oil Field Museum Foundation and the State will notify the Board of Directors when a decision has been made for funding for the museum.

As all business was finished Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

November 1, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 1, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Jennie Milam, Linda Cravens, Terry Gish, Mike Munson, Phil Mendenhall, Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, and Jay Woodworth.

The minutes of the October 18th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers introduced Jay Woodworth, representing Crawford County ESDA Rescue. Mr. Woodworth talked in detail about the Villages' responsibility in case of a disaster. The 3 main decisions and concerns of the Village would be, first of all the safety of the residents, then the Village would be responsible for expenses incurred in connection with the disaster and #3 the Village would be responsible for economic recovery. The entire county will be set up to assist where help is needed. The Board then toured the ESDA vehicle supplied for a command center, equipment, maps, etc. Oblong Fire Chief, Phil Mendenhall, and Asst. Fire Chief, Mike Munson were with Jay Woodworth as all of the county is working together to better prepare our county for a disaster.

The Clerk is to fill out a form inquiring about a discount for unemployment compensation insurance.

President Rodgers received a letter from Indiana Railroad informing that they are wanting to have operation rights of the Railway from Indiana through Illinois to Lis.

President Rodgers stated that he had received corporation papers for the 011 Field Museum. The clerk will have the document recorded at the Courthouse and call the Attorney Generals office to report a not-for profit corporation.

The Board approved a trailer permit for Alice Weaver at 405 S. Garfield St.

Earl discussed the problem with the sidewalks not being done by the 15th of October. The Board discussed possible penalty payments and other options to have the sidewalks finished earlier next year. The Board will discuss their ideas at a later date. There were 2 add ons to the original bid that were held over for next year.

Rick Houdasheldt commended the Village employees and clubs and organizations involved with the Oblong Fall Follies for a job well done.

Total police contacts for October were 100.

Joe made a motion to pay bills seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

November 15, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 15, 1989, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Linda Cravens, Leonard Schernekau, and Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the November 1st meeting were approved as read.

Earl Deckard reported that the sidewalks were finished and everything looked good. Payment was made to Mr. Schernekau.

Lisa Pinkston had contacted Pres. Rodgers and asked if the Village would pay for the electric for Christmas decorations. The Village has paid the bill for several years and will continue to do so. The park bench in front of TSI Agency will be moved during the Christmas season while the trees are up.

Pres. Rodgers reported that there will be a meeting about the Oil Field Museum at the First National Bank of Oblong - lower level on Tuesday, November 21st at 5:00 P.M. There will be several areapresentatives and invited guests.

Jane Hosselton asked if the Village would support another summer reading program for the Library. The Board said yes tentatively. A definite answer will be given at a later time. The library has to submit an order for program materials by the end of November.

The Board went into executive session at 7:25 to discuss personnel.

Back into open session at 8:10 P.M. Pres. Rodgers read a letter of resignation from their janitor, George Fitz, effective 11-17-89. Mr. Fitz has recently taken a full-time position with Crawford Memorial Hospital and does not have the time to devote to the janitorial position. After discussion, upon the building committee recommendation, Rick made a motion to hire Hubert Seaney as janitor on contract for \$200.00 / month effective 11-18-89. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk



December 6, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 6, 1989, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Marjorie Brown, Rick Holt, Linda Cravens, John Burner, Herb Meeker, and Rocky Neeley.

The minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers introduced Marjorie Brown, warden for the forthcoming prison in Robinson. Ms. Brown said she would be available for any questions or concerns that people might have about the prison. The Correctional Dept is now located in the Ledo Building in Robinson.

John Burner, Engineer for the Ill. Central Gulf Railroad is from Palestine and expressed his concern for the parcel sale to Indiana Railroad Company. He represents 19 families that all live in the Palestine area. They would indeed have to relocate as well as any parcel sale that has taken place in the past has resulted in the loss of that railroad. Also, Mr. Burner said that the grain companies would be without cars as well as other businesses such as Marathon Oil Refinery that use Ill. Central Gulf Railroad. Mr. Burner asked the Board to send letters to Terry Bruce and the Interstate Commerce Commission to express their concern or disapproval. They need the surrounding communities input to give the Interstate Commerce Commission a reason to hold hearings to find out more about the sale.

Rick Holt approached the Board to ask if he could write a Grant for the Oblong Lake to try and get money to drain and clean the lake. He is going to school at Oakland and this is a project he has to do for credit to graduate. The Board gave Rick permission to go ahead with his project and Tom Rodgers will be his contact person for his instructor. Rick will come to meetings and keep the Board updated with the progress of the Grant.

Rocky Neeley asked the Board about what to do with dogs and cats in December because the pound in Robinson is closed until January. The Board said not to pick up any animals this month.

Pres. Rodgers explained to the Board that the Village will need to adopt an Ordinance for the Sewer Cross-Connection. The Village has an Ordinance already but the new one will give more detail but not change the actual meaning of the Ordinance. The EPA is requiring the Village to adopt their Ordinance.

Rick Houdasheldt reported that there will be an open meeting on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 P.M. in the Activity Center room of the Municipal Building for updated information on the Oblong Oil Field Museum Foundation. Marjorie Brown will also be at the meeting to give an update on the prison.

Pres. Rodgers said that he had a letter from Triax and the TNT channel has been added to Triax's basic cable.

December 6, 1989

Jim made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Jack. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss finances.

Back into regular session at 8:35 P.M. Earl made a motion seconded by Jim Jobe to raise the rental charges for the Farley Room and the Activity Room. The new rates will go into effect on January 1, 1990 and are as follows:

Activity Center Room	\$40.00 per day witha deposit of \$20.00
Activity Center Room for commercial purposes	\$60.00 per day with a deposit of \$30.00
Farley Room	\$15.00 per day with a deposit of \$7.50

Benefit Supper will stay at no charge.

The Vote was 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

A change was also made in the camping. Jim Jobe made a motion to charge \$5.00 per night for camping at the Oblong Park. Chuck Tuel seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. In the past, you could camp the first 7 nights free at the park.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 20, 1989

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 20, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Linda Cravens, Tom Haley, Bob Hill, Bob Lanter, Carl Veach, Larry Stephens, and Floyd Hinterscher.

The minutes of the December 6th meeting were approved as read.

Area club organizations sent representatives to express their concern for the recent increase in price to rent the activity center room and the Farley Room. They felt their non-profit organizations would not be able to raise the money to meet each month. Bob Hill spoke representing the Robinson Saddle Club, Tom Haley spoke representing the Crawford County Jamboree, Larry Stephens representing the V.F.W. Post, Linda Cravens representing the Singles that meet monthly for 'a dance and the Clerk talked to 3 members of the Ruritan Club. All of the clubs do use the building on a monthly basis, and they ask the Board to review and possibly reconsider the price increase. The Board had not taken into consideration the regular groups that rent the meeting rooms 11 months out of the year so they said they would meet and review the increase but did not promise anything.

Floyd Hinterscher told the Board that he felt the proposed raise in Liquor License was too high and not fair for a town the size of Oblong. The Board said they had not voted on the increase yet- the proposed increase would be \$1500.00 May 1990, \$2,000.00 May 1991, and \$2,500.00 May 1992. The Clerk was instructed to call several small villages in our surrounding area and check and see what others charge for liquor license.

Pres. Rodgers announced that a meeting will be held at 6 P.M. on Wednesday, January 17th with a Representative from Illinois Dept. of Revenue as guest speaker. They will discuss Sales Tax Reform and Sur-Tax. The meeting is open to the public and the regular village board meeting will follow at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room.

Delbert Sanders had contacted Mayor Rodgers and asked if the Village wanted him to clean snow from sidewalks in the business district. After discussion, Jim made the motion that the Village not have the work done. Jack seconded the motion. The Board felt that Mr. Sanders would not be able to handle a heavy snow and if any damage would occur to store fronts, the Village would be held liable. Vote 6 yeas -0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers had received a letter from the Complete Equity Markets, Inc. concerning the Unemployment Insurance. They are affiliated with the State, but can offer to small municipalities a savings on their insurance. The Villages' rate has recently increased to 6.2% as of 1-1-90. This could cost the Village approximately \$9,000.00 dollars a year. Joe made the motion to have Complete Equity do the paperwork to change the Village Status, which is a requirement, but the Board reserves the right to vote for or against the proposal when received. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

December 20th meeting -continued-----

A contract will soon need to be signed with the Cumberland Trail Library System if the Oblong Library wishes to continue with their services in 1990. The contract will increase the Oblong payment from \$200.00 to \$800.00 dollars. The board is going to set up a meeting with the township supervisor and see if anything can be worked out between the two.

Joe Bayless had been approached about the stop sign at the South End of Division Street. 2 people had requested that the stop sign be changed to a yield sign. There is nothing to block your vision and they would like to see it changed. Pres. Rodgers asked the Street and Police committees to check into it.

Chuck Tuel had talked to Sharon Highsmith, member of Chamber of Commerce, and Trufax will be in Oblong on December 26th to bait the pigeons. The total contract price will be \$1100.00 dollars. Some donations have been collected toward that fee. There is an estimated 40-60 pigeons that have made Oblong their home.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

January 3, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 3, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

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Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Sue Tracy, Treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Linda Cravens, Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter and Carl Veach.

The minutes of the December 20th meeting were approved as read.

The first order of business was to grant Christmas Bonuses of \$35.00 for full-time employees, and \$25.00 for part-time employees for December. Earl made the motion seconded by Joe. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

After further discussion on the rental rates of the Activity Center and Farley Room, Chuck made the motion to leave the Farley Room rate at \$10.00 with a \$5.00 deposit, raise the activity center room from 20.00 to \$25.00 with a \$10.00 deposit, and the activity center room for commercial purposes will rent for \$60.00 with a \$30.00 deposit. The rates are effective January 1, 1990.

Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Jim Jobe commented that during the day, unless already rented, the activity room is open to the public to come in and visit, play cards, shuffle board etc.

In a previous meeting the possibility of changing a stop sign to a yield at the south end of Division St. was checked into by the police and street committee. Chuck made t~on to change the stop sign to a yield sign by motion of Ordinance m90-348;)seconded by Rick. Vote:

Bayless - yea Jobe - yea Houdasheldt- yea Tuel  
Deckard - yea Gallion - nay - yea  
Vote 5 yeas - 1 nay, motion carried.

In correspondence Pres. Rodgers received a renewal notice from CC Historical Society. Dues are \$20.00. Rick made the motion to renew our membership at \$20.00 dollars, Joe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers also received a notice from the ICC that an extension has been granted for 10 days to make a decision whether or not to have a hearing on the parcel sale of Railroad too Indiana.

Activity Reports were given to each trustee on the Police Dept. for Nov and Dec. There were 184 contacts made in November and 191 contacts made in December.

Joe Bayless made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Earl Deckard. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Rick Houdasheldt reported that the monthly meeting of the Oblong Oil Field Museum Foundation will be Jan. 4th at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room. The meetings from now on will be held in the Farley Room on the 1st Thursday of each month.

There were a reported 24 delinquent water bills still unpaid as of meeting time.

As all business was concluded, Jim made the motion to adjourn seconded by Rick all were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

January 10, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 1990 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building for the purpose of voting on a Resolution to put a question on the March ballot concerning a tax increase for Police Protection.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, Trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Carl Veach

The Board discussed an increase in the police protection tax for the Village to generate more money to help operate the Police Department. The current rate that has been taxed for the last 20 years or more has been .075% which is 7 1/2 cents per \$100 of assessed evaluation. The maximum the Village can tax if passed by referendum is .40%. That is 40¢ per \$100 of assessed evaluation. The increase if voted in by the people would generate approximately \$20,000 dollars. Currently the village gets about 3,800 dollars for police protection. The cost to run the Police Dept. in 1988 was approximately 46,000 dollars. The board felt that to continue the service that the people have now, that the vote will give the people a chance to voice their opinions and it will be the peoples decision.

After the clerk read the Resolution, Joe Bayless made a motion to adopt Resolution approving that a question to raise the police protection tax from .075% to .40% be put on the March 1990 primary ballot to be voted upon by the Residents of the Village of Oblong. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board decided to hold their regular board meeting in the Farley Room on Wed. Feb. 7th from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. and then hold a public meeting in the Activity Center starting at 8 P.M. to present to the public figures on the cost of operating the Police Dept. and for the purpose of answering questions concerning the tax increase.

Rick Houdasheldt made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl favor and Deckard. All were in meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

January 17, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 17, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter, and Carl Veach.

The minutes of the January 3rd and January 10th meetings were approved as read.

The Mayor briefly commented on the Meeting that took place at 6:00 p.m. with Ditmar Walker from Illinois Department of Revenue. Mr. Walker discussed some changes in sales tax with retail businesses and explained the surcharge and photo tax to governments. The Village will receive the surcharge of 5.9% which is based on receipts from retail businesses. Mr. Walker stated that it would be very difficult to pre-determine the amount that the Village would receive over a span of one year. The rates that the Village are currently collecting is considerably lower that was quoted when the tax went into effect.

Frank Heilengenstein from Metro-East Municipal Services recently sent to the clerk some forthcoming changes for the code of ordinances. It included an update for the Cross Connection Ordinance required by IEPA, an increase on bidding procedure for the Village which raises the bid requirement from 4,000 dollars to \$10,000 dollars. The board will probably adopt and amend their ordinances at a later date when the changes have been confirmed.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from IEPA stating that the Village will now have to pay 75~ per water customer which amounts to approximately 900.00 dollars a year for water samples. The Village has not been charged in the past. Ron Reich is checking with the EPA to see if the charge applies since we buy our water from Robinson Palestine Water Commission.

Triax is shutting down the Evansville station. Triax has contacted the Mayors of surrounding towns and asked them to come to a meeting and give alternatives. Gary Crosby is the manager for Triax Cable.

Police officer Keith Foltz asked permission to attend a seminar update on juvenile laws in Mt. Vernon on Friday, January 26th. The Board said okay and approved to pay Keith 25~ per mile for expense.

The clerk asked about the Summer Library program and the finance committee asked her to get figures together for an estimated cost to hold the program and then they will meet and make a decision.

Just a reminder that the Board will hold a public meeting at 8 P.M. on February 7th in the Activity Center for purpose of answering questions concerning the Police Protection Tax Increase.

As all business was concluded, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

February 7, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter, Bill Cox, Keith Foltz, Larry Fear, Terry Gish, Carl Veach, Linda Cravens, and water customer.

The minutes of the January 17th meeting were approved as read.

A delinquent water customer ask for an extension of an unpaid bill is to be paid by February 13, 1990.

The bill

The Illinois Department of Transportation presented the village with a booklet of photographs on sign control. The purpose is to make the Village aware that they own some signs that are on state right-of-way. The IDOT has asked that they be moved in a reasonable amount of time. Other business owners will be contacted by a rep. from IDOT about correcting the location of their signs in the future. Pres. Rodgers said he would like to meet with the rep. on specifics.

Pres. Rodgers stated that there will be a meeting with Gary Crosby at Triax Cablevision on Thursday, Feb. 8th at 7:00 P.M. at the office in Robinson.

The Willow Hill Ruritan Club contacted Pres. Rodgers about buying the 6 burner cook stove from the Village that is located in the Teen Center. The stove is not currently being used and the Village has a new stove in the new municipal building. The board said to have them make an offer and they would check to see what the stove is worth.

Rick Houdasheldt announced that by the March meeting of the Oblong Oil Field Museum Foundation that they hope to have a new location ready to announce to the public. He also stated that the Foundation will need to set hours and hire an employee, as Mike McReynolds has taken a position with the Olney Hospital.

Bob Lanter asked about returning unopened chlorine cylinders to Bradford Supply Company that are stored at the sewer lagoon. The village now has chlorine exempt status and no longer used the cylinders. Bradford will pay \$100.00 for each cylinder. Some of the board suggested keeping one or two and asked Bob to find out what it would cost to repurchase a cylinder.

Keith Foltz gave an activity report for the Police Department. The department made 150 contacts and drove a total of 1321 miles for the month of January.

Rick made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Earl. motion carried.

Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays

As all business was concluded Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

February 21, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 21, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Torn Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Bill Cox, Linda Cravens, Bob Lanter, and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the February 7th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers and Trustee Joe Bayless discussed a previous meeting they had been to concerning the cable in Oblong. Channel 44 will replace channel 7. Triax is suppose to come and check because Oblong is getting very poor reception and a lot of interference. The trustees have received several complaints. Robinson's has a much sharper clearer picture. There could be a reason for Oblong's problem. Joe Bayless said he would call Gary Crosby and tell him of the problems.

Water Supt. Bob Lanter explained that out of the 12 chlorine cylinders 6 are empty and 2 are partially used and they have 4 full cylinders. They can return the 8 for a deposit refund of \$100.00 per cylinder or 800.00 dollars. That will leave 4 on hand and should be enough even if they should have to start using the cylinders again. To purchase a full cylinder the cost is \$100.00 deposit plus \$85.00 to be filled. The board said to go ahead and return the 8 cylinders and keep 4.

Street Supt. Bob Lanter discussed with the Board the need to seal the cracks on Range St. from repair work that was done late last summer. Bob read the following estimate:

Kettle and Propane	- \$95.00 per day x 2 days
Tar	- \$25.00 /carton x 20 cartons

Estimated Cost - \$690.00 dollars.

Should take about 2 days to do the work. Earl made a motion to seal Range St. at a cost next to exceed \$750.00 dollars. The fund are to be paid out of Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Torn will contact Jim Calhoun from IDOT for forms to fill out for MFT.

Bob Lanter had taken the manifold on the street sweeper to Robinson and had it magnafluxed. This showed that the manifold had 6 cracks in it. Most of them couldn't be detected just by looking. Sparks said they would check to see if they could find a used manifold. They didn't think anyone would have one. If the Village buys a-new manifold it will cost \$412.65 dollars. This is less money that originally thought would have to be done to the street sweeper. The Board said to go ahead and check on a used manifold. They will decide at the March 7th meeting whether or not to purchase a new one.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from CC ESDA stating that we would need to pick up their half of civil defense coordinators pay. We currently pay \$600.00 dollars a year and ESDA pays \$600.00 to Wilfred Cross. The Village would have to pay \$1200.00 dollars a year. The Village may not continue to have a coordinator since with the title III the Mayor and Fire Chief work directly with the County. Pres. Rodgers said he would check and they could decide at the next meeting.

February 2<sup>nd</sup>. meeting continued-----

The finance committee will meet Monday at 4 P.M. about the Library needs for the summer reading program. John Moorman, Executive Director of Cumberland Trail Library System will be in Oblong on Monday, Feb. 26, at 2 P.M. to see the Oblong facility.

The Board went into executive session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss personnel and Real Estate. Back Into regular session at 8:00 P.M. Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hossetton".

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

March 7, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 7, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers; Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees, Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Tom Haley, Linda Cravens, Herb Meeker, Keith Foltz, and Larry Fear.

The minutes of the February 21st meeting were approved as read.

Tom and Sharon Haley are in charge this year of the annual St. Jude's Bikeathon to be held on April 28th or on a rain date, May 5th. The bikeathon will be held on either of those 2 Saturdays from approximately 9-11 A.M. Tom asked permission to block off and use the route that circles the Park. This has been done ~~ipast~~ and the board gave their approval.

There were 36 delinquent water bills last month. There were none present for the hearing schedule that was sent to them in the mail. Disconnect notices will be mailed on Thursday morning.

Pres. Rodgers circulated an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Oblong and the 911 Board. If passed, this will be put into effect at a later date.

There is a meeting scheduled with Jim Calhoun of the Illinois Department of Transportation on Thursday morning at 10 A.M. He will meet with the Mayor, Clerk, and Street and Water Superintendents and go over guidelines for setting up street maintenance program and filling out necessary paper work. In the past the Village has hired an engineer to plan the program, but have decided this year to do the work themselves to save money.

Bob Lanter reported that a new manifold was put in the street sweeper and it is running good.

There was complaints reported on the property at 301 N. Garfield concerning rats. The owner of the rental home is out of town. The board is checking on what can be done until they get back. It was also discussed by the board that the owner of the property at 501 W. Main St. has not made an attempt to contact the Board concerning a demolition or renovation date. The owner was suppose to have contacted the board in February. Another notice will be mailed to the owner, if no action is taken the Board will start legal proceedings.

Pres. Rodgers talked to Jim Wallace ESDA coordinator concerning salary for the city coordinator, Wilfred Cross. The Village pays \$600.00 per year and the County has been matching those funds; however the county is reimbursed by the State. If the Village pays the entire amount they will also be reimbursed 1/2 the amount by the State. Pres. Rodgers will meet with the city coordinator to determine a salary and then bring it before the Board.

Pres. Rodgers had been in contact with Gary Crosby from Triax Cablevision. There was a repair in Oblong and he repaired the 1st amplifier that was out. 57 service calls were made to Oblong from Feb. 1989 to Feb. 1990. Triax has decided to go through their list of customers and randomly pick out names and contact those people to see how their service is.

March 7th meeting continued-----

There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 12th at the Robinson Triax office with Gary Crosby. He told Pres. Rodgers that he would announce more channels and a reduction in rates at this meeting. The channels that will be discussed will be included in the Basic rate. If people have complaints they can call Triax and also call the Village office and leave their name and phone number. Mr. Crosby will be in Oblong at 3 P.M. on the 12th and he and Pres. Rodgers will contact as many of those people as they can and check out the problems.

Ron Reich sent a letter to EPA and asked permission to use the copy of the Cross Connection Ordinance that Frank X from Metro-East sent to the Village. It was considerably shorter than the one EPA had sent. EPA will accept the Ordinance as is. The Board also made some changes the last part of 1989. They will all be combined to amend 3 Ordinances.

Joe Bayless made the motion to amend the Cross Connection Ordinance, acknowledge and change the bidding procedure amount in the Ordinance to read \$10,000 dollars and change the stop sign at the south end of Division St. to a Yield Sign. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk will contact Metr-East Municipal Services and have the necessary papers changed to be put in the code books.

Joe Bayless reported on the meeting about the Summer Reading Program for the Library. Jane Hosselton has cut several expenses out of the program such as crafts, having parents help on the donations of refreshments and the number of rallies done. There were letters sent to local organizations asking for donations. The Library also accepts any donations that people would like to make to the program. The Village will cover the difference in the donations and the total cost. The cost is estimated to be \$700.00 dollars. The program will run 7 weeks, and the program will motivate the kids to read. The library has already received a \$100.00 donation from the Ladies Auxiliary in Oblong. |

Rick made a motion to pay bills seconded by Jim. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Officer Keith Foltz asked if the Village wanted to check into charging a fee for Solicitor Permits. This would be more fair to the Oblong merchants because at the present time a Solicitor has to sign in at the Village, but is not charged a fee for door to door sales. The clerk is to check with Robinson and see how they are set up.

The clerk and treasurer drafted a letter concerning the proposed increase in the Police Protection Tax. The Gem has offered to circulate a copy at no charge to every household in Oblong. The tax increase referendum will be voted on in the March 20th Primary.

As all business was concluded Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

*Jane Hosselton*

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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March 21, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 21, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Richard Ralston, Larry Fear, Herb Meeker, and Bill Cox.

The minutes of the March 7th meeting were approved as read.

Richard Ralston, member of Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency as the Board if the agency could put a temporary building in the parking lot on S. Range across from the Municipal Building. They would have barrels inside the building for recyclables such as plastic liter bottles, aluminum cans, glass bottles, vegetable cans, etc. The building would be open each day through the week. There would be someone responsible for locking the building each evening and if any problems arise they would deal with them. The board gave their permission and said they would work with the Solid Waste Agency.

Crawford County voters passed a referendum for 911 service. The cost will be \$1.85 per phone line in the county. It will take approximately 18-24 months to put the service in operation. The cost will possibly drop after that time. Chuck made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Crawford County Board and the 911 system. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The agreement will be sent to the CC board for their signatures.

Bob Lanter and Harry Shafer ran the streets for the summer maintenance program. The total of Square Yards to be done is 47, 112 S.Y. The total cost for the program will be approximately \$32,111.25 dollars. This will include the roads, cracks, labor and machinery. Jack made a motion to adopt a Resolution in the amount of \$35,000.00 dollars to cover the cost of the program through MFT funds. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The necessary papers will be sent to IDOT for their approval.

Jane Hosselton had some samples of forms that Robinson uses to approve a Solicitor door to door permit. Chuck and Jack are going to look over the documents and present something at the next meeting that could be used for Oblong. At the current time, the Village has not been charging for a permit, but it is in the Ordinances that the Village could charge \$10.00 for a permit or \$20.00 dollars per year. The ordinance could be amended if the Board votes on a different amount for the permit.

The police committee is looking into adopting a local ordinance for alcohol consumption for minors.

Pres. Rodgers talked to Mike Connors and he planning to attend the April 4th board meeting to discuss the sewer project. The plans are to let notice for bids on 4-6-90 and hopefully have everything signed by the end of May or the first of June.

The trustees will be hiring summer employees at the second meeting in April.

The Galt Co. has informed the Village that they will not work on computers anymore. The Village has a maintenance agreement with the company that does not expire until February 15, 1992. The clerk is to check with their attorney to see how binding the contract is.

March 21st meeting continued-----

The finance committee proposed an increase in the liquor license that are due by April 30, 1990. Earl made a motion to accept the following proposal:

The current rate is \$1,000.00 per year for a license.

The new rates are as follows:

April 1990 - \$1100.00

April 1991 - \$1200.00

April 1992 - \$1300.00

April 1993 - \$1400.00

April 1994 - \$1500.00

Jack seconded the motion to make the increase for a license, and the vote was 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Villages licensed owners. The increase has already been discussed with the liquor establishment owners.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the March 20th primary voting defeated the Village tax referendum to increase the police protection tax. The tax will remain at the current 0.75%. The finance committee and other board committees are working on a plan for the village funds to help cut some expenses. The discussion and proposals will be brought before the board at a later date.

Pres. Rodgers stated that USX gave a donation of \$5,000 dollars on behalf of Marathon Oil Company to the Oil Field Museum Foundation.

Jane Hosselton reported that there has been a good response concerning the upcoming summer reading program. Since the last meeting she has received donations from American Legion Post #219, Jerry & Cindy Baker, Sunbeam HEA, Donna Midgett and Carol S. Tracy. The amount donated is not at \$415.00 dollars.

As all business was concluded, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk.

April 4, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 4, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farly Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hossetlon, clerk.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Phil Mendenhall, Hubert Seaney, Linda Cravens, Carl Veach, Larry Fear, Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Wilson, Wanda Lanter, Leah Chiddix, Joann Mendenhall, Bill Cox, Ron Reich, Avonelle Purcell, Herb Meeker, & Hanshafer.

The minutes of the March 21st meeting were approved as read.

A delinquent water customer ask for an extension on her bill as she has applied for disability. The board granted an extension.

Ron Reich discussed the upcoming sewer project to begin in June. There will be 10 sections to be repaired. Some sections may be as long as 5 blocks while others are only 1/2 of a block. Ron is waiting for an approval from the state and then will advertise for bids on or about April 11th or April 12th. The village has to advertise and give bidders 45 days to bid. The bids would then be opened the first week of June and contracts would be awarded. Total estimated construction cost is \$188,157.70 dollars. The grant is 70% or 131,710.39 dollars. The villages' share is 30% or 56,447.31 dollars. Jack made a motion to give Ron Reich authority to advertise for bids when all is set with the State. Rick seconded the motion. Votes - 0 nays motion carried.

The Lawrence Crawford Association for Exceptional Citizens wrote and asked for a letter of support concerning their intent to apply for a Dept. of Transportation grant to purchase a 15 passenger van, one 20 passenger bus, and 3 twenty passenger busses with lifts. The grant is 100% funded between the Urban Mass Transportation Adm. and the IDOT.

The Crawford County Patriots wrote and asked for a donation to help restore the courthouse cannon. No action was taken.

The Board asked the clerk to call K/C Disposal and set up a time the first part of May for curbside pickup for Spring Clean-up.

Pres. Rodgers informed the Board that the owner of the property at 501 W. Main St. said that the house will be completely demolished by the last of June.

The Admiral Co. called Pres. Rodgers and asked permission to bring another vessel through Oblong. It won't be as long as the last vessel, but will be taller. The company is suppose to call back. They said it would be 2 or 3 weeks before the vessel came through Oblong.

Jack Gallion reported that they would discuss the solicitors permits at the April 18th board meeting.

The state has approved the estimates and plans for summer repair on the streets. The MFT bid letting has been set for April 17th at 2:00 P.M.

Chuck made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jim. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

April 4th meeting continued-----

Jack Gallion made a motion to adopt into the Village of Oblong Code of Ordinances under Violations and Penalties a chapter stated as such: "It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to consume or have possession of alcoholic liquor, including beer and wine, in the Village of Oblong. 'I Rick seconded the motion to add this to the ordinances. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

After the above change in the code, Joe made a motion to move to readopt the code as of 4-4-90 - Ordinance #90-348. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

New pages were signed to be put in the code book.

Jane Hosselton reported 2 more donations for the library program. One from Marjorie Goodwin and one from Jo Wilkin. The donations total 525.00 at this time. She will attend the Chamber meeting on Friday, April 6th to discuss the program and a possible donation.

Wanda Lanter discussed a drop box that the Bank wants to put in their lobby for a customer service. It was decided at the meeting that the payments made a First National Bank of Oblong will be delivered to the Water Office on S. Range St. and the Water Dept. will make all deposits. The customers will be informed that their bills should be paid a day in advance to insure proper credit.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. to discuss Personnel and Financial Situations.

Back into Open Session at 9:30 P.M. Jack Gallion made a motion to discontinue services from Rocky Neeley as animal control officer and call the county dog catcher, Jerry King, when needed. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The decision was made due to lack of funds.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

April 17, 1990

The Village Board met in special session at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, April 17, 1990 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building for the purpose of opening bids for summer street repair to be paid for out of Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk, Bob Lanter Water Supt. and Harry Shafer, Street Supt.

Others Present: Jim Calhoun, J.B. Cavanaugh, Danny & Mark Kintner.

Bids were opened by Village Board Pres. Tom Rodgers and read as follows:

Bituminous Materials HFRS	13,191 Gallons	.70~/Gal.	\$9,233.70
Seal Coat Aggregate CA 16	589 Tons	15.65/Ton	\$9,217.85
Bids on Group I submitted by Kintner & Sons P.O. Box 128 Oblong, Illinois Cashiers Check \$1,000.00			
		Total Bid Gp. I	. \$18,451.55

Group II - Bituminous Patch Mix

100 Tons 29.40/Ton \$2,940.00

Bid by Ambraw Asphalt  
P.O. Box 551 Lawrenceville,  
Ill. \$150.00 Certified Check

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M. with the bids to be awarded the regular board meeting on Wed. April 18, 1990.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

April 18, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 18, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present:

Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present:

Larry Fear, Linda Cravens, Bill Cox, Gary Lanter, Betty Gish, Frank Purcell, Joann Mendenhall, Wanda Lanter, Leah Chiddix, Avonelle Purcell, Hubert Seaney, Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, Floyd Hinterscher, Dave Reynolds, Harry Shafer, Terry Gish and Carl Veach.

The minutes of the April 4th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers announced that the Curb-Side Spring Clean-up will be May 1st for the South side of Main St. and May 4th for the North side of Main Street. K/C Disposal will pick all trash set out by Village residents whether or not they are currently customers of K/C Disposal.

Boy Scout Troop #219 contacted Pres. Rodgers and said they wanted to plant a tree for the Village in honor of celebration of Earth Day. There will be a stake set at the Park for the Boy Scouts.

The Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency will elect new officers July 1st. Chuck Tuel made a motion to reappoint Richard Ralston as Village Representative for the Agency. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. Richard is very active with the program and has done a good job representing the Village.

Bob Linegar, Illinois State Board of Education sent a letter to Pres. Rogers informing the board of upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week.

He asked that all towns recognize these teachers. Rick made a motion to Proclaim May 6-12 as National Teachers Appreciation Week.

Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The new Prevailing Wage Rate The Clerk was asked to check any difference in figures at will need to be adopted by June 1st. and compare 1989 rate to 1990 and show next Board Meeting.

Pres. Rodgers had been contacted by Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford, & Heap concerning the proposed gas rate hike. The Law Firm along with some surrounding communities are suggesting and recommending that they employ and retain Stanly L. Morris as attorney representing their feelings. The cost would be divided among the towns according to population.

The Board felt that they could not obligate themselves to such a proposal without knowing exact figures that would be involved. The discussion was tabled until such time these exact figures are known.

The Board was in agreement not to donate to the Crawford County Patriots for cannon restoration. They did however encourage private donations.

John Neeley talked with Pres. Rodgers. He needed a letter signed by the Village and Oblong Fire Chief for E.P.A. that they had no objections to John installing new tanks behind his building and running underground the lines that will be up against John's building. If the Fire Chief doesn't see any complications then the Village will sign the letter.

April 18<sup>th</sup> continued

Bids were opened Tuesday, April 17 for the purpose of street repair. The bids were read to the Board and Rick made a motion to accept low bid from Kintner and Sons for the Bit. Materials HFRS and the Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16. The bid was 18,451.55. The bid from Ambraw Asphalt for 2,940.00 dollars was also accepted for the Bituminous Patch Mix. Chuck seconded the motion to award the bids. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The necessary papers were signed and sent to IDOT.

Jack Gallion reported that Gary Lanter had talked with him and said that they need a 10 gallon portable air tank for the Lagoon. Jack read prices from Rural King, A & K and B & K. Jim made a motion to purchase the 10 gallon air tank at the lowest price which was \$34.99 from Rural King Supply. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The clerk was instructed to write a letter to Sanford Bailey informing him that he must put in a new water meter for the 2 upstairs apartments that he owns in Oblong. They are above the Fox Furniture Building. The Board asked that the meter be installed within the next 60 days.

Jack Gallion and Chuck Tuel recommended to the Board that they keep the current Ordinance on Solicitors that they have with the exception of changing the amounts. Earl made the motion to accept the recommendation of \$15.00 per day for a license or \$35.00 a year. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Solicitor permits will be put into effect June 1st. With a reference check being done on all parties outside the Village of Oblong. The clerk will order applications, No solicitor cards, and permit cards from Keller Printing.

The clerk is to call Village attorney Bill Thomas concerning the maintenance agreement on the Water office Computer.

The Clerk had received donations for the Library from Pulliam Funeral Home, Rick Houdasheldt, and Ruritan Club. She will be attending the Chamber/ Community Club Banquet on Friday evening to accept donations from these 2 organizations.

The Board took a break at 7:50 P.M. and went into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. to hire summer employees and discuss personnel and finances.

Back into open session at 10:05 P.M.

Joe made a motion to hire Kemper CPA Group to do the yearly audit at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim made They are seconded a motion to hire 4 boys to work for the summer on street Richard Hawes, Jeff Finn, Shawn York, and Terry Manhart. the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. repair. Rick

The following cuts were made to help the financial situation of the Village.

Jack made a motion to have the Activity Center closed on Saturdays except for Rental. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

April 18th Board Meeting Continued-----

Joe made a motion to freeze all employees wages until further notice. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Rick made a motion to discontinue clothing allowance to employees. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made the motion to cut contract sidewalk repair and save approximately \$6,000 dollars. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim made the motion that all maintenance (possible) would be done by Village employees. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion made the motion to re-appoint Carol Sue Tracy as treasurer for one year. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made the motion to utilize 3 part-time officers as one. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas and 1 nay by Jack Gallion, motion carried.

Joe Bayless made the motion to retain Terry Gish as the only Full Time position Police Officer, and eliminate Keith Foltz's as the second full-time officer.

Vote:

Joe Bayless - yea	Jack Gallion - nay	
Earl Deckard- yea	Rick Houdasheldt	- yea
Jim Jobe - nay	Chuck Tuel	- nay

Vote 3 yeas - 3 nays ending in a tie, Mayor Tom Rodgers voted Yea making the vote 4 yeas - 3 nays motion carried.

Earl Deckard then made the motion to give Keith Foltz 60 days notice. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

All business was concluded and Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

May 2, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 2, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tyatreas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Don Neace - Rob. Daily, Dave Krick Sr. ,Keith Foltz, Bob Lanter, and Bill Cox.

The minutes of the April 18th meeting were approved as read.

There were 22 delinquent water customers last month.

Dave Krick, Sr. was present to discuss with the Board his plans for the property he purchased at 5 W. Main St. He plans to build a restaurant at the location with a drive thru and parking. He had all papers in order from the state and blueprints drawn. He needed the Mayor to sign the necessary papers so that he could start construction. Earl made a motion to sign the highway permit giving Dave Krick authorization to go ahead with the work and the Village will work with Dave to keep up to the specifications. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Dave hopes to have the business open in the fall.

Triax Cablevision sent a letter to Pres. Rodgers with their new address in Carmel, Indiana and also sent new phone numbers. Steve Tripe is the new General Manager and Melanie Ward is the new Office Manager.

The Board discussed the proposed gas hike. Tom reviewed papers from Frank Weber stating that the Village of Oblongs' portion to help with the attorney fees would be \$83.85. And that if more money was needed later, the Village could withdraw and not pay anymore money. The money is based on 5~ per resident per current census. Chuck Tuel made a motion to pass a Resolution # 9 R in opposition to the proposed General Increase of Natural Gas rates of CIPS and also to authorize payment to Pfeifer and Kelty law firm out of Springfield in the amount of \$83.85 dollars as retainer fees. Jim Jobe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at 3:30 p.m. with Willie McKinney and Ron Reich concerning the Sewer Funds before the new project starts.

Connor & Connor is still waiting for final approval from EPA before the let bids on the upcoming sewer project.

Richard Ralston accepted the position on the Solid Waste Disposal Agency representing the Village for another year.

The problems with the entrance into the Firehouse was discussed with the possibility of the Fire Dept. , IGA, and Village splitting the cost to repair the drive. A cost estimate is being obtained as well as finances.

EPA says the rocks at the lagoon need to be sprayed for weeds. Jack made a motion to have Mont Eagle spray for \$30.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

May 2nd Meeting Continued-----

Saturday, May 19th, the Band Boosters will have an ice cream social at the park and a Band Concert at the pavilion.

Earl Deckard made a motion to adopt the new Prevailing Wage Rates, Ordinance # 90-349. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The treasurer was informed that the minimum wage is now \$3.80. This will be the rate of pay for the summer employees that work for the Village.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Joe. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jane Hosselton reported that she had received donations from RCC, Community Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Caroline Harmon. The total received thus far is \$1067.00 dollars. The Sunbeam Home Ext. will also be making a donation this month.

The annual book sale will be held in the Activity Center on May 7,8,9, and 10th from 9am to 4 pm. The books that are duplicates or that are needed will be put out for donation and the money will be used for the Library.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk.

May 16, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 16, 1990 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jim Jobe, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Howard Bilyew, Bill Cox, Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, Linda Cravens, Lisa Pinkston, Tom Haley and Sharon Musgrave.

The minutes of the May 2nd meeting were approved as read.

Sharon Musgrave and Lisa Pinkston addressed the Board on the possibility of moving the Park Bench west of the door of the TS1 Agency. There has been problems with the Bench being on the corner. The board agreed to move the bench to see if some of the problems might be resolved.

Tom Haley asked the Board if the Crawford County Music Jamboree can once again use the band stand for their jamborees on the second Saturday of each month. The board gave their approval. The Jamboree usually meets in the park for the months of June-July-August and Sept.

Tentatively the Board was informed that the Antique Tractor and Engine Show will be held on August 10, 11, and 12th.

The World Coon Hunt Assoc. is looking into the possibility of having hunt at Oblong this year. of August They are interested in the weekend 2, 3, and 4.

Ron Reich said they are ready to let bids for the new sewer project. on Tuesday, bids will be opened the July 3rd in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

There will be an informitive meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at the Triax office in Robinson with the new Mayor, Steve Tripe.

Friday, May 18, Ed Munyer will be meeting with Pres. Rodgers in Oblong with pictures.

Jim Jobe officially resigned his position as Village Trustee at this meeting. He will be moving out of the Village.

Pres. Rodgers appointed Howard Bilyew as interim trustee to fill the unexpired term of Jim Jobe. The term will expire in April 1991.

The Library book sale netted \$54.00 for the Summer Reading Program.

As all business was concluded Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 6, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 6, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Mayor; Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tyatreas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Randy Harrison, Bill Cox, Linda Cravens, Terry Gish and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the May 16th meeting were approved as read.

The first regular board meeting in July was changed to Monday, July 2nd at 6:00 P.M. due to the holiday falling on Wednesday.

Rick Houdasheldt and Howard Bilyew were appointed as the Building Committee.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 12th at 2 pm in the Farley Room to go over specs with the sewer bidders. Connor & Connor will field questions.

The MFT Audit was approved.

The IGA, Village, and Fire Department will be going thirds on the repair of the street and sidewalk and Fire Dept. entrance. The Fire Dept. will let bids and want to have the work done in August.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Rick. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers will be gone on vacation starting June 15th. Joe Bayless will be conducting the meeting.

Jane H. asked about additional lighting in the Library. The building committee will check into this.

The board told Bob to have the Dave Rapp property mowed behind the Freedom station and a letter and bill sent to him in Bar Harbor Maine.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

June 20, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 20, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Rick Gallion, Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Herb Meeker, Terry Gish and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the June 6th meeting were approved as read.

Joe Bayless conducted the meeting in the absence of Mayor Tom Rodgers.

It was reported that the Villages' 4-wheel drive Chevy is in the process of being repaired at ALL-Tran in Terre Haute. The mechanic will call again an estimate

It was reported that a car had backed out and hit the street sweeper, but there was not any damage done to the street sweeper.

The building committee is checking into extra lighting for the Library. The estimates are high and they are still checking into other alternatives.

Earl Deckard made a motion to pay the Law Department dues to continue their membership in the Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program. The fee is \$30.00 per each member. The amount due is \$120.00 dollars for Terry Gish, Jack Cunningham, Larry Fear and Carl Veach. Rick seconded the approval of payment. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The police committee met and presented some recommendations for the Police Department. They felt that there needed to be an Assistant Police Chief appointed to have a second in command when Chief Gish is not available. They recommended that the Asst. Chief be Jack Cunningham. The committee also felt that the officers should come out on duty and cover later hours at night. Chief Terry Gish will report on hours worked the part-time patrolman on a quarterly basis to the police committee. The Oblong police are not to leave town unless Sheriff's office call then for assistance. And they set up a chain of command to be followed by county and the department. Chief Terry Gish - Asst. Chief Jack Cunningham - Larry Fear - Carl Veach. Jack Gallion made a motion to accept the committees' recommendation and Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Cunningham filled out an application for a grant to attend Juvenile office school.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn" seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 2, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 1990 at 6:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, and Jack Curghiam.

The minutes of the June 20th meeting were approved as read.

In correspondence the Mayor received an updated letter from Pfeiffer & Kelty on the gas hike, received a letter from the Illinois Rural Bond Bank explaining funds that are available for Capital Improvement in small communities and a letter from the EPA on the Sewer Rehab Program.

The bids for the sewer project will be opened on Tuesday, July 3, 1990 at 2 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

The EPA sent a letter to Pres. Rodgers advising that the Villages' Step 3 wastewater treatment works grant application for Build Illinois Funds has been approved in the amount of \$132,906 dollars. The grant amount cannot exceed 70% of the estimated eligible project cost including the design allowance. After reviewing the documents, Jack made a motion to pass a Resolution to authorize Pres. Rodgers to sign the Resolution that we are in agreement with the EPA and send in papers to accept the Grant. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

There were not any water customers present for hearings concerning delinquent water bills.

Keith Foltz was okayed to pay one month premium on health insurance to the Village until he has transferred his policy over.

Chuck made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Rick. Vote 6 yeas  
0 nays motion carried.

Upon request from Gary Lanter, the Village was in agreement to put a drop box for restroom keys for the campers in the storage room of the restrooms at the park. This way each camper will have a restroom key at no charge and will not have to worry about the restroom being locked too early because of vandalism at the Park.

Clerk Jane Hosselton brought to the Board's attention that the Police Liability is up for renewal for October. There has been some question as to the coverage the new underwriter is giving and the Village will seek additional quotes and check with the state on licensed underwriters for type of insurance.

The health insurance through Time Insurance Co. will increase as of August 1, 1990. The insurance will increase 213.50 dollars per month. The Village will continue with the current policy.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, clerk



July 3, 1990

The Village Board of Oblong met in Special Session on Tuesday, July 3, 1990, at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of opening bids for sewer rehabilitation.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Joe Bayless, and Jack Gallion.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Bob Lanter, Keiffer Bros., H & H, and G.R. Heslett & Boiry

The bids were opened and read as follows:

Kieffer Bros. Mt. Carmel, Ill	Total Bid	\$183,589.00
H & H Mt. Vernon, Ill.	Total Bid	\$178,714 .00
G.R. Heslett Inc. Beecher Ct, Ill.	Total Bid	\$210,544.40

The Village Board will vote on low bid at the regular meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 1990.

Minutes taken by Tom Rodgers, Pres;

*Jane Hosselton, Clerk*

July 18, 1990

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, July 18, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present; Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdaseldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Carroll, Charlie Davis, Ron Reich, Bill Cox, Herb Meeker, Willie McKinney, Carl Veach, Bob Lanter and Connie Stephenson.

The minutes of the July 2nd and July 3rd board meetings were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers and the Board talked with Ralph Carroll and Charlie Davis on a request for hooking onto the Oblong water line North of Stoy. As a result the board is checking with the engineers to see the feasibility of the extra customers and Mr. Carroll and Mr. Davis are checking with the Eaton Water District.

Willie McKinney gave a generalized summary of the 1989-90 Audit that was done for the Village of Oblong. A copy is on file in the Village Clerk's office. Overall, the Village has made some recommended cut backs that have helped, however; the auditors will continue to assist the Village on ways to generate more revenue to help the financial bind.

The board agreed that solicitor permits were not necessary for the Farmer's Market that the Chamber of Commerce will host on weekends ~~ing~~ <sup>ing</sup>.

Earl Deckard made a motion to sign a Corporate Authorization Resolution for 2 signatures on borrowing money and on investments for the Village. The 2 signatures can be any of the following two: Carol Sue Tracy, Tom Howard Bilyew, Earl Deckard or Joe Bayless. ~~Rick~~ <sup>Rick</sup> Rodgers, seconded the motion. Vote ~~5~~ <sup>5</sup> as - 0 nays motion carried.

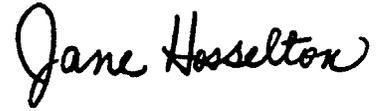
The clerk stated that Gene Crippen will now be our representative for Time Insurance Co. which is the Villages' employees health insurance.

After a short break, Ron Reich reviewed the Sewer Rehab bids and program with the Board. The low bid was 20.8% over the estimated costs. Ron did not feel that the Board should re-bid the project because the 3 bids were close and there were some areas that the engineer estimate was too low. Jack Gallion made the motion to accept the low bid from H & H Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Co. of Mt. Vernon, Ill. in the amount of \$178,714.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. And #2 Chuck made a motion to request additional grant from IEPA for Sewer Rehab Program. Earl Seconded the motion Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried. Then Earl made a motion to give Pres. Rodgers authority to sign the certificate of local financing statement that the Village has cash available up to \$81,000.00 dollars. Chuck seconded this motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Ron is taking care of submitting the necessary papers to IEPA.

The Police Committee along with the Clerk will be checking into the Police Liability Insurance. The CanCorp Co. sent an application to the Village. The insurance expires in October, 1990.

As all business was concluded, Howard made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick.  
All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hoselton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and a decorative flourish at the end.

August 1, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday,  
7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

August 1, 1990at

Members Present: Tom Rodges, Pres; Joe Bayless, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Carl Veach, Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, Connie Stephenson, and Phil Boyd.

The Minutes of the July 18th Board Meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers received an update on the increase in the CIPS rates. from Frank J. Weber, attorney. The Village owes \$474.55 for fees. The board agreed not to obligate the Village for more money until they found out more details and how soon the protest would be decided. The original estimate for the Village's part was approximately \$1,000.00.

Pres. Rodgers received the approved plans back from the state to repair the sidewalk, curbing, and entry from the IGA to the Bank. The Board will get together with representatives from the IGA and the Bank to determine what percent will be owed from each business for the repair. They will then get local bids for estimates.

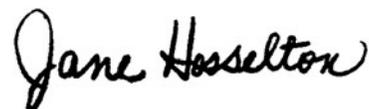
Phil Boyd ask some questions concerning the Oblong Tractor and Engine Show scheduled at the Park for August 11th and 12th. The Board approved extra police patrol on Friday and Saturday nights to help protect the equipment and declined a request to waive the camping fees since the brochures printed last year said that the camp site was free. Phil then asked if they could reserve the camp sites for that weekend and the Board said yes if they were not occupied prior to that time.

Jack made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Chuck. Vote 5 yeas  
motion carried.

- 0 nays

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk



August 17, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 15, 1990 at 7 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Larry Fear, Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, Bill Cox, Herb Meeker, and Howard Mouser.

The minutes of the August 1st meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers had spoke with Ron Reich concerning the extra grant money applied for through EPA and Ron said that the EPA approved the extra grant monies.

The decision on the CIPS issure will probably be early fall. The adjoining communities in Crawford County felt they had spent their limit on matching funds the the legal representation during the hearing of the utility rate increase.

The trustees discussed whether or not to hire Jason Garrard for the next 3 weeks to run the Oil Field Museum. Jason had been working on the Ceta Program and they are done for the summer. Earl made a motion to let Jason work through Labor Day and keep the museum open during the week, Howard seconded the motion. Vote; Joe - Nay; Earl - Yea; Howard - Yea; Jack - Nay; and Chuck - nay; 3 nays - 2 yeas motion denied. The museum will close Friday, August 17, 1990.

Howard Mouser asked the Board if they would take over the existing water line south of Oblong. The people on the line replaced their existing water line with a bigger line. Bob Lanter said everything meets the Water Dept. specifications and all easements are taken care of. The water dept. will now service the line.

A registered letter was sent to the owner of the apartment complex behind the Freedom station on N. Jackson St. There has been and still is a problem with the weeds at the property. The owners are currently in Bar Harbor, Maine. The Clerk has been in contact with the owners, but the problem has not been taken care of. The Village can and will put a lien against the property if not taken care of in a reasonable amount of time after the letter is received.

The Village went into executive session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss finances. Back into regular session at 8:25 P.M. Joe Bayless made a motion to adopt Ordinance #90-350 for the purpose of adjusting the loan payment on the Muncipal Building to a minimim of \$1,000 principal plus interest per year if the Village needs to decrease their payment. This is a safety valve to be used only if needed and the Village will pay what they can. A balloon payment will be due in 5 years, if there is a balance due the Village can then re-finance for 10 more years. Chuck Tuel seconded the motion to sign the Ordinance. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Herb Meeker asked that it be recorded in the minutes that the Daily News Protested our closed session because they feel that finances are not an exemption of the open meetings act. Jack made a motion to adjourn - 2nd EARl. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

September 5, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 5, 1990, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; treas; and Carol Tracy, Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Bill Cox, Harry Randolph, Jo Pearson, Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, and Larry Fear.

The August 17th minutes were approved as read.

The Truth and Taxation Hearing was the first item on the board's agenda. This pertains to the Tax Levy and the levy will stay the same as last year. There are no increase in taxes. The new levy will be adopted at the September 19th board meeting. The new date to file the tax levy is by December 11th with the County Clerk.

There were 26 overdue water bills. One customer asked for an extension on her bill until Friday and the extension was granted.

Jo Pearson representative for Risk Management, Danville, Illinois reviewed the Insurance proposal that she submitted to the Village of Oblong. The Board is doing cost comparison with the Illinois Municipal League Insurance Company. The Board will study the quote that was given as well as compare with current coverage. The Village Insurance is due to be renewed the first part of November.

The Finance Committee submitted the Annual Appropriation. Earl moved to adopt Appropriation Ordinance #90-351 in the amount of \$815,400.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board gave their approval to sign the contract with H & H for the construction work on sewer rehabilitation. Construction is to start by September 17th.

The Board approved a mobile home permit for Renee Gallion at 707 E. Main Street in Oblong.

The Mayor and Clerk signed parade permits to be submitted to the IDOT for the Homecoming Parade on October 12th and for the Halloween Parade on October 27th.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from the Illinois Municipal League stating that they need a letter from the Village attorney stating that Village Ordinances do not prohibit housing projects in Oblong.

Joe made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Earl. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Howard. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

September 19, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 19, 1990 at 7 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Herb Meeker, Larry Fear and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the September 5th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the Sewer Construction will not commence before October 1st as H & H are waiting on pipe.

In other correspondence Pres. Rodgers received a letter from Frank J. Weber liason for Pfeifer and Kelty law firm. The final payment for the Village for their share in the representation during the hearing on the CIPS gas rate hike is \$265.08 dollars. The total paid to date by the Village is \$823.48 dollars.

The Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency had some curb side pick-up options for the Board to study as well as the Village needs to appoint a new representative to serve on the Agency board as Richard Ralston resigned his position on the board to take the job as Operating Manager. There was not an appointment made to this position at this time.

Pres. Rodgers also received a letter from Joe McGuire President of the Route One Association inquiring about support from the Village for improved transportation facilities along Route One in Eastern and Southeastern Illinois. The Clerk is to type a letter for the Mayor to sign.

The Water and Sewer Committee, Earl - Jack - Joe will make a spec sheet to let bids for a new truck for the water department.

The proposed tax levy was handed out and discussed and Earl made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance # 90-352 in the amount of \$53,750.00 dollars for the 1990-91 year. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Gallion made a motion to renew the Franchise Agreement with K.C. Disposal at the same rate and the same service. The new Ordinance Number is 90-353. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

The current problems with Triax Cablevision were discussed and the Mayor is going to check on setting up a meeting with the district manager to iron out some of the problems in Crawford County.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 3, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 3, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Bldg.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; And Carol Tracy, treas.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, and Larry Fear.

In absense of the clerk, Chuck Tuel read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers has met with a representative of the IDOT, and the Village of Oblong signs at each end of town will have to be moved off of the State Right-of-Way. The Oilfield Museum sign needs to be moved; however, the information is incorrect so the sign will just be removed. The Park sign at the park entrance will need to be moved. Bob Lanter is going to contact Bob Glezen and the Fair Board about moving the Village of Oblong signs; and Jack Gallion is going to contact the Township concerning the Oilfield Museum Sign.

Pres. Rodgers received a call from Lois Smith, Decatur delivery service and she wanted to put up a newsbox on Main Street. The Board gave their permission as they The Board gave didn't have any problems with the idea.

The idea of hanging yellow ribbons on the municipal building to represent the service men was brought up to the board and they said okay.

Bob, Gary & Harry have made a list of repairs needed trying to help with a budget. Each committee willgo over the list for each department.

A Mobile Home Permit was approved for Mike Stifle at 310 S. Wilson St.

The insurance committee met last Thursday with Jo Pearson from Ill. Risk Management. The committee will be meeting with Boyd-Ikemire also and there will be a special meeting on Wednesday, October 10 to discuss insurance. The Police Liability. expires on October 11, 1990.

The Board is still thinking about the proposal from Solid Waster Disposal Agency.

Jack Gallion made a motion to enter into a contract with CTLS for one year to continue delivery and rotating the library's collection of books at an annual rate of \$800.00 dollars. The first installment of \$400.00 dollars is due October 1st and the 2nd installment of \$400.00 dollars will be due on April 1st. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Trick or Treat night in the village of Oblong has been set for Tuesday, October 30th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Jack made a motion to get 15 grass carp for the Oblong Lake, Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Pres. Rodgers will order the carp.

October 3rd meeting -continued-----

It was reported there are still lots of problems with the Cable T.V. Service.

Howard made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

The Chamber of Commerce is going to do Bingo in the Activity Center on Fall Follies Day, Saturday, October 27, 1990/ from 1-6:00 P.M. They need a consent letter from the Village Board approving the Bingo. The clerk will type one and give to the Chamber.

There were several delinquent water bills. There customers were not any present to discuss past due bills. They will follow normal secretaries procedure.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk  
minutes taken by Carol Sue Tracy

October 10, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, October 10, 1990, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing Insurance for the Village.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, and Bill Cox.

The minutes of the October 3rd meeting were approved as read.

The Insurance committee, Joe Bayless, Howard Bilyew, and Rick Houdasheldt presented to the Board their findings in the recent meetings about the Liability and Law Enforcement Liability Insurance.

The general opinion of the committee was that even though we have had excellent representation from Boyd-Ikemire Insurance Agency, the quote from Illinois Risk Management would benefit Oblong's needs better.

Illinois Risk gives higher coverage on all coverage, the premium is substantially less, includes Earthquake and Flood as well as all property is paid replacement costs and not on fixed amounts. These were some of the points brought before Board. Pres. Rodgers called at random several communities the size of Oblong, Larger and smaller and had a good report from all that he talked to.

After discussion, Jack Gallion made the motion to change Insurance companies and except the proposal from Illinois Risk Management in Danville, Illinois. The annual premium will be approximately \$16,500.00 dollars. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Illinois Risk Management Assoc. does include police liability, but does not include Accidental Death and Dismemberment. So Rick made a motion to keep the AD & D policy that we have with the National Sherrifs' Association for at least one more year. The premium to be a member of National Sherrifs' Assoc. is \$105.00 dollars for the Oblong Police Department. This does include an AD & D policy of \$2,500.00 dollars on each police employee. Earl seconded the motion to retain the coverage from NSA. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers will contact Jo Pearson with IRM and put the policy into effect October 10, 1990.

As all business was concluded, Earl Made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 17, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 17, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, and ~~La~~ Fear.

The minutes of the October 10 special meeting were approved as read.

President Rodgers signed a proclamation acknowledging October as National Lupus Month.

The Pres. and Board also acknowledged October 20 thru October 28 as "Red Ribbon Week" in support of the program "In Touch" Drug Awareness and the fight against drug abuse.

Jim Calhoun contacted the Village and suggested they might be interested in his services as an engineering consultant. Mr. Calhoun worked for the Ill Dept of Transportation for 20 + years and is retiring the end of October. He has worked with the Village on their Motor Fuel Tax Funds and Street repair for many years. Pres. Rodgers and the board were going to talk to Mr. Calhoun personally before making any decision. The services offered would be paid for when used.

There is not a yearly cost involved to work with Mr. Calhoun.

Bolin Communications, Inc. from Casey contacted Pres. Rodgers and discussed the current problems that Oblong and the county are having with our current Cable Company. The Bolin company is developing ideas and are starting a company. They wanted Oblong to be aware of the Bolin Company.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the Bass Carp did arrive for the lake and are now making there new home at the park.

The Sewer Project started Monday.

Pres. Rodgers mentioned that the Village employees will be required to have a commercial license and belong to the ICDC. He said he would talk with them later on the details.

As all business was finished, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

November 7, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 7, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treasurer, and Jane Hosselton.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, Ron Reich, Bill Cox, and Larry Fear.

The minutes of the October 17th meeting were approved as read.

Ron Reich addressed the Board on the current sewer construction project. Ron reported that the project is about 10% completed. Pay No.1 was submitted to the Board for approval. H & H requested pay in the amount of \$58,795.41 dollars. The Village paid their portion of 30% or \$17,638.92 dollars out of local construction account. The remaining \$41,157.49 dollars will be paid to the contractor when the Village receives the money from IEPA. Connor and Connor submitted their total bill thus far in the amount of \$4,380.44 dollars. The Village paid 30% or \$1,314.13 to Connor and Connor and the remaining \$3066.31 dollars will be paid with IEPA funds. The Village did in turn request payment from IEPA in the amount of \$54,215.60 dollars which will cover the 70 % charges as well as the design allowance cost which had already been paid to the engineer.

President Rodgers and the clerk met with Ted Lemke from IMLRMA from Danville. They went over the rules, regulations and safety inspections that need to be documented to cut back on claims made for insurance. The insurance committee will need to re-adjust some replacement values on machinery to have enough coverage in the event of replacing some of the village equipment. Also, Earl made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 90-354 and enter into an agreement approving membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental cooperation contract. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Ordinance is on file in the clerk's office.

Ron Bailey had contact Pres. Rodgers and sent a follow-up letter interest in preparing the indicating his TheVillage audit for 1990-91. they would consider Mr. Bailey at the time of Board said the audit.

Pres. Rodgers received an updated letter from Illinois Dept. of Public Health on campground changes and requirements for the upcoming year.

The Board approved for Curt Ross to install a steel gate inside the Village gate at the lagoon site to keep trespassers away from an injection well.

The insurance company IMLRMA talked at length with the Mayor and supt.s and made some safety suggestions. Rick made a motion to post a sign that says NO SWIMMING and NO BOATING at the Oblong lake. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion.

The Village Christmas Party was set for Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the Illinois Oil Field Museum did purchase the Don & Ruby Maus property at the West edge of Oblong on the North side at a cost of \$25,000 dollars. The Village Board has been approached by Wilfred Cross of the Museum Foundation to annex the property into the Village.

November 7th meeting continued-----

The Village attorney is checking legalities. decision at The Board did not make a this time.

Jack made amotion to adopt Ordinance # 90-355 which is an amendment to water purchase agreement between the Robinson Palestine Water Association and the Oblong Water Department. The Ordinance states that the Oblong Water Dept will not sell water to help produce oil or gas. Existing companies will be allowed to stay on the water line. The EPA suggested not to put any more on line for it might jeopardize the water supply. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Along with the request from the IMLRMA a Loss Control Policy Letter was signed and sent to the company from the Village of Oblong.

Joe made a motion to pay bills seconded by Howard. motionVote 6 yeas - 0 nays carried.

The clerk Jane Hosselton informed the Board that the First Baptist Church of Oblong will be showing a film by Dave Roeveer (Reever) entitled "From Tradgedy to Triumph." Sunday Night November 11th. This film is to recognize Vietnam Veterans and the video will be presented to the Oblong Library for local patrons. All interested citizens are invited.

As all business was finished, Chuck made a motion to ajdourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk



November 21, 1990

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 21, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Bill Cox, and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the November 7th meeting were approved as read.

The Board approved payment for the Christmas Light bill to CIPS for December.

President Rodgers received a letter from CIPS with a copy of bill insert to customers explaining a number of simple precautions which can help minimize the impact of a natural disaster.

IML/RMA requested an authorized person to maintain and be responsible for the Loss Control Program. The Board approved for Pres. Rodgers to talk with city employees and ask one to be in charge of the program since they will know of any problems or losses.

The Red Cross asked the board to sign an agreement and give permission for their organization to use any city buildings at the park in the course of a natural disaster. Chuck made the motion for the Red Cross to have permission and control of all city buildings at the park in the result of a natural disaster. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

IML/RMA prepared new control sheets for the Village insurance. On the Inland Marine Policy each piece of equipment under \$1,000 dollars is automatically covered. They are not listed as line items. The computers were also added to the policy and the total cost of contents for the building was increased.

The Village Christmas Party date was changed to December 11th at 6:30 P.M. at the municipal building.

Chuck Tuel brought up the matter of allowing employees to accumulate more than 90~ of sick days to benefit their retirement. Chuck and Jane will check into and present at the next board meeting.

The Village is still having problems with stray dogs and cats. The board agreed to check with a couple of interested people to see if they would be interested in working for the Village as dog catcher on a per call basis.

As all business was concluded, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

December 5, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 5, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farly Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ron Reich, Bill Cox, Terry Gish, Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter Connie Stephenson, Victoria Baker, and Connie Nichols.

The November 21st minutes were approved as read.

Ron Reich presented pay request to the Village Board. Jack made a motion to submit a request for payment from IEPA in the amount of \$47,938.35 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Joe then made a motion to payout of local funds to H & H , \$22,068.84 dollars. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made a motion to payout of local sewer project funds \$1,350.46 dollars to Connor and Connor. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

There were 2 water customers present to discuss overdue bills. One customer was given an extension until December 15th and the other customer was given an extension until December 14th.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from the IDOT thanking the Village for moving some signs off the state right-of-way.

Vern Christians requested that his liquor establishment be permitted to extend his New Years Eve hours to a last call at 12:30 A.M. The board thought it was okay and the commissioner approved the request.

Chief Terry Gish reported to the Police Committee that the police radio is not working properly and has had other problems with the radio. After discussion, Rick made a motion to purchase a new 40 Watt dash mount radio with Scan for a dollar amount of \$900.00 approximately. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Joe. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chuck Tuel reported that the Board can write their own policy concerning sick days for full-time employees. At the current time the employees can accumulate up to 90 useable sick days. The IMRF will credit employees up to 240 sick days which is equal to one year toward their retirement. A new policy will be written and adopted at a later date allowing employees to accumulate more days for retirement purposes.

Bob Lanter has been appointed as coordinator for IML/RMA.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the fee for the dog catcher to pick up an animal in the city limits is raising from current charge of \$10.00 to \$15.00 charge per animal after January 1, 1991.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. Jane Hosselton. Clerk

December 19, 1990

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 19, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the municipal building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Jack RickGallion, Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Herb Meeker, and Tracy Borge.

The minutes of the December 5th meeting were approved as read.

Herb Meeker introduced to the Board the new reporter from Robinson Daily news, Tracy Borge. She will be covering the Village board meetings.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the first pay reimbursement had been received from the Illinois EPA for the sewer project.

Pres. Rodgers had talked with the Effingham District Engineer about the problem with the sloping of Route 33 through Oblong. The Dis. Eng. is sending a representative to check the street. Also there has not been a report as of yet about the annexation of the Oil Field Museum.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from Matteson, Illinois and a copy of a Resolution supporting the Sur Charge continuation. The letter is from the Village Pres. of Matteson, Ill. They are asking all schools, cities and villages to pass a Resolution in support of the continuation. At current, the Sur Charge is suppose to stop July 1991.

Earl Deckard made a motion to adopt the Resolution supporting the Sur Charge and Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. They will also contact our area representatives for their support in this matter.

Pres. Rodgers informed the Board that the radio for the squad car is in and is being programmed for the car.

Pres. Rodgers and the sewer committee have met and discussed with the engineers the mandated sewer rate change. The EPA has mandated that the Village of Oblong will have to raise their sewer rates to secure payment of their bonds. This is based on debt structure. The Auditors also met and did a sewer rate study and to determine that the rates will hopefully cover inflation in the next 3 to 4 years. Rick made a motion to raise the sewer rate from \$5.71 per 2000 gallon minimum to \$7.60 dollars per month per 2000 gallon minimum bill. The new rate will take effect on the February billing. Joe seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

There will be an ad put in the paper explaining why the sewer rates are being changed. Also Pres. Rodgers asked that the press include in their article that if a delinquent water bill customer receives a notice to attend a hearing regarding his or her bill then they are expected to be there at the designated time. If for some reason that person cannot be there, then the customer is responsible for contacting one of the board members and explaining the situation and then that trustee can present the information to the Board. The Board is willing to work with anyone who needs the help. The water office secretaries will not make decisions as to who will or will not be shut off. The decision has to come from the Village Board. If no effort is made by the customer, they will be shut off at notice time.

December 19th meeting continued-----

Pres. Rodgers reported that they have met with H & H who are working on the sewer project and an effort is being made to do more clean up work on the streets and alleys until better weather allows for more to be done.

The Municipal Building will close at 2 P.M. on Christmas Eve.

The finance committee met recently and have started some monthly savings plans to help secure payment for the building as well as Insurance, general savings, and money for a squad car in the next few years. So that when the Village is met with having to spend these monies, hopefully there will be some monies built up to help defray the cost.

The finance committee recommended the following Christmas bonuses. Chuck Tuel made the motion to pay \$50.00 dollar Christmas bonus to all full-time employees, and to pay \$35.00 dollar bonus to all part-time employees. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jack Cunningham, juvenile office for the Village of Oblong Police Dept. turned in a news release on recent crime in the village. Although names cannot be released on juveniles, the report included what the crimes were, how many juveniles were involved and what their ages are, and how the office is dealing with the youngsters and their parents. A copy was released to the Oblong Gem, Robinson Daily News, and the Village Board.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hosselton". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

January 2, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 2, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Troutman, Treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Terry Gish, Connie Stephenson, and Connie Nichols.

The minutes of the December 19th meeting were approved as read.

Three (3) water customers had contacted the Board about an extension on their water bills. All 3 were granted extra time to pay their bills.

Pres. Rodgers had received a letter from EPA concerning the completion date for the sewer project. Connor and Connor are requesting a time extension with EPA. Ron Reich will explain in detail at January 16th board meeting.

Pres. Rodgers congratulated the band on their trip and performance at the Citrus Bowl in Florida. WTAY reporter Bill Cox accompanied the Band on their trip and video taped the entire performance and commended the Band highly for a great performance.

Pres. Rodgers also thanked all who helped with the ice storm. The workers, CIPS, Fire Dept. neighbors and friends. It was a community effort and everyone pitched in to help.

If anyone wants to cut up branches to be hauled off. Please make a pile in front of their property and the street dept. will eventually pick up items as they have time.

The Board approved the purchase of a ECHO chain saw from Rural King. The cost is \$299.99 dollars plus an extra chain \$16.79 dollars.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Rick. Vote 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Jack made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 91-356 with a list of new sewer rates effective February 1, 1991. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board has been approached by a Small Industry interested in leasing the old Teen Center building on South Range st. They would do repairs to make the building satisfactory for their business. The Board will check into insurance and talk with the interested party at later date.

The board approved use of the park and midway to the Antique Tractor and Engine Show on August 9, 10, and 11th. The request was made by Phil Boyd.

Time Insurance sent a letter with an increase on Health premiums. They also quoted an option of a \$500.00 dollar deductible. The board was in agreement to continue

As all business was finished, Jack made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

January 16, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 16, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Tom Haley, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Bill Cox, and Tracey Borge

The minutes of the January 2nd meeting were approved as read.

Tom Haley asked for board approval for the Crawford County Music Jamboree to use the Band Stand at the park for the summer months of June, July, and August. The board did approve.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to sign a Interagency Agreement with the Crawford County Sheriffs' Department. This agreement states that when Oblong Police are called by the county to assist, the Oblong Police are automatically deputized and covered by the county. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. This agreement will be renewed each year.

Pres. Rodgers gave a Sewer Project review. The Village is still waiting on some lein waivers from H & H before making another payment. Also the Village has applied for an extension on the project with the EPA.

Pres. Rodgers recognized the Rescue Squad for their excellent rescue of the family in the trailer on the West edge of Oblong following the ice storm.

Jack Gallion chairman of the Water Committee recently met with the Water Dept. They discussed hiring another person to train in the water office to work part-time. At the present time there are only 2 people qualified to print bills and do all the necessary work. Upon completion of training for this position, the 2 part-time employees would split one job. Jack asked the trustees to think about the recommendation and they would make a decision at the February board meeting.

Chuck Tuel went over guidelines and policies for the employees with the board. He asked that the trustees take a couple of weeks and look over the present guideline policy and bring back questions or recommendations for any changes and updating of the sick leave policy. The board has agreed to grant more sick days for the purpose of adding to the employees retirement. A Resolution will be adopted to incorporate all guidelines when a final draft is ready

Bill Cox announced that Channel 12 will show the Citrus Bowl trip at 6:00 P.M. on January 30th.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

February 6, 1991

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, February 6, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Joe Bayless, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Gary Lanter, Joe Dennis, Terry Legg, Larry Fear, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, Tracy Borge, Willie McKinney, Cindy Hanson, Harry Shafer, Mike Munson Jack Cunningham, Jim Wallace, and Phil Mendenhall.

The minutes of the January 16th meeting were approved as read.

In the first order of business the board granted extensions on water bills for 2 past-due accounts.

Jack Gallion is going to check with Houser tree service of Hidalgo for tree removal at the park and another location in town as a result of the ice storm.

The board approved to hire Rick Menacher as their new Animal Control Officer. Residents will have to call the municipal building and then the clerk or water office will call Rick to dispatch. The Village will pay \$10.00 dollars per animal picked up. Rick had also asked about working week-ends for the Village to help pick up all the tree limbs from the ice storm. The Board tabled the discussion because right now it is too muddy to dump the debris.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to sign a Membership agreement with JULIE. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. It will be mandatory to join JULIE by April. This agreement protects the Village. It will also save repairing lines.

The Village has received some applications for part-time employment in the Water office. There is a possibility the Board will hire in the future, but as of yet, that decision has not been made.

The Clerk will type a proposal to the Board concerning employee guidelines for sick days.

Chuck made a motion to pay bills seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Rick made a motion to put the Band Fund monies in the Park Fund and Close out the Band Fund if this can legally be done. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 1 nay Joe Bayless. Motion carried. The fund was voted on by the people and the clerk is to contact the attorney for legality in the matter before anything is done.

At this time Jim Wallace and Phil Mendenhall went through the Incident Command System for the County of Crawford in the event of a disaster. They also went over responsibility with department heads within the Village of Oblong. A question and answer time was held during the discussion.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

February 20, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 20, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; and Carol Sue Tracy, treasurer, and Earl Deckard, trustee.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Connie Stephenson, Terry Gish, Christi Seyferth, Tracy Borge and Andrew Holt.

The minutes of the February 6th meeting were approved as read.

Christi Seyferth discussed with the Board a water leak on her property. The water dept. read the meter as low on a Friday and it was put on reject list for the water dept. to re-read on Monday. By Monday there had been a big water leak and the meter read that 514,700 gallons of water had passed thru the meter. The water bill total is \$649.90 dollars. Christi disputed the reading and felt that the meter had malfunctioned or the meter was mis-read. After the facts were discussed, Joe Bayless made a motion to go into executive session at 7:28 to discuss the problem. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Back into regular session at 7:37 P.M. the Board agreed to have the meter pulled and have it check for malfunction. Terry Gish will be witness when the meter is pulled and Christi will have her witness. The Board also agreed that all they could do is use the low rate for water leaks like they do for all water customers as is their policy; however, they would set up a payment plan suitable for Christi to pay the high bill.

Ron Reich reviewed with the Board the Sewer Project. The contractor for the project has gone beyond inspection time. Ron suggested the board consider charging the contractor liquidation charges. The contractor still has outstanding bills. The Village does not have all of the lein waivers from creditors yet. The sewer committee will meet and discuss liquidated damages. Per Ron Reich the Village will owe H & H \$51,781.00 dollars when the project is completed.

Pres. Rodgers had been in contact with Rick Menacher. Rick can work through the week whenever it is fit to clean up the limbs from the December ice storm. Earl made a motion to pay Rick Menacher \$5.00 dollars per hour and he has to show proof that he has his own insurance. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas nays motion carried. The village employees have first choice on the equipment.

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Applications for a part-time position in the Village building will be taken through March 20th.

A special committee to set procedures for new dog catcher are volunteers Joe Bayless, Jack Gallion, and Chuck Tuel.

Jack check with Houser tree service from Hidalgo and the board voted on the following. Rick made a motion to take out 2 trees at Ikemires, Cost \$240.00 dollars, \$120.00 village part, and \$120.00 Charlie Ikemires part. Top 4 trees and remove 1 at Legion, and top one tree at old Mont Eagle Mills. Total cost to the village \$695.00 dollars. and Total cost to Charles Ikemire \$120.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas motion carried.

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February 20th meeting -continued-----

Jack Cunningham would like to attend advanced juvenile training sessions in Mt. Vernon. He said he would donate his time and gas if the Village would pay for the motel and meals. There is no tuition fee.

Jack made a motion to send Jack to Mt. Vernon on March 26, 27, and 28th. The village will pay 2 nights lodging and meals. Jack will donate 3 days and gas money. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chuck presented a proposal to the Board concerning employees guidelines. After the board read the Resolution, Chuck made a motion to accept the new policy and Jack Gallion seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk is to put on the calendar to be reviewed each year.

As all business was finished, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



JANE HOSSELTON,  
CLERK

Minutes taken by Carol Sue Tracy

March 6, 1991

Oblong Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 6, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Joe Bayless, Mayor Pro-Tern, Earl Deckard, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bill Cox, Bob Harris, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Christi Seyferth, Tracey Borge, Chuck Baker, Larry Fear and Connie Stephenson.

The minutes of the February 20th meeting were approved as read.

Bob Harris representative of the Fair Board Association approached the board with a request for the Village to lease to the Fair Board a specified area at the Park to put a building on. The property is North west of the new Exhibit Hall. The trustees did not have a problem with it. Earl made a motion to lease the area provided the city attorney approved and drew up the lease agreement. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Christi Seyferth discussed her water bill with the board and asked when her meter would be checked. Larry Lorance will be testing the meter at Marathon in the next few days.

Gary Lanter asked to attend a conference on wastewater treatment. Rick made a motion for Gary Lanter to have March 13 and 14 off to attend the wastewater technical conference in Effingham. The Village will pay the \$50.00 fee and Gary will drive his own vehicle. Earl Seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Gary will also get credit from the Illinois Rural Water Association.

There have been complaints of Grade School children playing and smoking in an old apartment building behind the Freedom station. The trustees will check with attorney on what can legally be done. The owner of the apartment building is in Maine for the winter months.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Chuck. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

There were 20 delinquent water bills. There were not any customers present for the hearing.

Joe, Jack and Chuck set up a meeting for Thursday at 5 P.M. in the Mayor's office to discuss the duties of the animal control officer.

Bob reported that they will be filling the cracks in the streets as soon as they can get the equipment lined up.

As all business was completed, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

March 20, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 20, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Mayor; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Rick Houdashedlt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Larry Fear, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Tracey Borge and Bill Cox.

The minutes of the March 6th meeting were approved as read.

Tom Rodgers read a letter from Kemper CPA with a quote (of \$3,380.00) for doing the Year-end Audit. The Trustees said they would like to run an ad and open the audit up for bids to see if the quote is competitive. The clerk is to run the ad with the bids to be in her office prior to the April 16th meeting.

Pres. Rodgers read a letter from W.K. Thomas, Village attorney. The letter stated that the property behind the Freedom Oil Station is listed for sale. Bob Walker will fix the hole in the residence and hopefully that will keep the young people out. Mr. Ropp will be in Robinson in the near future and they will be working on the house. Arrangements will be made this summer for mowing, etc. if the property is not sold.

The village of Stoy had contacted the Mayor about the village of Oblong taking over their water line. After discussion, the board will not consider maintaining the water line until repairs are made and the line is brought up to Oblong Village specifications.

In a previous meeting the Fire Dept. and Village Board had talked about purchasing a radio together to be used for emergencies and disasters in Oblong. During the recent ice storm, both parties realized that they did not have enough equipment to handle these situations as accurately as they would like. Rick made a motion to spend \$500.00 dolla~s on a 22 channel radio that will be installed in the Fire Dept. office and can be run off a generator i. power is lost. Chuck Tuel seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried. The Fire Dept. will pay half of the radio.

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Joe, Jack and Chuck met and outlined rules and guidelines for the animal control officer. Their recommendation to the board is as follows: All stray dogs be on a complaint basis. Each call will need to be logged in the water office. If the control officer knows who the dog belongs to, he may contact that person and have them pay \$10.00 to the Village of Oblong. The clerk will in return pay the control officer. Each animal picked up must have a receipt turned into the clerk with date, time, location, description and must be signed by the pound where the animal is delivered or by the owner. Earl made the motion to accept the recommendation seconded by Howard. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk is to prepare the necessary forms needed by the control officer.

Pres. Rodgers talked to Jerry's Janitorial about stripping the floor in the Activity Center. There have been problems with the floor holding wax or shine. Jerry said he could do the job for \$75.00. Earl made a motion to have Jerrys strip, seal and wax the activity room and the kitchen for \$75.00 dollars. The furniture is to be removed by the Village. This will be scheduled toward the end of April and the spring season. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas

- 0 nays motion carry.

MARCH 20th BOARD MEETING CONTINUED-----

Pres. Rodgers reported that Gary Lanter will clean the municipal building through the end of March. Gary had been filling in the position during the recent illness and death of Hubert Seaney.

Rick Menacher is interested in the position. The building committee will review the list of duties and note whether they need to make any changes. Gary said he would work with the new employee and also could fill in for sickness or vacation.

The Fair Board and Village Board are still working on a arrangement for the Fair Board to put a new building on Details have not yet been worked out.

Earl made a motion to hire Dave Krick to put in a man Hole in front of Hi-Way Cafe building on Main Street. The estimated cost is \$700.00 - \$1,000.00. Howard seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers read the results of a water meter test recently conducted by Larry Lorance. 2 new meters were tested along with Christi Seyferth's old water meter to see if the meter is working properly. The 2 new meters were about the same water flow and the older meter was about 1% less in flow. Which means that the water is flowing through at a slower rate. Pres. Rodgers is suppose to give the results to Ms. Seyferth.

The village attorney was contacted concerning closing a Band Fund account for the Village. Mr. Thomas said to include such transfers in the Village minutes. Chuck made a motion to transfer \$141.99 dollars out of the Band Fund and into the Park Fund. The treasurer is then to close out the Band Fund. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Rick 1 reported to the Board that the Village will need to purchase to be used at or possibly 2 new push mowers said the Park this summer. before the next board meeting. Rick he would check prices

The clerk was asked to contact K/C Disposal and get dates for a spring clean-up for the Village.

Bob Lanter told the Board that as soon as the whether was dry they would tar the cracks on Range Street. He will need 1 or 2 extra people to help. Rick Menacher agreed to work for the same wage he is being paid to haul brush and if needed a second person will be used temporarily to help tar.

As all business was completed, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

April 3, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 3, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdasheldt, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treasurer and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Terry Legg, Larry Fear, Connie Stephenson, Bob Lanter, Tracy Borge, and Bill Cox.

The Minutes of the March 20th meeting were approved as read.

Ron Reich went through Partial Pay Estimate #3 for the sewer project. H & H are behind of the completion date of the project, and the boards discussed their opinions of how to handle payment to the contractor. Earl made a motion to approve the pay estimate be submitted to the EPA for payment and the Village withhold 100 % of payment to H & H until the Board sees results of their clean-up effort. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Spring clean-up has been set for April 16th on the South Side and April 19th on the North Side. The clean-up will be curb side for all residents within the Village.

The board approved for the park to be used for St. Jude's bikeathon on Saturday May 11th.

Rick brought to the board's attention that the city employees need to purchase some orange safety vest as well as caution signs to be used during leaks and work that involves closeness to traffic. The employees are checking into what is available. Pres. Rodgers mentioned that the prison has vests shirts, and etc. for sale at very reasonable prices and the Village can purchase any of these items through the prison.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Joe. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss hiring personnel.

Back into open session at 9:15 P.M.

Jack made a motion to hire Howard Tuel as janitor at a pay of \$200.00 dollars per month. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Howard will start immediately and will replace Gary Lanter.

Other decisions were made to hire the summer help for repairing streets. Chuck made a motion to hire Jeff Finn, Shawn York, David Hawes and Eric Culbertson for summer employment. Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

It was also noted that minimum wage is \$4.25 per hour as of April 1st.

As all business was finished, Joe made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jack. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

April 17, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Joe Bayless, Earl Deckard, Howard Bi1yew, Jack Gallion, Rick Houdashe1dt, and Chuck Tue1, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosse1ton, clerk.

Others Present: Dale Davis, Bob Lanter, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Linda Cravens, and Tracey Borge.

The minutes of the April 3rd meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers read correspondence from Ill. Rural Water Association. Rick Menacher was temporair1y doing contract work for the Village hauling brush. He has quit to start his lawn service.

Jerry Haney, foreman from H & H on the Sewer project contacted Pres. Rodgers and said it was still to wet to do any yard and dirt fill. Both were in agreement that H & H would incur the expense of repairing Washington Street. The crew is planning to start clean-up on Monday weather permitting.

Jack Gallion made a motion to appoint Carol Sue Tracy as treasurer for the 1991-92 fiscal year. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bob Macht1y, Crawford County Opportunities had contacted Pres. Rodgers wanting to know if the Village Board was still interested in allowing a small business to move into the old activity center building on South Range St. After discussion, the trustees told Tom to pursue the matter. They would like to set up a business if it would benefit Oblong.

Pres. Rodgers read 2 bids for the Village Audit as follows:

Kemper CPA Ron	\$3,380.00
Bailey	2,950.00

Howard made a motion to accept Kemper's bid of \$3,380.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bob Lanter reported that they would be flushing the fire hydrants soon. They are now done on a yearly basis, and will be completed over the summer months. They will be flushed by quadrants. The notice will be put on the radio prior to the work being done.

Rick reported his findings to the board concerning maintenence signs and vests for the employees. He discussed prices and quality of items. The board gave Rick the okay to order the items needed at his own discretion.

Avone11e Purcell will be retiring from the Village on April 30, 1991. She will however fill in for vacations and sick days as needed in the library, for the clerk and in the activity center. Rick made the motion to put Leah Chiddix on the full-time payroll effective 5-1-91 with fu11 time benefits. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

April 17th meeting continued-----

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Police Chief Terry Gish had discussed with new safety vest for the Police Department. to check and order the necessary vests.  
Bob Lanter and street department sealed the Wednesday, and weather permitting they will street on Thursday.

the police committee the need for  
The board gave approval for Terry  
cracks on North Range St. on finish  
sealing on South Range

The Board went into executive session at 8:10 to discuss personnel and interview prospective water office employees.

Back into regular session at set  
of police guidelines for o nays  
motion carried.

9:46 P.M. Earl made a motion to adopt a new 1991,  
Jack seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas

The board set a special meeting night for Monday, April 22nd, at 5:15 P.M. in the Farley Room to hire a part-time employee for the water office.

Prior to the break for executive the new trustees, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, and Howard Bilyew signed their oath for taking office at the May 1st board meeting. Pres. Rodgers commended and thanked Joe Bayless and Jack Gallion for their many years of service to the Village of Oblong.

As all business was concluded, Jack made his last official motion on the board to adjourn and Joe Bayless made his last motion to second the adjournment. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

April 22, 1991

The Village Board of Oblong met in Special Session on Monday, April 22, 1991, at 5:15 P.M. for the purpose of hiring a part-time water office employee. The meeting was held in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: None

Pres. Rodgers reviewed applicants and new Trustee Jim Stephens made a motion to hire Dale Davis seconded by Terry Legg. Vote 4 yeas - 0 motion nays carried. Mrs. Davis will start employment following her 2 week notice to her current employer.

As all business was finished, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

May 1, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 1, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Howard Bilyew, Jim Stephens, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tractreas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Randy Rich, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Tracey Borge, Holly Ackman, and Ron Reich.

The minutes of the April 17th meeting were approved as read. And the 22nd meeting.

Ron Reich discussed progress with the Sewer Project and had Pres. Rodgers sign necessary papers to be sent into IEPA. Howard then made a motion to pay the Village portion of engineering and construction bills for project. The amount paid to H & H is \$9,184.53 dollars and the amount paid to Connor and Connor is \$685.08 dollars. Earl seconded the motion for pay, vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers received correspondence from IDOT stating that they will go ahead with street repairs from West of Adams to East of Garfield - 700 ft. They will let bids June 21st.

Pres. Rodgers had been in contact with Robert Machtly, Pres. of CCO and it seems that there are 2 interested businesses wanting to locate in the old teen center building.

The Oblong Math Team won 1st place this year and the IDOT will be putting up new signs in the near future at the East and West entrances to Oblong.

Harry Shafer prepared the necessary papers for approval of the Board for summer street repair. Earl made a motion to accept the proposal and adopt a Resolution for the Street Repair Program in the amount of \$61,500.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The finance committee set the first meeting in July to review employee salaries which is after the audit is done.

Howard Bilyew resigned his Position on the Village Board as he will be moving out of town. Randy Rich was appointed by the Mayor to finish a 2 year term to replace Howard. After the 2 year term, Randy will have to run for the remaining 2 years of the term at the next election in April of 1993.

Chuck Tuel reported that now the IDOT is requiring a CDL Drivers License for vehicles over 8,000 lbs. which includes the Village Dump Truck. Earl made a motion to pay for 2 licenses with the amount not to exceed \$80.00 dollars. Howard seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chief of Police, Terry Gish informed the board of the prices to purchase new Flak jackets for the police department. Earl made a motion to buy the jackets at Sam's in Indiana at a cost of \$199.99 dollars x 4 and pay Indiana tax or buy a membership whichever is cheapest for the Village. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

May 1, 1991 meeting continued-----

Carol Tracy, treasurer approached the board about updating the ACCPAC PLUS computer program that the Village has from 5.0 to 6.0. The cost is \$195.00 dollars and will save a considerable amount of time in setting up the new fiscal year in the computer. Chuck made a motion to spend \$195.00 or the current dollar amount and update the program. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Howard. 0 nays Vote 4 yeas motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers will seat the new committees at the May 15 meeting. 2 of the board members were absent.

Chuck made a motion to buy the additions or supplement pages to the state criminal code for the police department at a cost of \$25.40 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

In other business Pres. Rodgers signed a loss control policy for the Village's liability insurance with I.M.L./R.M.A.

As all business was finished, Howard made the motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

May 15, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

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**Others** Present: Holly Ackman, Keith Bomer, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Tracey Borge, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rich.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel.

The minutes of the May 1st board meeting were approved as read.

Keith Bomer and Scout Master Steve Rich asked permission from the Board to use the Park midway, grand stand and stage on September 20, 21, and 22nd. There will be a Boy Scout Camporee and it will be hosted at Oblong with approximately 175 scouts in attendance. They also wish to close thru traffice through the park from Sat. 9 A.M. until Sunday A.M. while the boys are setting things up. The board gave their approval and asked that they contact Bob Lanter if they have any more questions.

The board made a decision earlier in the week to trade in the 1964 International Cub mower for a new one. Rick made a motion to purchase a Cub Cadet from Chapman Bros. in West Union at a cost of \$5,500.00 dollars. The mower has a 60" cut and has a 21 HP e cycle Kabota Engine. Earl seconded the motion to purchase the mower. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The mower was paid for out of the general fund and the water, sewer, and park funds will reimburse for part of the mower later.

President Rodgers appointed new committees for the 1991-1992 fiscal year.

Committee Chairman

Finance	Earl	Rick	Jim
Water & Sewer	Chuck	Randy	Terry
Police	Rick	Jim	Randy
St. & Alley	Terry	Chuck	Earl
Park	Randy	Chuck	Earl
Sidewalk & Lighting	Jim	Terry	Rick

The Sidewalk and Lighting Committee will also oversee the Municipal Building.

Craig Graham was hired through a program of Embarrass River Basin Agency and will be working at the Oil Field Museum at the Park Tuesday thru Friday 7 am to 4 pm, 4 hrs. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and will be closed on Monday. He will work as long as funds are available from the state.

Pres. Rodgers reported that 3 vessels going to Marathon will be coming through Oblong Friday and early of the next week. (May 20). The police will route the trucks by Seifert Auto down to Oblong Grain and over so as not to jeopardize the downtown section of Oblong.

Monday evening the Finance committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. with Willie McKinney of Kemper CPA to to over the budget and how to enter into the computer.

May 15 board meeting continued-----

Carol Tracy read a letter from Jerry Cunningham, and the update for the computer will cost \$250.00 dollars. The board approved this addition at the last council meeting.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the presentation to the Oblong First Place Math Team will be at the Municipal Building on June 3rd at 6:00 P.M.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hossetton".

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 5, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 5, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, And Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Holly Ackman, and Tracey Borge.

The minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers had been in contact with Terry Brown representative for I.M.L. / R.M.A. Village insurance. A committee volunteered to meet with Mr. Brown to determine whether to use cash value or replacement value, or functional value on properties and materials belonging to the Village.

At the last board meeting, the Board announced that they would like to hear opinions from the residents of Oblong about the trash pick-up. All of the phone calls that were received were positive and the Board chose not to re-bid the job this year unless the current rates were to be raised by K/C Disposal.

The Bid Letting for street repairs will be June 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Pres. Rodgers met with rep. from Triax Cablevision and as of July 1st the following rate changes will be in effect:

Basic	- 12.99
Exp.	8.51
Total	-\$21.50

The Activation fee will be \$47.50 dollars. Each additional outlet in a home will be \$3.00; 2 outlets will be \$2.00 each and from the 3rd outlet on, the outlets will be free.

On June 15th from 9am- 12 noon, Jack Cunningham will be putting reflective tape of bikes for the kids that are interested.

The Clerk was instructed to put an ad in the paper concerning the Ordinance on wees and abandoned vehicles.

Chuck made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Earl. Vote 4 yeas nays motion carried.

The Board gave approval for Pres. Rodgers to sign pay request papers for EPA that Ron Reich has prepared. The papers are due to the EPA by June 15, 1991.

As all business was concluded, Terry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 18, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Tuesday, June 18, 1991, at 10:00 A.M. in the Farley Room for the purpose of opening bids for summer street repair program.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Jim Stephens, trustee, and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Gary Welton, Bob Lanter, Harry Shafer, JB Cavanaugh, rep. from Clark County Metals.

Pres. Rodgers opened and read the following bids:

Group I:	Lee Kintner & Sons	\$1,000.00 cashiers check	
	Seal Coat	=	20,015.14
	CA - 16	=	<u>18,214.90</u>
			38,230.04
			Total Bid Group I
Group II:	Ambraw Asphalt	Check	150.00
	Patch Mix	= 150 tons	= \$4410.00
Group III:	Clark County Metals	\$35.00 cashiers check	700.00
	Pipe Culverts		
Group II:	Metal Culverts, Inc.	Jefferson City, MO.	37.50 Cashiers Check
	Pipe Culverts		\$748.00

Gary Welton check all bids and said the board could award the bids at the meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 1991.

As all business was concluded, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 19, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 19, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Tracy Borge, and Holly Ackman.

The minutes of the June 5th and June 18th meetings were approved as read.

MFT Bid letting was held on Tuesday, June 18th. Bids were submitted to the Board and Chuck made a motion to accept low bids from Kinter & Sons - Seal Coat and CA 16, Ambrow Asphalt - patch mix, Clark County Metals pipe culverts. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

An ordinance was prepared concerning the prevailing wage rates for Crawford County for the fiscal year June 1991-92. Earl made the motion to adopt Ordinance # 91-357 which is the new wage rate. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

A finance committee meeting was set for Tuesday, June 26th at 6PM at the municipal building.

President Rodgers explained some changes in the Cable Franchise that customers are not made aware of. The rates have currently been increased also. The Board feels that the Cable company is not trying to work with their customers or the town board in the surrounding communities. Pres. Rodgers is going to check about setting up a meeting to voice opinions and ask questions and see where the Village stands on their franchise.

As all business was finished, Terry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourn ed at 7:40 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 3rd meeting continued-----

The Activity Center Room Rental was reviewed and the following was put into a motion by Jim and seconded by Chuck. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As of December 1, 1991, activity center room will rent for \$30.00 dollars per night. Effective immediately the deposit for the rental of the building will be \$35.00 dollars. As long as everything is cleaned and in good shape the deposit will be refunded.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, VILLAGE  
CLERK

P.S. The Time Insurance Bill for health insurance for village employees increased from \$1450.00 dollars to \$1627.50 dollars. This is being reviewed. The bill is due to be sent at the July 17th board meeting.

July 17, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 17, 1991 , in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Cindy Siverly, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Holly Ackman.

The minutes of the July 3rd meeting were approved as read.

Earl made a motion seconded by Chuck to pass a Resolution to put Dale Davis on IMRF effective June 1, 1991. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Kemper is still working on the year-end process and hope to finish on Wednesday, July 24th.

Oblong Township gave a donation of \$135.00 dollars to the Oblong Library for the Summer Reading Program.

Myrl Littlejohn repaired some cabinets in the kitchen and put more lighting in the Library.

As all business was completed, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

August 7, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 7, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdashedlt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Holly Ackman, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Cindy Siverly, and Willie McKinney.

The minutes of the July 24th meeting were approved as read.

Willie McKinney gave an overview report of the 1990-91 annual audit report. made a motion to accept the report seconded by Rick. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Chuck

The finance committee presented the Appropriation Ordinance for 1991-92 fiscal year. Earl made a motion to accept Appropriation Ordinance # 91-358. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The total appropriation amount was \$805,000.00 dollars.

Rick made a motion to pay bills seconded by Terry. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss personnel. Back into regular session at 8:15 P.M. No further action was taken.

Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

Appropriation Ordinance # 91-358

August 21, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 21, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; & Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Cindy Siverly, Holly Ackman, Bob Lanter, and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the August 7th meeting were approved as read.

The Mayor read a letter of thank-you from the Hubert Seaney family in regard to his death.

The Mayor reported that Todd Banning will be working on his Eagle Scout award and will be doing work in the Oblong park starting Monday Aug. 26.

The Mayor received an acknowledgement that Tim Potts has achieved Eagle Rank in scouting and the ceremonies will be held on Sunday, August 25, at the Methodist Church. Mayor Rodgers sent a letter of recognition to Tim.

The dog catcher, Rick Menacher, reported to the Board that the live animal trap borrowed from the County Dog Catcher, Jerry King, was stolen last week after he had set the trap. The trap is valued at \$300.00-\$400.00 dollars. A report was sent in to the insurance company. The police are still checking around in hopes that it will turn up.

The problem with dances in the Activity Room was discussed. There is some destruction taking place and the building committee will be meeting with different organizations that have dances to alleviate this problem or work out a money agreement that will pay for the repairs.

Pres. Rodgers presented the 1991-92 budget to the trustees. Pres. Rodgers has everything set up and ready to put in the computer.

Terry Legg made the motion to accept the budget as presented a second was made by Earl Deckard. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bob Lanter reported that the water tower will be checked on Thursday August 22, 1991.

The clerk was instructed to put an ad in the paper concerning old cars setting around town that were in the demolition derbies. Chief Gish said all the area fairs are over and the cars need to be disposed of.

As all business was concluded, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

September 4, 1991

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 4, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdashe1dt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tue1, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosse1ton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Paula Nichols, Cindy Siver1y, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rich.

The minutes of the August 21st meeting were approved as read.

Steve Rich, Scout Leader for Oblong gave the Board an update of the upcoming Fall Camporee to be held at the Oblong Park on Sept. 20, 21 and 22nd. The Saturday evening events will include an honor ceremony to Veteran's. The public is invited.

A new dog trap was ordered to replace the one that the Village borrowed from the Crawford County Dog Pound. While in the Village dog catchers' possession, it was stolen. The trap will cost \$217.40 dollars plus shipping. The shipping will be approximately \$60.00 dollars. The trap was ordered from the Woodstream Corp from Pennsylvania. The loss of the trap has also been reported to the Insurance Company.

Pres. Rodgers talked to Springfield and the State is sending a Resolution for the Village to fill out to participate in the State Purchase Program. On the packet list the Village can check items that they would be interested in purchasing, and then in return the State will notify the Village when they have such items. Rick made a motion for the Mayor to fill out the forms when received and send back to Springfield. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

Mr. Scott. from H & H Construction in Mt. Vernon has recently contacted Pres. Rodgers and H & H is working on getting final lien waivers so that the project can be closed.

Bob Lanter reported that the water check was good. It was recommended that in 1 or 2 years it be inspected again.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Rick. Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

The building committee met with Linda Cravens rep. for Crawford County Singles. The group will rent the Activity room on Sept. 6th and try to monitor more closely floor care.

Pres. Rodgers met in Terre Haute, Ind. with a firm Prime Corp from Indianapolis on Wednesday. The Corp is interested in using the old activity center building to manufacture thermal battery cases made from polypropylene foam. No definite plans are made but paper work and legalities are being checked into.

10 year Treasurer Carol S. Tracy handed the Board President her letter of resignation effective as soon as a suitable replacement can be found. A copy of her resignation is attached to these minutes.

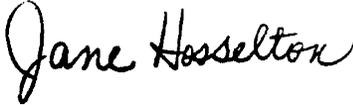
September 4th Board Meeting continued-----

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss Personnel.

Back into open session at 7:55 P.M. Earl made a motion to advertise for a treasurer's position immediately. Applications are to be picked up and returned to Village Clerk no later than 4 P.M. on Tuesday, the October 1, 1991. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Randy. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hosselton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the typed name.

405 N. Harrison Oblong, IL  
62449 September 4, 1991

Tom Rodgers Village Mayor  
and Board of Trustees 202 S.  
Range Oblong, IL 62449

Re: Resignation

Dear Mayor Rodgers and Board of Trustees:

Please let this letter serve as my resignation as your City Treasurer.

After 10 years of service to the Village of Oblong, Board of Trustees, and the citizens of this fine Village, I feel it is time to give up my title for several reasons. First, the job of City Treasurer has transformed itself to more than just a part time, few hours a week job. In 1981, the treasurer's job consisted of nine checking accounts, together with investments and IMRF reports. Today, the treasurer's job has 21 current accounts, investments, loans, bonds and increased cash flow. It is an extremely important responsibility that cannot be served by a part-time person.

I understand it will take sometime in finding a suitable replacement and to adequately train this person. I will do what I can, if asked, to help in anyway both in screening the applicants and in training the person you select. I will, if requested, stay until the person you select is trained and able to accept the responsibilities of treasurer.

It is my hope that you will focus your energy on finding a suitable replacement, whether full or part-time, rather than trying to create a situation where I might stay. The desire for more quality time with my children and my regular job do not allow me to consider any other demands of my time.

I would like to thank both the present Mayor Tom Rodgers and Board of Trustees, as well as past mayor Larry Lorance, the late Art Farley and all past board members, who have exhibited great trust and confidence in me.

Sincerely,  
Carol S. (Susie) Tracy

September 18, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 18, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdashe1dt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich & Chuck Tue1 , trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosse1ton, clerk.

Others Present: Phil Mendenhall, Holly Ackman, Cindy Siver1y, Terry Gish, and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the September 4th meeting were approved as read.

Phil Mendenhall gave an update report on the 911 system that is still targeted for early March, 1992 start up date. He was explaining to the Board that they need to check and see what kind of conversion will need to be made on their radios.

President Rodgers signed final pay estimate papers and mailed to Connor and Connor for final pay from State Grant.

- reported that the Crawford county Singles gave the Village a \$100.00 dollar check to help with the expense of re-waxing the activity room floor in the bldg.

- sent papers in for joint purchase program.

- read letter from Ill. Dept of Public Health. There were 2 minor changes to be made a the park, and then we will receive our renewal license for the campground.

- read an estimate from Miller's grease & air vent cleaning.

\$125.00 for kitchen

\$1100.00 for heat and air

These estimates were not requested, but will be kept on file if needed in the future.

The Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency has requested a second contribution for their program. Oblong's share will be \$808.00 dollars based on 1616 people at 50~ per capita. The board tabled payment so they could check into the current functions of the Agency.

Bob Lanter checked into prices on new street signs for Main Street. Terry Legg made a motion to accept Mr. Lanter's recommendation of purchasing 28 galvanized signs, posts and brackets for Route 33 north and south side. The cost will be \$793.80 dollars. Randy Rich seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers had been approached by a private individual about putting up a 4-way stop at the intersection of Adams and Texas Street to slow the kids down as they leave the high school. The subject was tabled until trustees can talk with school officials and see if necessary and if the 4 way stop will solve the problem.

The board went into executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss personnel.

Back into regular session at 8:35 PM. It was brought to the board's attention that the city employees will be flushing hydrants probably Sep. 26 & 27th.

September 18, 1991 continued-----

As all business was finished, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting ajourned at 8:40 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hossetton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 2, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 2, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Holly Ackman, and Cindy Siverly.

The minutes of the September 18th meeting were approved as read.

Trick or Treat night was set for Thursday, October participating. Children their porch should be 12 and under. People turn on if they wish to treat at the children.

Earl made a motion to pay to Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency \$808.00 dollars assessment. Jim seconded the motion. Vote

Earl - yea	Terry - yea
Rick - nay	Randy - yea
Jim - yea	Chuck - yea

Vote 5 yeas - 1 nay motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers reported that he had received the parade permits for the upcoming homecoming and Halloween parade.

Treasurer Carol Tracy brought to the Board's attention that they will have certificates of deposit due soon at the new Crawford County State Bank of Oblong. Earl made a motion to change the Ordinance in the Village Code Book and change People's Building and Loan to CCSB of Oblong.

The CD's will stay at the current institution. The name was the only charge. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The board approved extended payment to 2 water customers that had requested as such.

The deadline for treasurer applications was October 1st and the Trustees will review in executive session.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Rick. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Rick made a motion to give permission for the Chamber of Commerce to host Bingo in the Activity Center Room during Fall Follies on Saturday, October 26, 1991. Earl Seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Terry Legg commented that he had talked with several school officials concerning the fast traffic at the high school on Adams Street.

The trustees discussed options and decided to furnish the school with a stop sign for school property on the south side of Adams & Texas Street which would make it a 3 way stop. Then also put up a no parking sign 1 vehicle length also on the south side on Adams and Texas to help visibility at the corner. Terry Gish will check to see if the school is in agreement since the changes will be made on school property.

October 2 Board Meeting continued-----

The board went into executive session at 7:30 P.M. to review applications.

Back into regular session at 8:00 P.M. no action was taken. Chuck then made a motion to adjourn seconded by Randy. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 16, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 16, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Jan Miller, Jill York, Joe Stephenson, Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Tom Hutchinson, Holly Ackman, and Larry Komnick.

The minutes of the October 2 meeting were approved as read.

The board first went into executive session at 7:05 P.M. for the purpose of interviewing chosen applicants for the treasurer position.

Back into regular session at 8:10 P.M. no action was taken but the applicants were informed that a decision would be made within 30 days.

Larry Komnick former owner of K/C Disposal and Tom Hutchinson, new manager for Mid American Waste Systems were present to explain the changes to the Board. K/C sold their business to Mid American and everything will stay as is. The new owners are out of Columbus, Ohio and they will be using a new landfill in Fairfield, Illinois. Rick made the motion to enter into agreement with Mid American Waste Systems at the same rate. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas – 0 nays motion carried. The clerk will type a new contract to sign with the new owners.

November 6th board meeting at 6:45 P.M. will be the Truth and Taxation Hearing concerning the Tax Levy that the Board has set. Normal procedure will be to adopt the levy unless someone has questions at the hearing.

Rick Houdasheldt is going to check the municipal building roof for water problems.

The new stop sign on school property and the no parking to corner signs have been installed at the High School. The traffic situation is being monitored to see if the signs will help slow the traffic down.

Pres. Rodgers reported that neither he or Bob Machtley, CCO has heard from the company interested in the Activity Center Building. If the Village finds a buyer the board agreed to sell the building if the business that is looking at it does not want it.

Police Committee Chairman, Rick Houdasheldt, reported to the board that the squad car needs new tires. Chuck made a motion to purchase the set of Cooper tires from Gene's Marathon at a cost of \$272.00 dollars. The tires are good for all seasons, so the village will not need to purchase snow tires. Jim seconded the motion to buy the tires. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The janitor has reported that an unidentified substance was swept from the activity center floor after the singles dance. Pres. Rodgers will talk to the rep. For the Singles Club.

October 16th meeting continued-----

The Board approved a building payment in the amount of \$21,461.63 dollars. The payment is due in November. After this payment the village will have 4 more payments.

As there was no further discussion Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hossetton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

November 6, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 6, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Earl Deckard, Mayor ProTem; Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy and Chuck Tuel, trustees, Carol Tracy, treasurer, and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Jan Miller, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Holly Ackman, and Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the October 16th meeting were approved as read.

Earl Deckard acted as Mayor ProTem in the absence of Tom Rodgers. The Truth in Taxation hearing was scheduled first on the agenda, however; there were not any citizens of the community attending for this meeting. Earl reviewed the Tax Levy with the trustees. Chuck Tuel made the motion to adopt the 1991-92 Tax Levy - Ordinance no. 91-359. Randy seconded the motion. Vote yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chuck then made a motion to pay bills seconded by Terry Legg. Vote 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Stephens brought to the board's attention that there still continues to be problems with the activity center floor after the singles dance. Jim thought it might be a possibility to rent the old activity center building to the singles. The committee is checking into the possibility of the wax producing a lot of powder - however it should not because the wax being used is a hard wax and the janitor has been told by the supplier that it should not produce hardly any powder at all. The problem was tabled until the committee can collect more facts.

Terry Legg discussed that Mel Burks has leased his property south of Oblong by the high school. In 1989 neighbors laid a new water line and paid for the line. At the time Mr. Burks did not wish to be put on the line. Now that the property has been leased, the company moving in will need water and utilities. The cost for Mr. Burks to hook on to the line will be \$339.34 dollars. The Village took over the line one year after its completion date and up to 5 years after the installation of such a line anyone hooking on must pay their portion of that line. The money in turn will be paid back to the original people who paid for the line. There will also be the normal cost of copper, meter, etc. that is needed to hook the line in. The water office will bill this after installation. The clerk is to call Mr. Burks and pay the costs to him.

There was discussion of stray cats in the north block of Washington Street. The clerk is to instruct the animal control officer, Rick Menacher, that stray cats and dogs are both included in the village ordinance. And if he picks the animals up he will be paid the same fee.

Mayor ProTem Earl Deckard read a statement from Board Pres. Tom Rodgers appointing Jan Miller as the new treasurer with a 6 month probation period at a salary of \$356.35 per month. 3 applicants had been interviewed at an earlier time, and Pres. Rodgers made his appointment with the advise and consent of the Board. Jan will start immediately working with current treasurer, Carol Sue Tracy.

Randy Rich asked how things were progressing with the Policy and Procedure Manual for the Police Department. Jim Stephens reported that they had received a copy of the County's and they are in the process of reviewing their manual.

November 6th meeting continued-----

A list of delinquent water customers was reviewed by the trustees, there were not any customers present to discuss said bills. The shut-off notices will be mailed on Thursday, November 7, 1991.

Clerk Jane Hosselton and Police Chief Terry Gish discussed the current Solicitor's Permit policy for the Village. At the time the permits were put into effect, Oblong had full-time police coverage locally. They asked the board to review the situation and possibly drop the permit charge as the most important thing is to have solicitors register at the municipal building so that the police are aware of such solicitors and that they can check with a phone number on file if necessary. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Terry Gish approached the board about purchasing radios for the police department that can be converted to the 911 system. The police will need to purchase these radios in the future - and Terry talked with an individual who had radios for sale that would work on the system. Jim Stephens made a motion to purchase 2 Regency mobiles and 1 pace portable radio from Randy Dular in Newton at a cost of \$750.00 dollars. Terry Legg seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The radios will be converted at a later date at a cost of \$35.00 dollars per radio.

The clerk had typed the necessary Franchise Agreement for Sanitary Hauling in the Village of Oblong with Mid American Waste Systems. All trustees signed the franchise and it will be mailed to Mid American who recently bought K/C Disposal. There will not be any changes made at the present time.

As all business was concluded, Terry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 3, 1991

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 3, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Tracey Borge, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Holly Ackman.

The minutes of the June 19th meeting were approved as read.  
Pres. Rodgers will set up a meeting with Steve Moore from Golden Edge Communications from BJford, Indiana. He will talk with the Board and other communities leaders that are interested.

Bob Goss from Flat Rock will be checking the Village's radios so he can give an estimate on what it will cost to update our equipment for the 911 System.

Pres. Rodgers met with Willie McKinney from Kemper CPA to discuss the preliminary audit. The Village will pay \$90,000 dollars on re-purchase agreement of 1987 sewer bonds to the Bank. The village will be paying 1 year plus 1 unit.

The Village is almost ready to send in to EPA final pay estimate on Sewer Rehabilitation project. Rick made a motion to payout of current monies on hand \$25,000 dollars to H & H Construction.  
Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays Motion carried. The Village will pay Connor & Connor after checking how much left is grant eligible.

The Board went into executive session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss Salary review and litigation.

Back into regular session at 7:55 P.M., Earl made a motion to accept the finance committee recommendations and make the following pay increases: The motion was seconded by Rick. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The 1991-92 Salaries will be as follows:

Bob Lanter	-	\$1725.00/mo + 4.5%	Clothing Allowance - \$100.00
Wanda Lanter	-	\$1070.00/mo + 4.5%	
Harry Shafer	-	\$1570.00/mo + 4.5%	Clothing Allowance - \$100.00
Gary Lanter	-	\$1570.00/mo + 4.5%	Clothing Allowance \$100.00
Terry Gish	-	\$1725.00/mo + 4.5%	Clothing Allowance \$150.00
Howard Tuel	-	\$ 300.00/mo	
Jane Hosselton	-	\$ 840.00/mo + 4.5%	
Carol Sue Tracy	-	\$ 341.00/mo + 4.5%	
Leah Chiddix	-	\$ 720.00/mo + 4.5%	(Plus \$30.00 month to Leah for Insurance)
Joann Mendenhall & Dale Davis	-	4.50/hour (Dale + IMRF 4.5%)	
Jack Cunningham, Larry Fear & Carl Veach	-	\$7.00/hour (All lx cloth. allow. \$150.00)	
Personal Days for each Full-time employee	-	2	

Effective July 1, 1992. pay raises will be given on July 1st. This is so the audit will be completed.

November 20, 1991

The Village Board met in regular session on Wednesday, November, 20, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Randy Pic and Chuck Tuel, Trustees; Jane Hosselton, and Carol Tracy <sup>Degg</sup> <sup>and Ja</sup> Miller, treasurers. <sup>clerk,</sup>

Others Present: Mary HardyHall, Holly Ackman, Herb Meeker, Terry Gish, and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the November 6th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers received correspondence from IEPA approving partial payment of final payment.

Miles Chevrolet out of Decatur, Illinois was awarded the bid and will be the distributor for squad cars for the State of Illinois.

President Rodgers is still in search of a representative for the Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency. Their meeting is the same night as our second meeting of the month.

Pres. Rodgers looked over updated insurance information for IML/RMA and sent it back in.

The Board decided to put the old activity center building up for sale by sealed bid. The notice will be put in the paper as soon as the information is put together. The bids will be accepted until the December 18th board meeting at which time the bids will be opened. The board will reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Lisa Pinkston, Vice-President of Chamber of Commerce, asked if the Village Board would pay for the Christmas Lights as they have done several years in the past. The board agreed to continue as usual.

The 1st board meeting in January will be held on Thursday, January 2, 1992 because of the holiday falling on the regular meeting night.

Mary HardyHall, warden of the Robinson Correctional Center, approached the board and explained to them that by written request the prison has 4 road crews that will work in the surrounding communities to help with projects. The board said they would like to have help in the spring getting the park in shape for the summer. The board will submit their request in writing.

As all business was finished, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

December 4, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 4, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fire Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, Chuck Tuel, trustees; Carol Tracy & Jan Miller, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Jim McColpin, Betty Douglas, Christie Neeley, Larry Fear, Kristin Koriosco, Bob Lanter, and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the November 20th meeting were approved as read.

Jim McColpin, board member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church, in Oblong asked the Board to consider entering into an agreement with the Church to have Village Police patrol and issue tickets against violators on the Church parking lot on main street beside the church. There is a sign posted no loitering after 10 P.M. and since it is on private property, the church has to give permission for the Village to enforce said signs and violations of the law. Earl made a motion to sign the agreement with E.U.M. Church pending attorney's approval of wording. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers asked the building committee to get together with the janitor, Howard Tuel, and discuss possibly purchasing a new buffer and doing what is needed to take care of the floor problem in the activity center room. Also the clerk was asked to call Miller Office Equipment in Olney, Ill. about getting rubber chair tips to replace the damaged ones.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the EPA approved change orders for the sewer project in the amount of \$8266.15 dollars. They went ahead and paid \$5,361.00 dollars and the remaining monies will be paid after final audit is made. Ron Reich has contacted H & H several times about lein waivers etc. the village is waiting on for final pay. They are not responding and Pres. Rodgers will be checking with Village Attorney, Bill Thomas, to see what legal action can be taken.

Pres. Rodgers asked the Police Committee to get with Terry Gish and establish what options need to be ordered for the squad car. Also finance committee needs to meet and look at the budget and see where the village stands in purchasing the squad car.

Pres. Rodgers said there has been confusion in the water billing system. He explained the system as such: At the beginning of any month from the 1st to the 15th, there will be a minimum water bill issued for the usage of water; from the 16th to the last day of a month, there will be no bill issued. A minimum bill may be issued for 2 months, depending at which time a customer moves in. When meter reading time (which is every 2 months) starts a gallon usage a customer will be paying for just using the water not for gallons used until that time. If customers have any questions concerning this system, they can come to the water office or contact Pres. Rodgers.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Terry. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

December 4th meeting continued-----

Vern Christians owner of the Village Tap asked permission to keep his liquor establishment open one extra hour on New Year's Eve. Randy made a motion to grant the request to stay open one extra hour on December 31, 1991, Chuck seconded the motion. Vote Earl - nay; Terry - yea Randy - yea, and Chuck - yea. 3 yeas - 1 nay, motion carried.

The Clerk explained that the Xerox machine had 3 years of free warranty, the 3 year contract will expire in February, 1992. The village had 2 options. Terry Legg made the motion to go with Option 1 which is \$165.00 dollars per year covers all parts and labor. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The village will be billed for the contract in March of 1992.

Terry made a motion to spend approximately \$75.00 dollars to purchase a microwave for building use. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

The Board went into executive at 8:00 P.M. to discuss personnel. Back into regular session at 8:20 P.M. Earl Deckard made the motion to pay \$35.00 dollar Christmas bonuses to all full-time employees, and \$25.00 dollar Christmas bonuses to all part-time employees. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was finished, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Randy. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 18, 1991

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 18, 1991, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, and Terry Legg, Trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish and Ron Reich.

The minutes of the December 4th meeting were approved as read.

Ron Reich presented final paper work to the Board on the sewer project with H & H Mechanical out of Mt. Vernon, Illinois. He explained that the Village has deducted from H & H pay \$6,000.00 for liquidated damages. This was figured at 20 days at \$300.00 dollars. Because the project went over the completion date with IEPA, the Village did not get full pay. This amount is to compensate for that. Earl made a motion to pay to H & H \$11,359.17 dollars leaving a balance of \$6,646.68 dollars to be paid when the final audit is done. The motion also included to pay to Connor and Connor \$3,023.83 dollars which will pay them in full. Connor & Connor will then pay back \$237.10 dollars to the Village which is to be deposited in the local share account. Jim seconded the motion of payment. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board approved an application for a mobile home permit for Rocky Neeley, at 602 E. Kentucky Street.

Bill Thomas, Village Board attorney, approved the agreement with EUM church that the Village Signed at the previous meeting.

Howard Tuel, janitor for the municipal building has talked to a sales rep from Southern Chemical Company and has established what kind of buffer he needs to purchase as well and wax. He is in the process of getting bids on 2 or 3 high speed buffers.

Pres. Rodgers heard from the IEPA that the Village's Cross-Connection is okay.

There were not any bids received to purchase the old activity center building at 119 S. Rarge St.

As all business was concluded, Terry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

January 2, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 2, 1992, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Milltreas; Jane Hosselton, clerk, and Carol Tracy.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Holly Ackman

The minutes of the December 18th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers received an audit report from I.M.L./R.M.A. showing insurance good stability report for the corporation.

Pres. Rodgers asked the board if they would be interested in renting the activity center building to an interested party with a small business. The party would like to lease the building for 6 months with the option to buy if it works out. The board felt they would like to see the building occupied rather than empty. There were not any bids submitted to purchase the building.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Rick. o nays motion 6 years carried.

There was a water bill customer present that asked for an extension on the bill and the extension was granted.

Jane Hosselton reported that the Library received about 300 books donated from Bob and Marie Douglas for the Oblong Library.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn by Rick seconded were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

January 15, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; and Carol Tracy.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Howard Tuel, Larry Fear, Dale & Jo Davis, Bob Lanter, Gary & Gwenda Lanter, Mark Kintner, Lorraine Bay, Holly Ackman, and Kristen Coriosco.

Howard Tuel, acting spokesperson for a group of concerned citizens, ask the board to enforce ordinances and take action against the property at 405 W. Wisconsin St. There are abandoned vehicles, appliances, trash and clothing allover the yard. The board agreed to hand deliver a letter explaining the violations and give the property owners 5 days to comply and clean up the mess. Chief of Police and the Mayor will deliver the notice and explain the violations. If they do not comply within the 5 days the matter will be turned over to the Village attorney. Earl made the motion to serve notice on the property owners and Rick seconded the motion. Vote Deckard - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers had been contacted concerning the cost of the Robinson Daily Newspaper to Oblong subscribers. It is advertised as \$59.00 dollars per year, but Oblong subscribers pay \$69.00 dollars per year. Tom is going to contact the Daily News.

The Board rented the activity center to BuckRub Archery at a cost of \$300.00 dollars for a six month lease. The owners of the business will pay the utilities and carry their own liability insurance.

Rick Houdasheldt, chairman of the police committee recommended to the board to purchase a new squad car at a cost of approx. \$14,000 dollars. The car must be ordered through the state program before Feb. 15 to get the car by May 1992 delivery. The old squad car is in need of several repairs and Rick give an estimate of \$3,000 to repair the current needs of the car. Their was discussion concerning spending the money for the new car as opposed to repairing the old one. Rick made a motion to order the new squad car from the State Police at a cost of \$13,679.63 dollars before 2/15/92. The officers will take care of transferring useable equipment from the old car to the new car. The absolute necessary repairs are to be made to the old car, as the new one will not be delivered before 90-110 days. Jim Stephens seconded the motion. Vote Deckard - nay, Houdasheldt, yea, Stephens - yea, Legg - nay, Rich - nay, and Tuel - nay. 2 yeas - 4 nays motion denied.

After discussion, decision was made by the board to get an estimage of the cost and down time on the old squad car before the next decision is made. Also to get estimates at 2 or 3 places until the board agrees who will do the repairs.

The Board approved Resolution #92-001 for Jan Miller, treas. to participate in the IMRF program.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

February 5, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 5, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees, Jan Miller, treasurer; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Holly Ackman, Kristin Coriosco, Tom Hutchinson, Terry Gish, and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the January 15th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from Illinois Municipal League that in 1983 they were budgeting 1.7% out of General Sales into Road Funds. The last 5 months of this fiscal year, this budget will be cut. The Village will be affected approximately .62 cents per capita.

Pres. Rodgers received the annual Franchise Fee check from Triax Cablevision in the amount of \$4,155.92 dollars.

Pres. Rodgers asked the clerk to order new handbooks from the Illinois Municipal League. The cost is \$15.00 per book.

Tom Hutchinson asked the board if they would have any objection to Mid-American Waste systems picking up all of the residential customers on the same day. Currently the trash collecting is done on the south side on Tuesdays, and on the north side on Fridays. Tom said they did a survey and that they could pick up all residential on one day. They will continue to service commercial customers twice a week and that will include the main street for the Village, the Municipal Building, and the park area. Mid-American will do all of the advertising in the Gem and Robinson Daily and also advertise on WTAY radio station and hang door knockers on all customers doors. The change will take effect on March 1st. The residential pick up will be on Tuesdays.

Rick made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas – 0 nays motion carried.

The squad car was worked on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The car still needs to have the exhaust system replaced, but the other repairs have been made.

The Oblong Township gave a donation of \$100.00 dollars to the Village for the use of their copy machine.

The Board went into executive session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Back into regular session at 7:35 P.M., Rick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

February 19, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February, 19, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, R. Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Carol Sue Tracy, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Christen Coriosco, Holly Ackman.

The minutes of the February 5th meeting were approved as read.

The board approved a mobile home permit for Gerald Goodwin at 513 E. Kentucky St.

Pres. Rodgers plans to attend a meeting on source of revenues for small communities put on by the Dept. of Commerce and Community Affairs. The meeting is Wednesday, March 25, 1992, from 6:30 - 10:00 P.M. in Louisville, Illinois. The board is invited if anyone can attend.

Pres. Rodgers met with Janel Taylor from DCCA and learned that there might be grant money available to help the village purchase new street signs. She will be in touch later with more information.

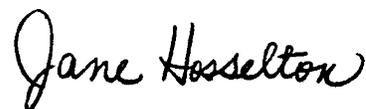
The Clerk is to type a letter to Warden Mary Hardy-Hall with a list of prospective jobs for the work crew at the prison.

Chief Terry Gish reported that the squad car now has a new exhaust system and brakes.

Pres. Rodgers and Board Members thanked Carol Tracy for a job well done as treasurer for the past 11 years. This is her last official board meeting. She will be on call to help the new treasurer if needed.

As all business was concluded a motion was made to adjourn, and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hosselton".

March 4. 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 4, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Christen Coriosco, Holly Ackman, Bob Lanter, and Terry Gish.

The minutes of the February 19th meeting were approved as read.

There will be a meeting sponsored by DCCA on March 25th from 6:30 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. in Louisville, Illinois. 3 or 4 of the trustees are planning to go. The meeting will be a financial management workshop.

Pres. Rodgers asked the clerk to write a letter of appreciation to Warden Mary Hardy-Hall concerning the road crew from the Correctional Center. They have been working in Oblong Park helping clean up for spring.

Rick made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Randy. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Stephens had a complaint from 603 S. Grant St. that there is a pit bull dog running loose and there are several children in the neighborhood. Police Chief Terry Gish will warn the neighbor and if they do not adhere to the warning the dog will be picked up by the dog catcher.

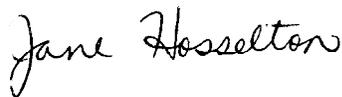
Randy Rich had 2 requests from Tom Haley. They will host the St. Jude's Bikeathon on Saturday, May 9th at the Park. They want to use the barricade's and the route around the park for the bikeathon. The board said fine, this is about the 5th year of the bikeathon. Also the Crawford County Music Jamboree would like to meet at the park and use the grandstand on the second Saturday of each month in June, July and August. The board did give their permission.

It was noted that the residents on W. Wisconsin are not keeping their property clear of junk. Terry will check on the situation.

Bob Lanter reported that he and Harry Shafer have already ran the streets and are getting ready for the summer street repair program.

Pres. Rodgers reported that Rick and Suzanne Menacher have purchased Floyd's Taver effective March 1st. Floyd Hinterscher retired.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

The Board went into executive session at 8:20 P.M. to discuss hiring summer help.

Back into regular session at 8:50 P.M. Jim made a motion to hire Jason Garrard as park maintenance from April 15, 1992 to October 15, 1992. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Then Earl made a motion to hire 4 guys for summer help on the streets to start as soon as school is out. The boys that were hired are Chris Jenkins, Jeremy Dunlap, Brian Cox, and Troy Noblitt. Randy seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was finished, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

JANE HOSSINGTON, Village Clerk

March 18, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Jim Stephens, trustee; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Kristen Coriosco, Holly Ackman, Laird & Donna Dart, and Terry Gish.

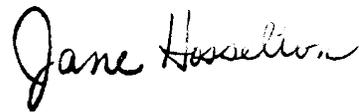
The minutes of the March 4th meeting were approved as read.

Laird & Donna Dart talked to the Mayor concerning the needed clean-up in Oblong.

There was not a quorum present to make any decisions, so Mr. and Mrs. Dart will come to the next meeting.

Jane Hosselton reported that Arlene Watt brought a video tape to the Library donated by Crawford County Historical Society on Early History of Crawford County.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hosselton".

JANE HOSELTON,  
CLERK

April 1, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 1, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Christen Coriosco, Holly Ackman, Gary Lanter and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the March 18th meeting were approved as read.

Gary Lanter reported that the EPA Inspection for the Sewer Lagoon had been done. Gary went over details and repairs that would need to be taken care of in the near future.

The Clerk is to call Daubs Disposal and book the spring clean-up for late April or early May.

Pres. Rodgers asked the clerk to check with Frank X Heilengenstein about adopting an Ordinance to enforce problems with cats on the loose.

Pres. Rodgers met with Steve Barbie new manager for CIPS in Robinson. The Board was concerned with loosing a CIPS employee in Oblong. Cliff Towles will be quitting soon and in 1963 an agreement had been signed to keep an employee in Oblong to handle emergency situations. CIPS is discussing how to handle the job position and said he would get back to Mayor Rodgers and the Board of Trustees.

Pres. Rodgers asked the sidewalk committee, Jim, Terry and the Rick to run sidewalks and see how much repair and replacement will done this year. need to be

Police Committee Chairman Rick Houdasheldt approached the Board about purchasing a new radar gun. All felt that it would benefit Oblong. Rick made a motion to purchase the hand-held radar gun at a cost of \$1095.00 dollars. Earl Seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Randy Rich reported that Gary and Lanter had painted and repaired Truck #4. did an excellent job. The The seat in the truck is in bad need of repair. have the board gave the go ahead to if Gary seat repaired or buy one to replace can find one.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Rick. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Harry Shafer submitted the street repair program for 1992. Rick made a motion to adopt a Resolution in the amount of \$53,500.00 dollars for street repairs to be paid for out of Motor Fuel Tax monies. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk will mail the necessary copies to Wayne Clausius, our field rep. for IDOT and he will in turn then set up a letting for Oblong.

Jane Hosselton had 2 ladies volunteer to do a 4 week summer reading program for kids ages 3-8 year of age. Jane H. asked the board if the library could spend approximately \$50.00 for some prizes and materials for the program. The board gave their consent.

The Board went into executive session at 8:20 P.M. to discuss hiring summer help.

Back into regular session at 8:50 P.M. Jim made a motion to hire Jason Garrard as park maintenance from April 15, 1992 to October 15, 1992. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Then Earl made a motion to hire 4 guys for summer help on the streets to start as soon as school is out. The boys that were hired are Chris Jenkins, Jeremy Dunlap, Brian Cox, and Troy Noblitt. Randy seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was finished, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

April 15, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 15, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Phil Mendenhall, Christen Coriosco, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Steve Barbee.

The minutes of the April 1st meeting were approved as read.

Steve Barbee, CIPS representative met at 6:00 P.M. with some of the board members. He then talked to the full board at 7:00 P.M. during the regular meeting. For the past 25 years plus the Oblong community has been fortunate to have an employee from CIPS, Cliff Towles, live in Oblong and he has always been on call to cut the power for emergencies. Cliff will no longer be working and the person that will replace him will live approximately 20 miles from Oblong. The board discussed their position with Mr. Barbee and how we need someone living closer to Oblong to help out in the emergency situations. Mr. Barbee took the request to his superiors and reported that the most they could ask of the new employee was to live within 10 miles from Robinson. This could really put Oblong in a bind with fires, storms, etc. Mr. Barbee said he could not fill that request and that other towns were in the same situation. The Board was not satisfied with the outcome but have no other recourse at this time. Emergency calls will be dispatched through an 800 number calling out their service men.

Pres. Rodgers received notice that the Village street lighting bill increased \$5.91 per month. The new monthly bill will be \$761.59 dollars.

The spring clean-up has been set for Saturday, May 9th starting at 8:00 A.M. Daubs Disposal will be a curb side clean up for village residents. They will not pick up concrete, tires, construction materials, yard waste, or woodpiles.

Terry Legg made a motion to accept the engagement letter from Kemper CPA to do the Village Audit for 1991-92 fiscal year. The cost will be \$3390.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Phil Mendenhall showed the board pictures of the new fire truck that the Oblong Fire Dept. will be getting in the near future. The truck will be a great asset to the Oblong district.

The problems with cats running at large was discussed at the April 1st board meeting. Randy, Earl and Terry volunteered to look through a copy of an ordinance Frank X sent to the clerk and sort out what applies to the village and then go from there adopting an ordinance on cats.

Pres. Rodgers read a legal bulletin from the Municipal League. A bill is up to be voted on that will totally do away with the Surcharge Tax that the Village has been receiving for the last 2 years. If they delete that from the budget the Village will be cut 34,000 to 40,000 dollars per year. Tom said that he would get into contact with Weaver and Woodyard and some others to see what they think will happen.

April 15th meeting continued-----

Jim Stephens reported that they had a list of sidewalks to be repaired and replaced. The total is 750 linear feet. The amount budgeted for sidewalks was \$5,000.00 dollars. The clerk will get copies to all trustees so they can check the locations.

The sewer committee looked over the Levy at the Lagoon. Inside the dyke is deterioration and will have to be fixed. Gary Lanter will have a dollar estimate by the May 6th meeting.

The Gem City Club wants to landscape around the Oblong Signs at the entrances into Oblong. They will be willing to pay 1/2 the cost and furnish all the labor. Tom said the landowners that the signs sit on, will have to approve first, after that the Board said that

would be fine. Also on landscaping, Howard Tuel, janitor for the municipal building ask about putting artificial shrubs around the flag pole, as the village has already lost three Barberry bushes.

Real shrubs and flowers will not grow there. The board said to have Howard check into the artificial and get estimates and what would look best.

Chuck Tuel asked about filling in chuck holes at the Adams street railroad crossing. Tom said he would contact the Indiana railroad and see if they will come and look at what needs to be done.

Jan received a letter from IMRF saying Gary Lanter's account is short by \$32.12 dollars from 1982 to 1992. The board said to go ahead and pay the amount because it will cost more to look it up than it would be worth. The average was 1.50 cents per year.

Jane Hosselton reported that Wayne Clausius called and set up the MFT bid letting for Monday, May 4th at 1:30 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss personnel. at 8:55 P.M., a motion was made by Terry to adjourn and seconded by Randy. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

May 4, 1992

The Village Board met in Special Session for the purpose of opening MFT bids for street maintenance on Monday, May 4, 1992 at 1:30 P.M.

Members Present: Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Wayne Clausius -DOT, Bob Lanter, Harry Shafer, and Dan Kintner.

Wayne Clausius opened and read the following bids:

Group I - Lee Kintner and Sons - Cashiers Check, \$1,000.00

Bituminous Materials HFRS - Furnish & Applied Seal Coat \$16,369.05

Aggregate CA-16 - Crushed Stone 15,568.20

Total Bid Group I \$31,937.25

Ambraw Asphalt Co. Inc

Group II Bituminous Patching Mix (150 ton) 4,410.00

Certified check - \$150.00 \$4,410.00

Total Bid Group II

As the bids were below or the same as the estimate, Clerk Jane Hosselton signed the necessary papers to award the bids.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

May 6, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 6, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: David Dallmier, Don Wiseman, Bruce Meadows, Christen Coriosco, Bill Cox, Holly Ackman, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, and Margaret Hofbauer.

The minutes of the April 15th meeting were approved as read. The minutes of the special meeting for MFT bid letting held on May 4, were also read.

David Dallmier, Mayor of Village of Stoy approached the Board about repairs that need to be done to the water lines in Stoy that service 65 meters. Village Policy is that water lines must be up to specs before the Village will take the line over and maintain it. Mr. Dallmier said financially he didn't know if the Village of Stoy could take on a loan responsibility to do the repairs. Also, he didn't know what specs would need to be met. Water Supt. Bob Lanter is going to meet with Mr. Dallmier and go over the guidelines and see if the Village Board can work with Stoy. Hardinville has approached Stoy about tying into their water system, but Stoy wanted to work with Oblong if at all possible since they are on our system now.

Treasurer Jan Miller reported that the Village has Water and Sewer Bonds due at First National Bank as of May 1, 1992. The Bank will be sending a statement to Jan on Thursday. The estimated amount of the total bonds, is \$36,428.81 dollars. Earl made a motion to pay the bonds seconded by Terry. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Oblong's Spring Clean-Up will be Saturday, May 9 starting at 8 A.M. This gives all Village residents a chance to help clean up their property and keep Oblong looking nice. The Board said they would give residents until June 1 to clean up then they will start contacting people personally and deal with any violation of ordinances governing junk, weeds, etc.

Jim Stephens discussed the sidewalk proposal with the Board. They deleted some capped sidewalks and decided to replace instead of cap. The Board agreed to let bids on the sidewalk repairs. The bids will be due by the June 3rd board meeting. The job completion date is set for October 1, 1992.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Terry. Vote 5 yeas – 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Reich, from Connor and Connor Eng. sent a reply letter to EPA concerning the NPDES Compliance Inspection. Ron explained what the Village intends to repair and the time frame.

Pres. Rodgers received correspondence from IML concerning the Income Tax Surcharge. There will be a hearing in Chicago on May 11, 1992, with all concerned municipalities. Since Oblong could not attend, Terry Legg made a motion to sign the Income Tax Surcharge Resolution requesting that the agreement in Public AcJ 87-17 be kept and that municipalities receive the agreed upon revenue for 1992 and 1993. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

May 6th meeting continued-----

Jack Cunningham will be attending a Juvenile School on May 19th. There is no cost for the class.

Chuck gave the board a copy of the sewer committees proposal to repair the dyke at the Sewer Lagoon. He asked that board members study the proposal and they will discuss at the next meeting.

Jane Hosselton reported that Janel Taylor rep. for DCCA will be in Oblong on May 13 and May 14 to help fill out and make maps for State Grant monies for street signs for Oblong. Gary Lanter will be in charge of the survey with Ms. Taylor's assistance. The grant papers are due by July 1, but Ms. Taylor advised that the money is first come first serve, and the Village will have a better chance if they turn in the forms in as soon as possible.

Inboden Seed gave an estimate of \$60.00 dollars to replace dirt and fertilizer and replant flowers in the flag pole box in front of the municipal building. Also flowers will be planted in the planters. Doc Inboden said he would try to find a company to get artificial shrubs or flowers from before winter to put in the box.

The Library received a donation from the Seed Chapel United Methodist Women for use with the Summer Reading program. Also a donation was made in memory of Clara Kline who recently passed away.

The Village also received a refund on their unemployment. After the actual payroll audit was completed, the Village received a refund in excess of \$700.00 dollars.

The Board took a short break and went into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M.

Back into regular session at 9:00 P.M., Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

May 20, 1992

The Village board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 20, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Holly Ackman, Julie Fancil, Debbie Dix, Gussie Harris, Joyce Leckey, John Martin, Larry Fear, and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the May 6th meeting were approved as read.

Debbie Dix, spokesperson for the Crawford County Humane Society was concerned with the new Ordinance that village trustees are putting together. She asked that their organization be called first to take the extra animals that the Village picks up rather than taking them to the pound in Robinson. The Board has not finished and put into effect an ordinance governing cats yet, but they did not see a problem in working with the Humane Society. More information will be brought before the board at the next meeting.

John Martin approached the board about a possibility of tying into the cities sewer system. It would be him and 3 other households on West Texas Street. The Board could not tell him if it would be feasible or not.

Bob Lanter is going to contact Ron Reich, eng. for Connor and Connor and see what the residents can do.

Pres. Rodgers received the new campground license for Oblong and the Village is totally in compliance.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from Triax Cablevision and the basic is going up July 1, 1992. The Basic rate will be 13.64 + 9.11 expanded for a total monthly rate of \$22.75 dollars.

Pres. Rodgers received a letter from IDOT stating that by January 1995, all sidewalks within the Village will need to have or have a plan of action for ramps that will assist the handicapped.

Phil Boyd reserved the Park for the Antique Tractor Show to be held August 7, 8 and 9th.

The Village will not be eligible for grant money for street signs. The money was for new 911 systems county wide and for small rural communities that do not have any street signs.

Chuck made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 92-360 annexing certain territory into the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl Deckard reported an incident involving our CIPS coverage in case of an emergency. The response was not good and Pres. Rodgers said he would invite a Springfield rep. to attend the next Board meeting.

The Board went into executive session at 8:40 P.M. to discuss personnell and insurance. Back into regular session at 9:35 P.M., Earl made a motion to hire Eeva Miller for part-time work in the Library and Activity Center to fill in for

sick days and vacations. Randy seconded the motion. Vote 5 years  
motion carried.

- 0 nays

As all business was concluded, Terry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick.  
All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hosselton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 3, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Earl Deckard, Mayor Pro-Tem; Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: John Newell, Debbie Dix, Kermit Tuel, Holly Ackman, Christen Coriosco, Terry Gish and Bob Lanter.

The minutes of the May 20th meeting were approved as read.

Due to the illness of Mayor Rodgers, Earl Deckard acted as Mayor-Protem for the meeting. In the first order of business the trustees granted deferred payment to a water customer. The customer will work out a pay schedule with the water dept.

Earl talked to Debbie Dix and ask that she meet with the committee to construct a new ordinance governing cats within the Village. She said the humane society would like to be a part of the decisions made.

Earl then opened sidewalk bids and read the following:

John Russell & Sons	\$8,855.00
Steve Jenkins Construction	\$9,922.00
David Krick	\$10,728.00

Terry Legg made a motion to reject all bids. Review the list of sidewalks to be replaced and cut down the amount of linear feet and rebid. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The 3 bidders will be notified of the change and the sidewalk repair will be ran again in the paper and the bids will be opened at the June 17th board meeting.

Rick made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Jim. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chuck Tuel asked if preliminary figures could be obtained from Kemper CPA to make a decision about repairing the dyke at the lagoon. Sewer Plant operator, Gary Lanter has already drained some of the water and either repairs will need to be made or fill the dyke back up. The clerk is to call Ron Halter Thursday morning and if the village can get the information needed, then they will call a special meeting and decide about the repairs.

The Village received a letter from Time Insurance Company that the Village Health Insurance for their full-time employees will increase approximately \$360.00 dollars per month. The clerk is to call rep. Gene Crippen and find out why such a jump and then Rick, Chuck and Jane are to present a proposal or solution at the next meeting.

Bob reported an inspector from the State of Illinois checked some buildings etc. Wednesday. A letter will follow to the Village.

Bob Lanter said he had not hear from the Village of Stoy concerning their water line. He did some preliminary estimates on cost for materials which was estimated at \$27,000.00 dollars. There would also labor on that cost. The Village at present receives approximately \$7,000 dollars in revenue from Stoy in a year. This does not count the cost that the Village pays to Rob-Palestine Water Commision. The subject was tabled until the Village of Stoy contacts Bob.

June 3rd meeting continued-----

The clerk reported that there has been minor repairs to the activity center air conditioner and to the thermostat in the Water Office for the air conditioning. The refrigerator in the activity center room was also repaired.

The Village ordered a new recliner for the activity center room and Magills delivered the chair on Thursday of last week.

Kemper CPA group has completed their work at the Municipal Building. They will finish at their office and prepare financial statements. The finished report should be ready for the Village by the first of July.

Bill Womack, auditor for the IEPA will books be doing a final audit on the Villages Project that on Thursday concerning the Sewer If all is in began in September, 1990. report for final pay to order then he will submit project. close out the

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn and Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

June 10, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Wednesday, June 10, 1992, for the purpose of discussing emergency sewer repairs. 5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Earl Deckard, Mayor Pro-Tern; Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, and Kermit Tuel.

The Board had already discussed the problems with the dyke at the Sewage Treatment plant at previous meetings. The sewer committee had talked to E.R. Stone and had an estimate on what the repair work would cost. The trustees were waiting on definite figures from the audit to determine that the funds were available for the repairs at this time.

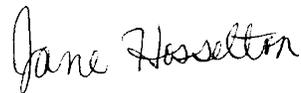
Gary Lanter gave a brief explanation once again of the problem. He also mentioned that he would now be treating the lagoon with copper sulfate and this would add to expenses incurred during the year. The estimated dollar figure would not exceed \$1,000 dollars. However, he didn't know for sure.

Earl Deckard had talked with Ron Halter from Kemper CPA and he reviewed the figures and advised that the project could be taken care of at this time.

The estimated cost of the project is \$14,600.00 dollars. This is only 1/2 of the repair at the dyke. This would be an ongoing project with possibly the other 1/2 of the repairs being done the next year. All of the repairs are also to bring the village in compliance with the EPA.

After discussion, Chuck Tuel made the motion to enter into an agreement with E.R. Stone Heavy Equipment to do emergency sewer repairs and reshape 1970 feet of the inside slope of the holding lagoon at the sewage treatment plant. The estimated cost will be \$14,600.00 dollars. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The work will start immediately.

As all business concerning the repairs was completed, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.



JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

June 17, 1992

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Christen Coriosco, Phil Mendenhall, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Kermit Tuel, Steve Barbee, and David Liddle.

The minutes of the June 3rd and June 10th meetings were approved as read.

Steve Barbee, CIPS district manager, fielded questions from the Board concerning an incident with a gas leak on May 16th. The Board was unhappy with the response time and wanted Mr. Barbee to check with Springfield to see what can be done.

President Rodgers opened and read the following sidewalk bids:

York Construction-Orville York	\$5,600.00
Steve Jenkins Construction Company John	5,389.00
Russell and Sons	5,772.00

Jim Stephens made a motion to accept the low bid by Steve Jenkins Construction Company for \$5,389.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. ~~Vote 5~~ - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers received the new prevailing wage rate for the State of Illinois. A Resolution will be passed at the next meeting to adopt the new wage rate.

Pres. Rodgers ask the police department and board members as well to make a list of necessary problems with residences that need to clean up properties.

Earl made a motion to give permission for the water & sewer department to purchase face shields and eye wash to conteract any acid that might be a threat to employees. There is sometimes a problem with the manholes. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

Randy Rich brought to the Board's attention that the final shut off notice to water customers needed to be changed to read that re-connects will only be done during normal business hours Monday through Friday 9:00-5:00 and only after entire bill has been paid.

Jane Hosselton reported that she will go to Flora, Ill. on Friday to CTLS to get some giveaway books since CTLS will be closing and merging with Shawnee.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to ajourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk



July 1, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 1, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Christen Coriosco

The minutes of the June 17th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers received final audit grant papers to be signed from IEPA. The Board gave their approval for Pres. Rodgers to check with Ron Reich from Connor and Connor and if the figures are correct sign the papers and send in for final payment from IEPA.

Effective July 1, 1992 Triax Cable will raise their combined Basic and Expanded rate. The rate will go from \$21.50 dollars per month to \$22.75 dollars per month. Due to a big response from customers on fixed incomes, the basic rate itself will stay at a rate of \$12.99 dollars per month.

Pres. Rodgers has a preliminary audit report. He will be talking with Willie McKinney from Kemper CPA and the finance committee will meet on Wednesday July 8 at 8:00 P.M. to discuss pay scale and budget figures.

There is a problem with damage to sidewalk at 412 N. Garfield St. due to a semi parking there. The sidewalk will be repaired and the company will pay their portion for new sidewalk.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Rick. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Rick made a motion to accept the prevailing wage rate as set by the Illinois Department of Labor. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Went into executive session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Back into regular session at 7:48 P.M. the board agreed to accept the resignation of Rick Menacher as dog catcher for the Village.

As all business was finished, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 15, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Willie McKinney, and Christen Coriosco.

The Minutes of the July 1st meeting were approved as read.

Willie McKinney, CPA for Kemper gave a brief Audit Presentation to the Board. Copies of the Village Audit are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Daubs Disposal talked with the clerk on Wednesday about changing the commercial pick-ups in Oblong to once a weeks instead of twice a week. The Board members have received numerous complaints in the last month from customers of Daubs Disposal. Earl made a motion that if Daubs Disposal will not honor their Franchise agreement with the Village, that the Village Board declare their agreement null and void and immediatley put it out for bid. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Some of the complaints ranged from destroying personal property to not picking up some of the trash at all. They will be invited to attend the August 5th Board meeting if they choose. President Rodgers will call and talk with the owners.

Chuck Tuel asked the Board about tearing down the small playground fence at the park and replaceing with a new fence. The old fence is worn out and hazardous. The board agreed to tear out the old fence as soon as possible and have Gary Lanter get an estimate on what it would cost to replace the fence.

The Board went into executive session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss salaries ~~personnel~~.

Back into regular session at 8:10 P.M. there was no action taken, but at the August 5th meeting, it was stated that the salary adjustments would be voted on. If there is an increase, it will be retroactive back to ~~July~~.

As all business was concluded, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

August 5, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 5, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Randy Ric and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Kermit Tuel, Christen Coriosco, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Bill Thomas, Tom Hutcheson and Associate.

The minutes of the Jul15th meeting were approved as read.

The Board went directly into executive session at 7:10 P.M. to discuss legal matters with their attorney.

Back into regular session at 8:10 P.M. the Board discussed the current problems with Daubs Disposal with the representatives that were present. To alleviate some of the problems, Daubs will put 2 men back on the route but still leave Oblong as one day pick-up on Tuesdays. If the 2 men cannot get the job done in that length of time, then Daubs will consider picking up 2 days a week. Pres. Rodgers did tell Tom Hutcheson that the franchise agreement is renewed annually in November. The contract is up for bid until October 1st.

Vote 5 years - 0 nays

Rick made a motion to pay bills seconded by Jim. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers received an engagement letter from Kemper CPA for the ending of the 1993 fiscal year. Rick made a motion to accept the engagement letter from Kemper CPA in the amount of \$3,600.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

The Board asked Bob Lanter to order signs for the Park that say "No Alcoholic Beverages" and "Park Closes at 10 P.M."

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 P.M. with Kemper CPA. They will be working with the Village throughout the year and keep things on track for budgeting and audit preparation. The presentation to the Jets and Math Teams will be at 5 P.M. on August 12 th at the Municipal Building.

Chuck made a motion to accept the raises for employees as established by the Finance Committee. Randy seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried. The new salaries for the 1992-93 fiscal year are listed below:

Bob Lanter	-	\$1775.00/mo + 4.5%	Clothing Allowance -\$100.00
Wanda Lanter	-	\$1120.00/mo + 4.5%	
Harry Shafer	-	\$1620.00/mo + 4.5%	Clothing Allowance -\$100.00
Gary Lanter	-	\$1620.00/mo + 4.5%	Clothing Allowance -\$100.00
Terry Gish	-	\$1775.00/mo + 4.5%	Clothing Allowance -\$150.00
Howard Tuel	-	\$ 325.00/mo	
Jane Hosselton	-	\$ 890.00/mo + 4.5%	
Jan Miller	-	\$ 385.00/mo + 4.5%	

August 5th Board Meeting Continued-----

Salary Adjustments: Continued -----

Leah Chiddix	\$770.00/mo + 4.5%	(Plus 30.00 per mo. for insurance)
Dale Davis	4.75/hr + 4.5%	
Evea Miller	4.50/hr	
Larry Fear	7.25/hr	Clothing Allowance \$150.00
Jack Cunningham	7.25/hr	Clothing Allowance \$150.00
Carl Veach	7.25/hr	Clothing Allowance \$150.00

Personal Days for all Full-time employees remains at 2 per year. The raise will be retroactive back to July 1, 1992.

The Village Board agreed to take care of the camping spots that belong to the Fair Board. The Village will pay all of the CIPS bills, and in turn, The Village will collect the revenue from the camping spots.

The Board agreed to let Bev Bomer get an instructor to work with ladies 50 + on low-impact aerobics in the activity center of the municipal building. It will be during the morning on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The board agreed to a trial period to see how it would work.

The Board asked the clerk to call Steve Jenkins to see how soon he is going to start sidewalk replacement and to remind him of the October 1st deadline. He also will need to talk to Tom or Earl about a 12 feet add on in the 200 Block of East Ohio Street.

The Villages insurance approved for low bidder Cliff Bowers to repair their building on S. Range Street. The building was struck by a vehicle and damaged the store front. The work will be done the week of August 10th and should only take 1 or 2 days.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Randy. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

August 19, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, August 19, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building for regular business meeting.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Terry Legg, and Chuck Tuel, trustees, and Jan Miller, treas.

Others Present: Christen Coriosco, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish and Tom Hutchenson, and associate.

The Minutes of the August 5th board meeting were approved as read by Jan Miller.

Tom Hutchenson was present at the Board meeting to check and see if their service was satisfactory for the sanitary hauling service to Oblong. There have been a couple of complaints, but the service of 2 men verses one has helped some of the situations.

Pres. Rodgers set on a finance committee meeting for Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 P.M. to finish up the budget.

Earl reported that the sidewalks would be done by the deadline according to the contractor.

The Board talked about a list compiled by Terry Gish about excessive junk on property.

Terry commended the organizers of the Antique Tractor and Engine Show It was great. Oblong had a big turn out for the event.

As all business was concluded, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

Minutes by Jan Miller, treas.

September 2, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 2, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Phil Mendenhall, Charles Hoke, Sr., Christen Coriosco, Howard Tuel, Joe Davis, Richard Ralston, and Bob Waldrop.

The Minutes of the August 19th meeting were approved as read.

Joe Davis and Howard Tuel approached the board about an existing problem with trash and junk in their neighborhood. And a new problem trash burning after dark. The village at one time had an ordinance against burning after dark. But was dropped at the time the new code of ordinances was put into effect. After discussion, Chuck Tuel made the motion to adopt a burning ordinance that states that Village residents can burn only between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. daily. Terry Legg seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The Ordinance will go into effect on October 1, 1992. 92-363

Richard Ralston and Bob Waldrop members of Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency gave an overview of plans to join with other adjoining counties to work on a bigger waste disposal plan in the future. They gave an account of expenses and what they need to carry out their plans to keep the CSWDA on track. Oblong originally signed an agreement in 1988 and paid 50c per capita x population of 1677 = \$838.50 dollars. The CSWDA then requested a second contribution in September, 1991 for 50c per capita x 1616 population == \$808.00 dollars. A high estimated amount requested from CSWDA for their part if they wish to continue a voice with CSWDA is \$10,090.00 dollars. Until the agency has heard from the DENR and the IEPA they did not give a definite cost to the Village Board. However, stated on page 30 Section 5.6.1. of the original agreement: Unless the Members otherwise in writing expressly agree, all obligations of the Agency shall be payable solely out of the revenues derived from the operations of the Agency, and unless specifically provided herein there shall be no recourse against any Member therefor. The Village did not make a decision at this time.

Earl made a motion to adopt Ordinance 92-361 the Appropriation for the 1992-93 year. The amount of the appropriation is \$80,800.00 dollars. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Tom read a letter from Ill. Dept. of Public Health on vaccinating police department with Hepatitis B Vaccine for their protection. The cost will be \$86.40 per person for 3 doses if ordered for 36 people or more. The board will probably connect with the county to order more doses of serum. Otherwise, the cost is \$150.00 per person.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Chuck. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Horseshoe Club asked permission to put in more lights at the park on the courts. The Board gave their approval.

The Franchise agreement for Sanitary Hauling in the Village has been let for bid. The customers of Dau Disposal were advised not to pay their bills past October 31, 1992, until the bid is awarded.

Bob Lanter is to get pricing on ditching that needs to be done in various places in the village.

As all business was finished, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

Also, Earl made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance #92-362. seconded by ~~Earl~~ motion. Vote 5 yeas -, a nays motion carried.

September 16, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Christen Coriosco, Bob Lanter, and Terry Gish.

The Minutes of the September 2nd meeting were approved as read.

President Rodgers reviewed with the trustees the original financial agreement with the CSWDA in 1988. The Village is not obligated to contribute any more money to CSWDA; however, the board intends to wait until they have a definite budget from CSWDA and also check with the other surrounding communities about their plans for the project.

Terry Gish reported that the residents he has contacted are cleaning up and cooperating with the board's request.

Bob Lanter reported that a manhole by Vern Christians residence is in need of repair. The Village will take care of.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Robinson Correctional Center Warden Mary Hardy-Hall and asked if the road crew will be available for fall leaf clean up at the park and possibly to help with small repairs in the playground.

On that same order of business; a slide will need to be repaired as well as a vapor light in the park. Plans are still to install a new fence around the toddler playground by next spring.

The finance committee will meet Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 P.M. to finish the budget.

The library will be going to CTLS in Flora On Sept. 28 to pick up more give away books. CTLS merged with Shawnee public library in Carterville in July and they have pulled 3/4 of their collection to be given to member libraries.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Randy. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 7, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 7, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Herb Meeker, and Gary Collenbaugh.

The minutes of the September 16th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers opened and read the following 2 (two) bids for sanitary hauling in the Village of Oblong.

Rumpke of Illinois, Inc. :	\$8.00 per month, no bag limit Grass, leaves and X-mas trees tied & bundled accepted FREE to Village Spring and Fall Curb side Clean-up
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Daubs Disposal:	\$8.00 per month, 5 bag limit - \$1.00 for each add'l bag No Yard Waste 1 clean - up in the Spring
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Rick Houdasheldt made a motion to accept the proposal from Rumpke of Illinois, Terry seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. A tentative date was set for Saturday, November 7 starting at 7 A.M. for our fall clean-up.

Trick or Treat night for Oblong was set for Thursday, October 29, 1992. from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for kids 12 and under. Residents leave porch lights on if you have treats for the children.

Pres. Rodgers passed out a copy of the new budget from Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency. Oblong's contribution if they choose to give, would be \$4,891.00 dollars. The board tabled their decision.

Bob Lanter reported that there had once again been vandalism at the park and 10 vapor lights had been shot out. Lytle has replaced the lights and a bill is being sent to the Village of Oblong then the vandalism will be reported to their insurance company. Rick Houdasheldt reported that because of vandalism the south building at the park has the north side windows shot out also. He recommended that the village replace with salt treated lumber because the windows are not necessary for light in the building. Chuck made a motion to do the repairs seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The board approved a burn Ordinance #92-363 stating that open burning will be done between the hours of 6 A.M. and 7P.M. daily. As far as bon fires and wiener roast within the Village of Oblong, the Board ask that families call the police dept and report as such so their won't be concern from neighbors.

Pres. Rodgers asked the clerk to type another letter to the Warden of the Robinson Correctional Facility asking if the Road Crew can paint the interior of the Oblong Municipal Building during the winter months. Earlier a letter was drafted asking for the Road Crew to to help with leaves and mowing at the park as well as small playground repairs.

October 7th meeting continued-----

Rick made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl reported that a permit had been applied for and received from the Ill. Department of Transportation to repair the sidewalk connected to the park entrance on the west entrance. Earl said they would probably get a bid or two on the costs and wait to repair next spring. They might possibly use cold patch mix to temporarily repair before the Halloween parade as there will be lots of people in that area lining up for the parade.

Rick Houdasheldt reported that he had been working with Bob and Gary preparing a map for ditching to be done within the village to help drainage problems. He had an estimate from E.R.Stone for 3700 feet at a cost of \$3,145.00 dollars. Also the village would need to purchase approximately 37 - 20 foot plastic culverts. The cost would be approximately \$2,000.00 dollars. The clerk is to call Roger Mead, Oblong's representative from IDOT for MFT and ask what we need to do to spend MFT monies. The Village is under their resolution amount for their summer program. If the money is available for this purpose the village will go ahead and do the work.

The village received final payment from IEPA for sewer project in the amount of \$14,525.00 dollars. The clerk has talked with H & Hand their will be one more payment due them in the amount of approxiamately \$6,500.00 dollars. Then the treasurer will combine all accounts into the sewer rental account and close out the construction accounts.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seocnded by Randy. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

October 21, 1992

The Village board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 21, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Terry Legg, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Christen Coriosco.

The minutes of the October 7th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the Water Tower was repaired. The Village needs some type of electrolysis to cut down on the corrosion in the tower. Terry Legg said he would check with Robinson to see what type of procedure they have.

Pres. Rodgers read a letter from CSWDA that stated the Village owes to the CSWDA \$1,222.75 dollars quarterly. The board discussed the letter. and Rick made a motion to draft a letter to CSWDA that according to original agreement signed in 1988 - the Village of Oblong has already paid their contribution as per agreement. At this time, the Village of Oblong choose not to contribute any more monies until a point in time that the Board deems it necessary and in the best interest of the Village. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Rick H. reported that the ditching will start early the week of October 26th.

Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel met with a contractor today about the soffet on the west side of the Municipal Building. It was reported that the building has total rot out: rafters, sheeting, etc. The board deemed the problem and emergency situation due to the effect it could have on the total building and Randy made a motion to hire Dave Krick to go ahead and fix the building without an estimate because there is not any feasible way to foresee what all will need to be replaced once they tear into the building. Rick seconded the motion for the repairs. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chuck made a motion to replace a concrete light pole at the post office with a wooden pole with the work being done by CIPS. The pole was struck by an unidentified vehicle. Earl seconded the motion to fix the pole. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Also there is a light that needs to be fixed by the secretaries office at the park. The board ask that CIPS do work as soon as possible because they really need both lights by Fall Follies on October 31st.

Terry Gish reported that the steering on the squad car is loose and it will cost \$325.00 dollars to put in a new steering gear. Earl made a motion to repair the steering at a cost of \$325.00 dollars labor included with the motion seconded by Chuck Tuel. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays. Terry said the repairs should only take a couple of hours.

The Board went into executive session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss personnel. Back into regular session at 8:20 P.M. no action was taken.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

November 4, 1992

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, November 4, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg  
Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees;  
Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Rumpke Rep. and Water Customer.

The minutes of the October 21st meeting were approved as read.

A water customer was not aware that he was to pay a water deposit and board an extension until November 17th, and the extension on the did grant the payment.

Due to the minimal increase in the tax levy, it is not necessary that the Village have a Truth in Taxation Hearing.

Earl made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Rick. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

It was reported that overloaded grain truck on South Jackson street have torn the street up. The Village does not have weight limit signs posted, however; the board members will talk to the owner of the grain elevator and see if they can work together to keep the road in a good state of repair.

The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:40 P.M. Back into open session at 8:25 P.M.

Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

JANE HOSSSELTON, Village Clerk

November 18, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 18, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Randy Rich, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Christen Coriosco.

The minutes of the November 4th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers read a letter from Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency wanting clarification as to the status of the Village Board of Oblong. The Board felt they had made a clear statement, however, Pres. Rodgers said he would call and talk with Richard Ralston.

The clerk was instructed to call Frank Heilengenstein from Illinois Codification and get an estimate on supplementing the Villages' code book.

The board set a Christmas Party for December 16th at 6:30 P.M. The regular village board meeting will start at 6:00 P.M. on December 16th.

Bob Lanter reported that a culvert needs repair on Ohio and Washington Streets. With village employee help, Dave Krick said he could do the work for approximately 500.00 dollars. The board gave their approval to put in a new culvert, as this ditch handles a lot of water and needs to be in good condition.

Randy Rich reported that the squad car needs a new spot light. The cost to replace the light is approximately \$100.00 dollars. The board gave approval to fix it.

Randy Rich made a motion to pay for Jack Cunningham to go to Mt. Vernon for a seminar on aids, drug abuse, family crisis, alcohol, etc. on December 2nd and 3rd. The Village will pay the \$60.00 dollar registration fee and \$40.00 dollars plus tax for one nights stay. Jack said he would cover his own meals and donate his time. Earl seconded the motion. ~~Vote~~ 5-0 nays motion carried.

The clerk reported that final pay has not yet been made to H & H for the sewer project. She is still waiting for a letter confirming final payment. She has spoke to Marshall Scott 4 times in the last 6 weeks and is not getting any response. Village records show that they still owe to H & H \$6,600.00 dollars. The board said to contact Bill Thomas Village Attorney and have him draft a letter stating that a time frame has been placed to settle payment.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chuck. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 2, 1992

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farly Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, and Christen Coriosco.

The minutes of the November 18th meeting were approved as read.

Randy Rich made a motion to permit the Village Tap and Floyd's to stay open an additional 1 hour on New Year's Eve. Chuck seconded the motion ~~Vote~~ 5 - 0 nays motion carried.

Randy Rich will check into a possible leak at the 4-H building at the park. Bob Harris reported there was a problem.

The Mayor signed a resolution authorizing the police department to participate in the police training program under the Illinois Police Training Act. The resolution will be sent in to update our file with the police training board.

The board went into executive session at 7:25 to discuss personnel

Back into regular session at 7:35, Jim made a motion to pay \$100.00 dollar Christmas bonuses to full-time employees, and \$75.00 dollar Christmas bonuses to part-time employees. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The bonuses will be paid at the December 16th meeting.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

December 16, 1992

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 16, 1992, at 6:00 P.M. in the Fair Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Christen Coriosco and Clifford.

The minutes of the December 2 meeting were approved as read.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Terry. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers reported that there will be a Financing Public Intrastructure Workshop at the Municipal Building in Oblong on Tuesday, January 26, 1993 starting at 7:00 P.M. The topics for discussion will be streets, roads, sewer and water systems, etc. The board was asked to attend this meeting.

There have been several complaints on the ICTC phone system in Oblong. Pres. Rodgers and trustees will draft a letter to the owner Mr. Lumpkin about the outdated equipment and voice their concerns.

Earl Deckard made a motion to send Gary Lanter to and Illinois EPA workshop at SIU Edwardsville, Illinois on January 12 and 13th. The workshop will be from 9-5 each day. The village will pay the \$120.00 dollar registration fee and mileage and one night motel stay. The workshop will be on record keeping and sampling. Randy seconded the motion to send Gary to the Workshop. Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Randy Rich checked on the building that was leaking at the park and there will definitely need to be repairs done to the roof. The fair board mentioned that they would pay 1/2 the cost. Chuck Tuel said he would attend the next fair board meeting and see if that is still their intent. The work will probably not be done until early next spring.

As all business was concluded, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk



January 6, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 6, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Holly Ackman, Betty Douglas, and John Newell.

The minutes of the December 16th meeting were approved as read.

2 water customers approached the board and received extensions on their water bills.

Rick H. estimated that it would take 30 gallons to paint the interior of the Municipal Building. He will get estimates on the cost before the next meeting. The road crew from the Robinson Correctional Center will be painting the building.

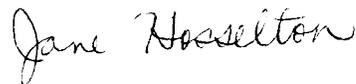
Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Rick.  
Vote 5 yeas – 0 nays motion carried.

The City of Oakland City, Indiana faxed a letter to the clerk asking for a letter stating that the Village of Oblong does not have any objection to their water and sewer departments getting on the 154.1000 frequency of the Villages city band radio. The trustees decided to respond that they did not object if the city of Oakland will guard their transmission side of their frequency. The clerk is to fax the response to Oakland City on Thursday.

The Board went into executive session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Back into open session at 8:00 P.M. Jim Stephens made a motion to raise the wages of Jason Garrard to 4.50 per hour plus put him on IMRF because he has worked this year in excess of 1000 hours. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The IMRF will be retroactive back to April 15, 1992 for Jason. The treasurer will have him to fill out the necessary papers to be added to the retirement program.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

January 20, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdashe1dt, Jim Stephens, Terry Leg and Rang Rich, trustees. Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosse1ton, clerk.

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Chad Harmon, Fran Higgins, Larry Miller, Holly Ackman, Gary Lanter, Don Spence, Darvin McCloud, and Christen Coriosco.

The minutes of the January 6th meeting were approved as read.

Darvin McCloud, Treat-a-Lite Chemical Representative discussed with the Board his proposal for treating water for bacteria and algae control at the Lagoon. He recommended that Gary use X-Cide 209 (Sodium Hypochlorite) and treat the lagoon twice a month in the warm months. He would use 40 gallon per month in two-2 hour treatments. The approximate cost would be \$202.40 dollars. Mid-April until the first freeze would be the high treatment time. Darvin said they will monitor the situation, and possibly go on a maintenance treatment for the rest of the months, maybe once every month or once every other month. He could not be specific until they see the results with the X-cide chemical. Gary will get the chemical ordered and will work with Darvin to treat the lagoon.

Earl Deckard, invited Larry Miller, representative of Illinois Consolidated Telephone to talk about when Oblong will get an upgraded phone system. Larry Miller reported to the board that the old switch that is now our system was installed in December 1969. At the current time Oblong is slated to have a new switch put in the first quarter of 1994. Some of the features would include call waiting, call forwarding, 3-way calling, and speed calling. Different problems were discussed including Harmon's Drug Store with the phone system and their computers. Larry wrote down all of the information and said he would talk to his superiors and see if Oblong could be moved up even sooner than 1994.

Don Spence discussed with the Board options on buying a new backhoe, buying a used backhoe, upgrading the one that we have vs. leasing a new backhoe with the intent to own after 5 years. There were not any guarantees that the old backhoe would be in working order after spending \$8,000.00 dollars and that would only make the back-hoe worth \$10,000.00 dollars. So the Board discussed the leasing program with Mr. Spence. Rick made a motion that the Water Department accept the bid of \$31,000 dollars from Service Equipment Company this will be the balance due on the backhoe after the trade-in of the old backhoe which is worth \$7,000.00 dollars. The backhoe will be the first years payment, then the Village will pay 4 equal payments over the next 4 years equaling \$31,000.00 plus 8% interest on balance due. Terry seconded the motion to accept the lease agreement. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers presented to the Board bids on squad cars. He had 2 bids one from Terrys Ford in Peotone, IL, and the other bid was from Wood-River Motors. Rick made the motion to purchase a new 1992 Ford Crown Victoria from Terrys Ford in Peotone at a cost of \$11,550.00 dollars. The motion also includes the purchase of a p1exiglass screen from Gall's Inc. at a cost of \$335.00 dollars. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 - 0 nays, motion carried.

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Bob Lanter then presented figures on a new water truck. His bid was from McClane Motors in Newton. The cost for a 3/4 ton 1993 truck was \$13,835.00 dollars. He will get a couple of more bids from Robinson before ordering the new truck.

Gary Lanter proposed to the Board to build an office upstairs in the Municipal Building on the East side. This office will house all of the Sewer Department paper work and records. With all of the demands being put on the Village by OSHA and the EPA, there needs to be; accurate record keeping in an organized location. Gary has checked materials, equipment, and labor and is proposing he do all of the foot work and have the office done for \$2,200.00 dollars. The Board agreed that there is a need for the office space. Jim made a motion to let Gary have an office prepared upstairs and not to spend over \$2,500.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Rick Houdasheldt checked on paint for the interior of the Municipal Building. The road crew from the Robinson Correctional Center will paint the inside of the building. Randy made a motion to have Rick order 25 gallons of tinted paint from A & K at a cost of \$15.88 per gallon for latex enamel. A & K is ordering extra paint so that they will have it on hand if the Village needs more. Jim seconded the motion to buy the paint. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made a motion to adopt Ordinance #93-364 which is an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract for IML/RMA. They need this document on file for our Insurance.

The Board went into executive session at 9:00 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Back into open session at 9:35, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

February 3, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 3, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, cl

Others Present: Max Riker, Ken Heck, Betty Cunningham, Suzanne Menacher, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Gary Lanter, & Holly Ackman.

The minutes of the January 20th meeting were approved as read.

Ken Heck with Baker Chemical presented a chemical treatment program for the lagoon based on case history studies. The Board asked Mr. Heck to go ahead and do some actual studies on the water at the lagoon so they can give a more accurate estimate of what they would propose to treat the water with. Treat - 0 - Lite will be doing studies also and will both report back to Gary Lanter with their findings.

Suzanne Menacher owner and operator of Floyd's Place ask the Board about more hours of police protection for Oblong. The Board explained to her that a tax referendum was voted down by the people of Oblong therefore, there are not enough funds to pay for 2 full-time officers. Mrs. Menacher stated that twice she had to call the County and it took 45 minutes for an officer to get to Oblong. The County also being understaffed has to cover more miles, and probably this will happen again.

Rick made a motion to pay bills seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Rodgers read correspondence from CIPS with a statement of street lights in Oblong. He also received a letter from the Bantera Corp. from Eldorado, Illinois. The letter explained their Municipal Lease Purchasing Agreement. The letter will be on file for future reference.

Gary Lanter is going to check with ER Stone on aeration systems that might be used at the sewer lagoon as opposed to chemical treatment.

Pres. Rodgers opened and read 5 bids for a new 3/4 ton pickup for the Water Department. They are as follows:

Dan Wachtel	Ford-	\$14,936.20
Dan Wachtel	Dodge-	13,184.25
McClane Motors	Dodge-	13,135.00
Terry Wiseman Nick	GMC-	15,796.00
Ickes Olds	Chewy-	14,075.00

Jim made a motion to order the truck from McClane Motors in Newton at a cost of \$13,135.00 dollars. Rick seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Earl Deckard has spoken with Bob Harris of the Fair Board Assoc. and they got an estimate on fixing the roof on the 4-H building at the Fair grounds. The bid was for \$2,765.35 dollars from Shields Brothers. The original verbal agreement was for the Fair Board to pay 1/2 and the Village pay 1/2. Rick made a motion for Shields to do the roofing & decking. The Village will pay 1/2 and the Fair Board 1/2. The cost will be 2,765.35 plus the decking.

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Randy seconded the motion for the roofing. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl also had information on a new radio for the new water truck. He had a quote from Bob Goss for the radio antenna and installation.

Jim made a motion to purchase the 8 channel Midland mobile radio at a cost less than \$590.00 dollars. The price also includes the antenna and installation. Chuck seconded motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Rick mentioned to the Board that the floor mats at the Municipal Building were worn out. He read some price quotes from Southern Chemical and Jerry's Janitorial. The total cost was approximately \$500.00 to \$650.00 dollars. Other trustees asked that the clerk call and check on lease programs such as Charles Todd out of Effingham and Means Service out of Terre Haute, Ind. Also, some companies have seconds and that might save the Village some money. They will make a decision after they have the other information.

The Board were in agreement to sell the old Squad Car. The Clerk is to put in the paper that the board will take sealed bids until the February 17th meeting. The car will sell as is. And may be looked at Mon thru Friday at the Municipal Building.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hosselton".

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

February 17, 1993

The Village Board of trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 17, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Christen Coriosco, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Holly Ackman, and Larry Fear.

The minutes of the February 3rd meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers opened and read one lone bid on the 1985 Dodge Police Car. The bid was submitted by Bill A. Barnbrook of Oblong. His bid was \$676.00 dollars. Earl made a motion to accept the bid seconded by Rick. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk will contact Mr. Barnbrook.

A mobile home application was denied because the proper specs were not met.

The board approved for Jerry Kidwell to be Oblong's representative for the Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency.

The mats for the Municipal building were discussed once again and was tabled. The Library received a donation from the Women of the Moose in Robinson.

As all business was concluded, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rick. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hosselton".

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

March 3, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 3, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, Treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Holly Ackman, & Herb Meeker.

The minutes of the February 17th meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers reported to the board that IDOT gave an extension on the permit for new sidewalks on the north side of Route 33 by the entrance to the park. The permit extension was to August 1, 1993. Also in correspondence, Pres. Rodgers received an update on DCCA workshop for surrounding communities. There will be a workshop on March 25 from 9:30 to 12:30 at Robinson City Hall. These meetings are set up for board members, clerks and treasurers. This workshop will be on financial management covering revenue sources, budgets, appropriation ordinances, and tax levies.

The village received their new backhoe today. The backhoe will be financed through the First National Bank of Oblong.

President Rodgers reported that he has received several applications for summer employment. The board will hire 4 young men at the April 21st board meeting.

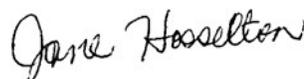
Oblong Water Department received word from Robinson-Palestine Water Commission that the water rates will be going up for the large users. Pres. Rodgers talked with the Village auditor and they will need to do a rate survey to see how much the raise will effect our customers.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Chuck. Vote 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Stephens had checked with a few large companies that experience high traffic. The business owners commented that the good mats were a necessity and that you could be held liable if an accident should happen. They also help save on the floors from the salt ice and snow. Jim then made a motion to purchase 2 rubber mats for the outside use. The mats are 3' x 6' and they each cost \$113.50 dollars. They will be ordered from Southern Chemical Co. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. They plan to replace the indoor mats at a later date.

There will be a 911 radio Seminar at the Oblong Firehouse at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 5, 1993. The public is welcome to attend.

The board went into executive session at 7:35 p.M. to discuss personnel. Back into regular session at 7:55 P.M. Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

March 17, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

17, 1993, at 7:00

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Charles L. Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk.

Others Present: Ron Bailey, Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Holly Ackman, Larry Fear, and Christen Coriosco.

The minutes of the March 3rd meeting were approved as read.

Pres. Rodgers read correspondence from the Governor stating some opinions on the Sur charge tax. If the village would loose the sur charge tax it could cost them close to \$40,000 dollars.

The board briefly discussed the upcoming water rate increase. It could be an average of \$3.00 dollars per minimum bill; however, the committee and employees are looking into reconstructing the entire billing system so that minimum and less users will not have to pick up the load. The new board in May will be the one to set the rates and they will need to follow through. Nothing definite has been set.

The finance committee is working on a sewer update financial report for Chuck Tuel as the lagoon has some work to be finished and if the money is there they will probably proceed as soon as possible.

Earl asked if the board was interested in looking into the purchase of a cellular phone for squad car. The board wanted Earl to get the information and cost on the phone and they will discuss at the next meeting.

Earl commended the police officers and all that helped in the tragic fire on South Grant Street Tuesday, March 16th.

Randy Rich made a motion to allow the Crawford County Country Music Jamboree to use the band stand at the Oblong Park on the second Saturday of June, July, and August. And the motion also gave permission for the St. Judes Bikeathon to be held at the Oblong Park on Saturday, May 8th. The CB club usually helps block traffic and watch the kids that participate. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Lanter had been researching the possibility of the Village getting a Marathon Credit Card to save tax on all of the gasoline that the Village buys for their vehicles. It would be a one stop credit card left at JPB Oil Company and there would be a different card for each department and the employees would sign a receipt each time they got gas. Then shown on the statement at the end of the month would be a total less the taxes. It could possibly save the Village \$1,000 dollars or more per year. Chuck made a motion to apply for the cards and see what the response is, Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

At the beginning of the meeting, Pres. Rodgers made a statement to the press concerning a recent charge against one of our part-time officers. The paper had stated that the Village Board might have illegally made a decision in closed session to settle out of court. Pres. Rodgers

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reported that after the law suit had been filed, the matter was turned over to the Village Insurance Company and they in turn work with the attorneys representing both sides. As it turned out, the Insurance Company settled out of court for \$5,000 dollars. The village did not have a say in the matter. He also stated that the money was not paid by taxes, rather it was covered by our annual insurance fees. All board members agreed that they would like to have seen the issue go the court because then our officer would have been cleared of all doubt. The Village Board does back our officer and does not feel that he was wrong.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

April 7, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 7, 1993, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, Randy Rich and Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Herb Meeker, Ron Bailey, Terry Gish, Gary Lanter, Carol Jones, Holly Ackman, Bob Lanter, Mark Chapman, and Larry Fear.

The minutes of the March 17th meeting were approved as read.

Gary Lanter reported that the Village has passed the lead and copper sampling site. There are several phases yet to do. Gary said if the board is ready to finish the rock at the lagoon that he would get the estimate for the second half of the work. Yes the intent of the board is to proceed soon.

Gary and Pres. Rodgers talked about street signs for Oblong. Gary submitted a proposal for what he needed. They will be ordered through a correctional facility which is a big savings to the Village. They are waiting on a price quote right now. The Village is set up to buy so many signs at a time.

Pres. Rodgers read correspondence from Warren Hull Copstruction who is interested in doing a water tower inspection for Oblong. The cost is \$900.00 dollars. The clerk will put on file for now. Pres. Rodgers read a thank you from Christen Coriosco Daily News Reporter for their help while she covered our meetings. He read a letter from Chuck Hartke and the necessary concern for the Sur Charge for Municipalities. And Pres. Rodgers also read a letter of resignation from part-time patrolman Carl Veach. His resignation is effective May 1, 1993.

Pres. Rodgers reported that the annual Spring Clean-up will be Friday, April 9th for the North side of town and Tuesday, April 13 for the south side of town. This includes all residents of Oblong and Rumpke will take anything except construction materials, tree limbs, liquids or car parts.

Pres. Rodgers opened bids for the 1978 Chevy 1/2 ton truck to be sold. They were read as follows:

Randy Reynolds	\$360.00
Bill Waggoner	350.00
Don Perkins	376.00
Hodson Equipment	352.00
Earnie Mendenhall	478.00

Randy made a motion to accept the high bid from Earnie Mendenhall for \$478.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk will contact Mr. Mendenhall Thursday.

Earl brought prices to the board concerning a cellular for the squad car. After discussion the board could not come to a decision, so it tabled the decision until the next meeting.

There has been some problems with fast traffic on the last road going north off West Route 33. Terry said there a lot of small children so Bob said we had speed limit signs and would put them up.

April 7th meeting continued-----

The Board went into executive session at 7:45 to discuss summer employment.  
Back into regular session at 8:00 P.M. Earl made a motion to hire the following young men for summer employ.

Troy Noblit  
Jeremy Dunlap  
Brian Ridlen  
Jeremy Johnson

Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.  
The boys will report to Bob Lanter and he will set what days the boys will start work.

As all business was concluded, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry all were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

April 21, 1993

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, April 21, 1993 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Tom Rodgers, Pres; Earl Deckard, Rick Houdasheldt, Jim Stephens, Terry Legg, & Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treas; and Jane Hosselton, clerk. Also seated were newly elected officials, Betty Cunnirgham, Mayor, and Carole Jones, trustee.

Others Present: Herb Jones, Herb Meeker, Larry Fear, Orpha Tonn, Gary Lanter, Holly Ackman, Darwin McCloud, Bob Lanter and Ter Gish.

The minutes of the April 7th meeting were approved as read.

Orpha Tonn asked for explanation why the railroad crossings were so bad. She is disabled and her transportation is a motorized wheelchair. The tracks are tearing up the wheels on her chair and they are very expensive to replace. The board has been in contact with the Indiana Railroad several times but are not getting any results. The railroad explained that if the Village do repair on their own they could be liable for a train derailment; therefore, the Village has moved very cautiously. A new board will be seated on May 5th and the new Mayor's intent is to stay in contact with the railroad and see that something is accomplished. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter and photographs to the Railroad Company so that they will have it in their file in writing.

Darwin McCloud, Treat-o-Lite representative has done some testing on the fresh water at the lagoon and changed his prior recommendation. He now recommended that the Village use X-Cide 102 - Gluderaldahyde a 6 carbon dialdahyde to treat the primary pit twice a month and the secondary pit once a month. Initially there would need to be a shock treatment put into the system of 20 gallons of gluderaldahyde. Mr. McCloud also recommended that the Village invest in 2 chemical pumps to handle the chemical as it can be dangerous and the l-t handled the better, and that can best be controlled with the pumps. The approximate cost of the pumps would be \$700.00 dollars each. A total dollar figure was not available as Mr. McCloud is working up a proposal for the Village.

Gary Lanter had a contract price for the second half of the Rip Rap at the Lagoon. The 2nd half will cost \$11,175.00 dollars. or \$7.50 dollars per foot. Gary would like to do both projects, but if not feasible to do dyke repair, then he said the algae treatment was the most important. The finance committee will check into and give their recommendation at the next meeting.

The purchase of street signs was discussed at a previous meeting. Gary Lanter submitted a list of signs that would complete Range St. Pres. Rodgers went through a correctional facility to get a price. As there was at least a 50% savings, Chuck made the motion to purchase 30 street signs for \$285.00 dollars, and to purchase the necessary post and hardware elsewhere because the correctional facility does not make the hardware. The total cost will not exceed \$700.00 dollars. Terry Legg seconded the motion for the purchase. Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

A collection for a past due bill was turned over to the clerk to submit a letter to the delinquent customer and inform him if the bill is not paid within 10 days that the attorney will take charge of the situation.

The clerk reported that the tabulation of votes was picked up from the courthouse and will be canvassed immediately following the board meeting.

This is the last meeting for President Tom Rodgers, and trustees Rick Houdaheldt and Randy Rich. The new board will be seated at the May 5th meeting with new comers, Betty Cunningham, Board President and Carol Jones and Ron Bailey as new trustees.

Thanks to Tom, Randy and Rick for their contribution to the community in serving on the Village Board.

As all business was concluded, Rick made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

May 5, 1993

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, May 5, 1993, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carol Jones, Jim Stephens, Chuck Tuel, and Terry Legg, Trustees; and Jan Miller, treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Chuck & Holly Beulah Smith, Gary Lanter Riley-Ackman, Larry Fear, Donna Gordon, Max Riker, Ken Hayke, and June & Leo Catt.

The minutes of the April 21st meeting were approved as read.

Jan Miller gave the Financial Report - Water Bond total due to First National Bank is \$25,975.00 dollars, and the Sewer Bond total due to First National is \$24,222.82 dollars.

Pres. Cunningham explained to the Board that she had received a letter from Indiana Railroad and they gave the Village the okay to repair South Adams Street Crossing where the track is not used.

Pres. Cunningham then appointed the following committees for 1993-94.

Finance Water-Sewer	Ron Bailey, Chrm.	Carol Jones	Jim Stephens
Police	Chuck Tuel, Chrm.	Carol Jones	Terry Legg Earl
St & Alley Park	Terry Legg, Chrm.	Chuck Tuel Earl	Deckard Ron
Sidewalk & Lighting	Carol Jones, Chrm. Jim	Deckard Earl	Bailey Ron
and Building	Stephens, Chrm. Earl	Deckard Terry	Bailey Jim
	Deckard, Chrm.	Legg	Stephens

#### Report of Committees: Water & Sewer

Max Riker and Ken Hayke from Baker Chemical presented their program to control the algae at the Lagoon. Water Tower needs to be inspected and Gary Lanter will contact someone that. Water Rate Ordinance will be studied at a meeting to be held on Wed. May 12th. and Gary Lanter gave his report about the Rip Rap at the Lagoon. Total project cost is \$11,175.00 dollars. Gary said wasn't urgent, but the work needed to be done before bad weather. The matter was turned over to the water & sewer committee.

#### Police:

Chief Gish gave the board copies of the departments activity sheet and informed the board that all officers would re-certify firearm permits on Wednesday, May 12th.

#### Streets and Alleys:

Jim Stephens made a motion to enter into an agreement with Calhoon Engineering to do preliminary engineering for the Motor Fuel Tax Street program. The approximate cost to the village will be \$1,600.00 dollars. Chuck seconded the motion to hire Jim Calhoon. Vote 6 years - 0 no motion carried. The agreement will be signed and sent to Mr. Calhoon so he can start immediately.

A new handicapp sign will be put up in front of Don's Diner handicapp to designate the that space that is already there. Bob Lanter reported crew will be cleaning the street drains in the next week of two.

May 5th meeting continued-----

Pres. Cunningham asked Bob L. if the city maintains the road beside the Catholic Church. Bob said the city helps maintain the road because it used a lot for the grade school. The street is actually a private drive, but they will patch it as soon as the patch mix comes in.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to appoint Jan Miller as treasurer for the fiscal 1993-94 year. And also to appoint Jane Hosselton as clerk for a 4 year term to terminate in April 1997. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Cunningham informed the board of a meeting at Olney Central College on Thursday, May 20th at 6:45 P.M. on stabilizing and revitalizing downtown. She is interested in working closely with the retail businesses to help meet their needs. There is a Business Visitation program that she will speak to the Chamber of Commerce about and see if they want to become involved. Anyone who is interested is welcome to meet at the building and go to the meeting at Olney.

Terry made a motion to pay bills seconded by Earl. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Ron made a motion to reconvene this board meeting to next Wed. May 12th at 7:00 P.M. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas – 0 nays motion carried.

Meeting ajourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

May 12, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in a reconvened meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing a water rate increase.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carol Jones, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; and Jan Miller, treas.

Others Present: Donna Riley-Gordon, Bob Lanter, Holly Ackman, Wanda Lanter, Gary Lanter, and Larry Fear.

President Cunningham called the meeting to order and read a statement concerning the water rate ordinance. In February the Water Department was notified of a 45% rate increase from the Robinson-Palestine Water Commission. The water committee and the full board need to set new rates for a long range plan. There is a lot of information to get together and Willie McKinney, Kemper CPA will help make a scale of useage based on what the Board wants. The effective date of the Oblong Water Department's raise is June 1, 1993. The Village Board hopes to have the rates established so that they will go into effect with the July 1 billing.

Water Committee Chairman, Chuck Tuel, called a meeting for Friday, May 14, at 5:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building. President Cunningham requested that Finance Chairman, Ron Bailey, be present.

As discussion was completed, Carol made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

May 19, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 19, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, & Chuck Tuel, trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Kay Young, Linda Cravens, Phil Mendenhall, Larry Fear, Tom Weger, and Donna Riley-Gordon.

President Cunningham called the meeting to order and made the necessary additions to the agenda.

The minutes of the May 5th meeting were approved as read.

Jan Miller, treasurer, asked the board for permission to attend a General Ledger Computer Class at LTC. Chuck Tuel made the motion to pay \$135.00 dollars for the class, Carole seconded the motion. Vote 6 ayes- 0 nays motion carried.

A motion was made by Earl and seconded by Chuck to pay the bills as presented. Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

President Cunningham displayed a map to the trustees of the houses, mobile homes, and apartments in Oblong that would need to be renumbered before the 911 emergency system goes into effect. Present at the meeting were 911 board members, Phil Mendenhall and Sheriff Tom Weger to field questions about the necessary changes that Oblong will need to make. The Village has the option to do the renumbering and following up with letters to the residents or they can hire the work done. Trustee Chuck Tuel made a motion that he was in agreement for the Village to update all of their addresses in town. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried. Trustee Earl Deckard then made a motion to hire Pat McMahon from McMahon & Group Associates, Inc. in St. Charles, Illinois and pay him \$50.00 dollars per hour for not more than 10 hours to perform 911 requisites in Oblong. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

Kay Young approached the Board with a creative idea to help the Village spruce up their existing street signs until new ones can be purchased. Her program idea would be for families to adopt a sign and refurbish that sign with the guidance of the Village Board and employees. The board will discuss the possibilities at a later meeting.

Carole Jones, Chairman for the Street and Alley Committee informed the Board that an extension from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation was granted on the permit for street and drive entrance into the Fire Department and IGA Parking. The permit expires in November, 1993. The IDOT will pay for 100 cubic feet of concrete. A contractor has already met with Bob Lanter and does have a copy of the permit.

Carole asked about possibilities to eliminate the confusion of which way to enter and exit the park off Route 33. Gary Lanter suggested to paint a center line down the west drive that the Village owns because the Fair Board owns the East Drive. Board said to try the center line.

MAY 19th BOARD MEETING CONTINUED-----

Carole Jones also stated that the street & alley committee would contact Mike McReynolds at 202 E. Indiana St. to have him move a sign in his yard that is a visual handicapp for traffic. Carole also reported to the street department that a new yield sign is needed at Kentucky& Garfield.

Chuck Tuel, Water & Sewer Committee Chairman read a letter from Tretolite re-stating their position on the various options of chemically treating our wastewater lagoons. Gary Lanter attached a letter that stated he felt Tretolite would be the best choice for the village's situation. Chuck made a motion to enter into an agreement with Tretolite to purchase a registered biocide to treat the lagoon. Jim seconded the motion.  
Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

Water Committee will have a to meeting Thursday morning with Willie McKinney water discuss options with the that rate increase. The committee reported and they feel progress has been made be positive that the rates will prepared on time.

Kelley Tracy contacted Pres. Cunningham and asked if the Community Club could help clean up the Park. Jim Stephens Comm. Chairman will contact Kelley Tracy and set up a Saturday for them to help. Also The Gem City Club will help plant flowers and clean up.

Finance Committee Chairman Ron Bailey reported that Kemper CPA from Robinson is currently preparing the Village Audit for the year-end.

Earl Deckard reported that the Sidewalk Committee will be preparing their recommendation in June for sidewalk repairs.

Earl Deckard reported for the Police Committee that Jack Cunningham needs his 40 hour mandatory firearms training. The committee recommends that the Village pay for the training and expenses. Earl made the motion to pay for firearm's training for Jack Cunningham. The approximate cost will be \$405.00 dollars. The training will be June 7-11 in Carbondale, Illinois. Chuck seconded the motion.  
Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Cunningham felt the board should address the issue with the Solid Waste Disposal Proposal since there could be repercussions later if not paid.

Pres. Cunningham will be attending a CDAP meeting in Springfield on Tues., May 25 on Housing REhabilitation and General Economic Development.

The annexation for the Oil Field Museum will be updated and signed at the next board meeting.

Vince Laino talked with Pres. Cunningham prior to the meeting about a bike safety program and Say No to Drugs program for Oblong. The merchants sponsor the event and the Village needs to give their permission. Chuck Tuel made a motion to allow the bike safety and say no to drugs program in conjunction with Terry Gish & Jack Cunningham's bike registration program. Carole seconded the motion Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

MAY 19th BOARD MEETING CONTINUED -----

Pres. Cunningham read the Weeds Ordinance from the Village Code Book and stated that the Board would be enforcing this Ordinance right away.

A Resolution was made by the President and the Board of Trustees that there be appropriated the sum of \$50,000 dollars of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993. Ron Bailey made the motion to adopt the Resolution seconded by Carole Jones. Vote 6 ayes - 0 nays motion carried. The Village Board hired Calhoon Engineering at the last meeting, so the forms will be signed and sent to Mr. Calhoon. He will forward the forms to IDOT and as soon as the Resolution is accepted, the job will be let for bids.

President Cunningham reported to the Board and employees that Mont Eagle Mills has a sprayer to use for weeds, and if the Village wants use of the machine Mont Eagle will supply the machine and the driver.

As all business was finished, Carole made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

June 2, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 2, 1993 , at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; and Jan Miller, treas.

Others Present: Bill Dickey, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Josh Rich, Steve Rich & Wife, Holly Ackman, and Donna Riley-Gordon.

Ron Bailey moved and Earl Deckard seconded to approve the minutes of the May 19th Board Meeting as presented. Vote 4 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

Treasurer Jan Miller passed out routine CD & Bond Sheets to the Board Members.

The Clerk read the following correspondence: A letter from Time Insurance Company stating there would be a slight increase in employee health benefits. Copies were passed out to the Finance Committee. The clerk received a letter from IDOT stating that the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for \$50,000 dollars to do street improvement was approved by the Department. Also a follow-up letter will be sent stating time and date of letting to be held at the Municipal Building. The Clerk passed out copies of an Ordinance amending the revised code for the Village concerning the statement of how the Clerk and Treasurer are paid by the Village. Chuck made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 93-365 to be stated in the Ordinance Book that the Clerk and Treasurers Salary will be set annually in the Appropriations. Both positions are appointed. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 4 ayes - 0 nays motion carried. The last correspondence covered was a letter from Stephen Trippe, Regional Manager for Triax Cablevision informing the President and Board of the 1992 Cable Act passed by Congress. The letter stated that the local franchising authority, being the Village of Oblong can seek certification for our community in order to regulate the Basic rate. President Cunningham added that Mr. Trippe will be at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to answer questions as there is other information that he will share with the Board and answer any questions.

Ron Bailey reported that the Finance Committee and the Treasurer are reviewing bonds with the possible intent of re-financing in the near future.

In reference to the New Water Rates, Pres. Betty Cunningham read a statement that said due to the increase in water rates being charged by Robinson-Palentine Water Commission, the anticipated revenue needed over the existing revenue generated by water sales will be approximately \$69,676.00 dollars annually. The proposed increase in water rates as ascertained by the water committee, should generate annual additional funds of \$71,039.00 dollars. For the water using patrons of the Village of Oblong, the board proposed that these following costs are set, and in order to meet the requirements necessary to maintain the water department in an efficient and responsible manner. Please refer to the attached rate sheet. Ron Bailey moved to accept the proposal of increased water rates as set by the committee. Chuck Tuel seconded the motion. Vote 4 ayes - 0 nays motion carried. The water bills received by patrons the first of July will reflect the increase.

June 2nd Board Meeting -continued-----

Earl Deckard, Police Committee, recommended to the Board that the Village spend \$123.75 dollars to purchase an electric gun mount for the squad car so the shotgun can be mounted overhead on the screen partition behind the officer. The gun is presently not of use where it is kept. The gun will be locked so it can only be accessed by an officer. Earl made the motion to purchase the gun mount for \$123.75 dollars plus shipping and handling. Chuck seconded the motion. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays motion carried.

Earl Deckard then approached the Board to reimburse Larry Fear, part-time patrolman, for a Fireman's Seminar that he went to several months before. There was an oversight and he paid his own expenses. It has been the board's policy to reimburse as such. Ron Bailey made the motion to pay Larry Fear \$325.00 dollars to cover lodging, meals, and mileage. Earl seconded the motion. Vote Tuel, Deckard, & Bailey voted aye, Jones voted nay. Vote 3 ayes - 1 nay motion carried.

Pres. Cunningham reported that a donation will be made to the Village Park from Ridgeview Care Center in the amount of \$60.00 dollars. Jim Stephens, park committee chairman along with Earl and Ron will suggest ideas to the Board on a project they can use the money for.

Pres. Cunningham also commended the employees on the cleanliness of the park for Memorial Day.

Josh Rich & parents presented some ideas to the Board that Josh would like to work on for his Eagle Scout Project. A couple of ideas he had were to build wooden trash barrel holders in the park to get the barrels off the ground. He also had a drawing of a proposal of a dock with handicapped access for fishing at the Oblong Lake. He asked the Board to think of any other ideas and he would talk to them a little later. He probably won't start his project until August.

Bill Dickey asked the Board questions about the way his sewer bill is set up. The rates are mandated by EPA because of grant funds the Village received for sewer improvements.

Pres. Cunningham stated that a nuisance letter will be re-sent to a resident not complying with Village Ordinances. The board is working on nuisance properties, abandoned vehicles and trash to be addressed soon to keep up Oblong. Also Pres. Cunningham asked about the feasibility of having another clean-up as the one in April appeared to be too early and people were not ready. The matter will be checked into for cost, etc.

As all business was covered on the agenda, Ron made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

Due to the increase in water rates being charged by Robinson-Palestine Water Commission, The anticipated revenue needed over the existing revenue/generated by water sales, will be approximately \$69,676.00, annually.

The proposed increase in water rates, as ascertained by the water committee, should generate annual additional funds of \$71,039.00

For the water using patrons of the Village of Oblong, I propose that these following costs are set, and in order to meet the requirements necessary to maintain the water department in an effecient and responsible manner, they are as follows.

The annual increase in the purchase of water for '93/'94 will be approximately

\$50,000.00, depending on the months of heavy use and those of lesser usage.

The projected increase in the operations and maintainence of the water dept.

\$7,250.00

The projected increase in salaries \$5,176.00

The payments for the backhoe purchased recently, including interest, \$7,250.00

\$50,000.00 \$

7,250.00 \$

5,176.00 \$ -

7,250.00

\$69,676.00 Total approximate revenue needed for '93-94

\$71,039.00 Total income generated by  
proposed water sales increase

Betty Cunningham, President

Village of Oblong  
Proposed Water Rates

35.00% Increase

OS/26/93

\$11.50 minimum 1(3.75 for 2000 - 3000 level

	Rates(per thousand gallons)			New Bills Vs Old Bills			
	Old	New	% Increase	Gallons	Old	New	% Increase
1st 2,000 Gallons	10.75	11.50	6.98%				
Next 1,000 Gallons	0.00	3.75		2,000	10.75	11.50	6.98%
1st 3,000 Gallons	10.75	15.25	41.86%	3,000	10.75	14.50	34.88%
				5,000	15.55	21.50	38.26%
Next 2,000 Gallons	2.40	3.25	35.42%	7,500	21.43	28.63	33.60%
Next 5,000 Gallons	2.35	3.25	38.30%	10,000	27.30	36.75	34.62%
Next 5,000 Gallons	1.95	2.60	33.33%	15,000	37.05	49.75	34.28%
Next 10,000 Gallons	1.70	2.60	52.94%	25,000	54.00	75.75	40.28%
Over 25,000 Gallons	1.20	2.00	66.67%	50,000	84.00	125.75	49.70%

The new rates should provide additional funds as follows:

"Minimum" Users	38,961
Over 3,000 Gallon Users	<u>32,078</u>
	<u>71,039</u>

"Minimum" Users:

Over 3,000 Gallon users:

(1) 1st 2,000 Gallon Users		Present Total Income	240,000
\$11.50 less \$10.75 =	0.75	# of Months	<u>12</u>
Number of Users	255	Average Monthly Income	20,000
Monthly Increase	191		
# of Months	12	Present Monthly Income from "Minimum" users	
Annual Increase	2,295	(\$10.75 * 1,150 Users)	12,363
(2) Next 1,000 Gallon Users		Monthly Income from over 3,000 Gallon users	7,638
\$15.25 less \$10.75	4.50		
Number of Users	<u>679</u>	# of Months	<u>12</u>
Monthly Increase	3,056		
# of Months	<u>12</u>	Est Annual Income over from 3,000 Gallon user	91,650
Annual Increase	<u>36,666</u>		
		Avg Rate Increase Over 3,000 Gallon Users	<u>35.00%</u>
Estimated Annual Increase from "Minimum Users"	<u>38,961</u>	New over 3,000 Gallon User Income	<u>32,078</u>

June 16, 1993

The Village of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, June 16, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Chuck Tuel; and Jan Miller, treas.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Gary Lanter, David Dallmier, Willie McKinney, Tom Moore, Donna Riley-Gordon, and Holly Ackman.

The minutes of the June 5th meeting were approved with a motion by Carole Jones and a second by Chuck Tuel.

Treasurer Jan Miller just completed a computer class through Group. Computer Computer attained a lot of good information.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Earl.

David Dallmier, Pres. of the Village Board of Stoy asked the Oblong Board if he could set up a meeting with the Water Dept and Water Committee to talk about the water lines in Stoy and what they would have to do to come in compliance with the Village of Oblong's specifications. A meeting was set.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk read a portion of the Sewer Bond Ordinance stating the regulations for Grant monies from the State and how the Village of Oblong charges for sewer useage. The General Conditions for Grants for Sewage Treatment Works is on file in the Clerk's office.

A letter from Stephen Trippe, Regional Manager of Triax Cablevision, stated the new rates for Cable Service effective June 1, 1993. The overall rate is shown as a decrease of \$1.68 to each customer every month. The letter is on file at the Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Chuck Tuel to adopt Ordinance # 93-366 to ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the Village of Oblong employed in performing construction of public works for Oblong. Carole Jones seconded the motion. Vote 5 years  
o nays motion carried. A certified copy of the Ordinance will be filed with the State Index Department and the Department of Labor.

Willie McKinney presented the Audit for the 1992-93 Fiscal Year. He gave a general overview of the Proprietary, Special Revenue, and General Fund. A detailed meeting was held with the Finance Committee prior to the 7:00 P.M. meeting.

Carole Jones informed the Board that the Motor Fuel Tax Bid letting will be held on Tuesday morning June 22nd at 10 A.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building. The bids will be opened for material and labor for street repairs.

Pres. Cunningham talked with Mr. Rinke owner of the Oblong Food Center and asked if the Community Club could paint and fix the windows on Burton's Drug Store Front. Mr. Rinke uses the building for storage and he had no objections to sprucing up the store front. The paint was donated for the store.

June 16th meeting continued-----

Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, Chuck Tuel explained a delayed billing in the new water rates. The water meter reading taken from the meters on the first week of August will be for water used in June and July which will reflect the increase in water rates to the users of the Village of Oblong Water Dept. The increase to the Village will be billed for usage from Robinson-Palestine Water Co., starting May 21 to June 21, so there will be from May 21 until June 1 that the Village will have to absorb the loss on that gallonage. The water meter reading taken on the first week of August will not be mailed to the customer until the date of August 31, so the bill is payable by the 20th of September, 1993. In the last coverage of the board meeting it was stated that the increased water rate would be reflected on the July billing.

Chuck Tuel asked the board their decision on repairing the last half of the rip rap on Cell 1 at the Sewer Lagoon. Ron Bailey made the motion to hire E.R. Stone to do the 1490 feet of rip rap at a cost of \$11,175.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Cunningham asked Water & Street Supt. Bob Lanter to check into repairing the road by the RV Dump Station. The road is washing badly and is in need of repair.

Police Chief Terry Gish reported that he & Officer Cunningham will have the annual Bike Rodeo and Registration on Saturday morning, June 19th from 9-12 A.M. Also there has been problems with the benches that are housed on Main Street. Terry felt if they were moved that it would distract loafing and shouting from those occupying the benches. If it does not help the situation, he can write citations if people are on public property. The board said to try moving them and see what happens.

The board went into executive session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss salaries and insurance.

Earl made a motion seconded by Ron to go back into regular session at 8:40 P.M. It was announced that there would be a Special Board Meeting Wednesday, June 23, 1993 at 8:00 A.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building. All employees are asked to attend. They will discuss Salaries & Benefits.

As no further action was taken, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Carole. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village

Clerk

June 23, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in special meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 1993, at 8:00 A.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing salaries and benefits.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, and Carole Jones, trustees; and Jane Hosselton, Clerk.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Harry Shafer, Howard Tuel, Jason Garrard, Dale Davis, Wanda Lanter, Leah Chiddix, Holly Ackman, Donna Riley-Gordon, and Gary Lanter.

President Cunningham informed the employees of the decrease in revenues and stated that the board must be accountable to the taxpayers and plan long range.

The board is checking into the hospitalization insurance and may put out bids as well as looking at co-payment in the future.

The board is not looking at a decrease in wages, but possibly a freeze for this year.

The board at the present time is holding wages & benefits as is, but wanted the employees to know that they are still studying the situation.

The board opened up the discussion to the employees. and some comments were voiced.

As the discussion was finished, Carole made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ron. Vote 4 ayes - 0 nays motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

July 7, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 7, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Others Present: Bob Harris, Holly Ackman, Dick Ridlen, Gary Lanter, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish and Larry Fear.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Chuck Tuel, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

The minutes of the June 23rd meeting were approved as read.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Ron. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Bob Harris presented for payment one-half of the bill to repair the roof on the 4-H Exhibit building at the Park. The Village had already agreed to pay 1/2 of the cost. The Village portion was \$1382.68 dollars.

Also Bob Harris explained that the Fair Board had updated the electric at the park. Everything is on 220 amp now and can handle all of the events at the park. The Fair Board asked if the Village could help on this cost also. Earl made a motion to pay 1/2 of the bill, \$2,711.46 dollars. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Lanter reported that the Park has been approved by the Department of Public Health and will issue license. Gary made a few improvements that Public Health requested.

Pres. Cunningham discussed with the Board the Oblong Lake and an attempt to clean the lake. The board is checking into different options.

Earl Deckard said that there is a problem within the Village of people riding horses through private property and in the playground areas at the Park. The board agreed to draw up an Ordinance prohibiting as such. The clerk is to check with Metro-East Codification of a sample Ordinance.

Pres. Cunningham reported that Pat McMahan from St. Charles, Illinois is done with the 911 report and will be sending it to her the week of July 12th.

Earl Deckard made a recommendation to re-hire Carl Veach as part-time patrolman. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Carl has resigned earlier due to an evening shift work schedule. He is now on days and can handle the hours.

As all business was finished Ron made a motion to adjourn seconded Earl. Aye in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.



JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

July 21, 1993

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, July 21, 1993, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, clerk; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Stephens, Chuck Tuel & Terry Legg, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Others Present: Holly Ackman, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Carol Decker, Charles Siler, and Donna Riley-Gordon.

First order of business was to approve the minutes of the July 7th Board meeting with a motion from Jim Stephens and a second from Earl Deckard. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to pay the bills presented and Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Cunningham introduced Charles Siler from Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency. Mr. Siler explained that the CSWDA needs support from all of the surrounding towns within Crawford County to help pay for the Agency. He asked the Village to pay \$5,200.00 dollars this year based on per capita. The Agency is currently spending \$3500.00 dollars per month and the County Board is committed to \$2,790.00 dollars per month. The Agency is working toward state laws and meeting their mandates. Mr. Siler hoped that after 1994 they could turn the recycling program over to the local sanitary hauling company. The board tabled the discussion and will look into the finances of the Village.

Carol Decker asked for cooperation in cleaning up an eye-sore in her neighborhood on South Garfield street. The board explained that we have ordinances governing against weeds and trash and can enforce if resident is in violation.

The Finance Committee recommended to the Board that they Cash in 2 Certificates of Deposit Numbers 17514 and 104931. The two total 100,880.15 dollars. This money from the Water Department will be used to totally payoff the water bonds \$69,394.00 dollars. With the balance remaining, the finance committee recommended to payoff the Backhoe purchased in February, 1993. The backhoe balance is \$31,630.61 dollars. Chuck made a motion to cash in the CD's and make the above pay-offs, Carole Jones seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Gary Lanter asked the Board if they would like to join the Ill. Rural Water Association. The cost is \$140.00 dollars per year. They are a good, helpful organization and have helped the Village in the past. Carole made a motion to join IRWA and Terry seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

July 21st Board Meeting -continued-----

Pres. Cunningham reported that Rick Holt will chair the committee for the Lake Project at the Park. Other interested citizens need to contact the Mayor on how they can help.

The Antique Tractor and Engine Club asked if they could move the wood tank at the park to the East of the Park on the Fair Board property to use for the Antique Tractor Show. The Board said to check with Phil Boyd as he is on the Ill. Oil Field Museum Board and it does belong to the Oil Field Museum.

Clerk is to check with CIPS about a street light on E. Illinois St. It was checked on earlier.

Pres. Cunningham received a copy of the 911 Report from Pat McMahan. The addresses that will be changed need to be voted on by the Village Board and letters sent out to these occupants.

Gary Lanter asked that the Board consider naming new streets after past Mayors.

Carole Jones volunteered the St. & Alley Committee to bring suggested names of new streets to the Board for a vote. Jim Stephens went ahead and made a motion to name the Street 150 E – Farley Road. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Cunningham reported that the ICTC is ready to let bids to re-do Oblong's telephone system. The system should be in place by January, 1994.

The Finance Committee was asked to address and discuss the current clothing allowance and see if it is adequate for the employees.

There have been some complaints on trash burning, and the Ordinance states that there will be no burning after 6 P.M.

Earl Deckard received a report on the Ordinances that apply to horses. He said he would give it some more study to see if we are covered on citations that might need to be written.

As all business was concluded, Carole made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

August 4, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, clerk, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, and Jim Stephens, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Others Present: David Dallmier, Holly Ackman, Donna-Riley Gordon, Carl Veach, Gary Lanter, and Bob Lanter.

President Cunningham called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the July 21st meeting were approved as typed.

David Dallmier, Mayor of Stoy, brought a Resolution before the board for them to sign stating that they would carry Stoy as water customers until they could hook on with the Hardinville Water Company. The trustees felt that the agreement should include a time frame and more detailed stipulations in case they wouldn't get on Hardinville's water lines.

The treasurer passed out copies of the budget and the Annual Treasurer's report. Jan stated that the building payment is due November, 1993.

The Village still owes \$50,220.83 dollars as of 8-4-93. The General Fund has 100,000 dollars and the trustees were asked to consider paying the building off to save interest.

Ron made a motion to pay bills seconded by Jim. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Pres. Cunningham voted to make a quorum.

Pres. Cunningham reported that the 911 letter is ready to type as soon as the street and alley committee meets and finishes up naming a few streets and compiling the list of residents to contact for address changes. The committee plans to meet at 1 P.M. on Friday and bring their recommendation before the board on August 18, 1993.

Comments were made that a slide needs attention at the playground at the park because of splintered boards. The employees will check and see if they can repair. Also the RV dump station needs more gravel.

Ron Bailey, chairman of the finance committee went over the budget print out and pointed out some changes that had been made and asked the Board and department heads to look over the budget for any questions or changes that need to be made.

Pres. Cunningham asked for a motion to set a clean-up date. Carole Jones made the motion to have a Village Clean up including every household on Sept. 14 for the South Side and Sept. 17th for the North side. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Betty said she would have a flyer copied and check to see if the Scouts would deliver the flyers door to door a couple of weeks before the pick-up.

August 4th meeting continued-----

Pres. Cunningham was approached by Julie Fancil and said that she is interested in a position with the Village as Animal Control Officer. The Board will check into details about how much to pay an employee as well as stipulations on how people can redeem their pets if they run off and are picked up by the catcher.

The Appropriation Ordinance was presented to the Board for the 1993-94 Fiscal year and a motion was made by Ron to adopt the Ordinance with a second from Jim Stephens. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. A file will be sent the the County Clerk.

The Finance Committee wanted it noted that they are looking at a complete package for employees including insurance, salary and clothing allowance and will address the total situation at a later date.

As all business was concluded, Carole made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ron. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

August 18, 1993

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, August 18, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, Chuck Tuel, and Terry Legg, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Tony Schrey, Wanda Lanter, Dale Davis, Steve & Josh Rich.

Carole Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4th board meeting, seconded by Ron Bailey. 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jan Miller reported that the Treasurer's Annual Report is in the August 19th issue of the Oblong Gem.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Earl Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

President Cunningham read a letter from John Manning, President of Hardinville Water Company requesting permission from Oblong Village Board for Stoy to join Hardinville Water Company. This is a letter they need for Hardinville to continue with legalities in putting them on their water system. Chuck made a motion and Jim seconded, motion carried. Pres. Cunningham will so send a letter to Mr. Manning stating same.

Pres. Cunningham addressed the board with the changes that will be made in street names for changes for the 911 system. Carole made a motion to adopt Missouri Lane, Taft Street, Hayes Street and Wisconsin Court to identify new streets. And the motion also included to order the needed new street signs plus hardware at a cost of \$1,092.50 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Bailey, finance committee chairman reported that the budget should be ready to look at by the first meeting in September.

Earl mentioned that several junk cars and demo cars are still sitting around. Pres. Cunningham received a copy from County Board of their inoperable motor vehicle ordinance. Earl and Terry will look at ordinance and put one together for Oblong to be adopted at the next meeting.

Josh Rich, Boy Scout who is working on his Eagle Scout Project passed around a blueprint of his park project. He will build 7 trash containers with burned lettering for the sign. He will need to purchase salt treated lumber, post, etc. A water sealant will be put on the containers and they will be concreted. Earl made a motion to adopt his proposal and approve ordering the material and Jim seconded the motion. The Boy Scout Board will put final approval on the project, but Josh needed board approval to turn in with his project.

August 18th meeting continued-----

Wanda Lanter and Dale Davis, Water Office employees explained the situation with their computer. The trustees were already aware that the old computer needs to be replaced. The two employees selected 2 companies after talking with several companies and looking over material. Among the several, one was from Collinsville, Illinois and the other was a local company from Robinson. Tony Schrey was at the meeting to field questions from the Board. The business he represents is Charley, Inc. Wanda and Dale felt the most confidence with Mr. Schrey and the service he could provide in the event of problems with the equipment. Carole Jones made a motion to purchase the computer and software from Charley, Inc. at a cost of \$4,500.00 dollars. Terry Legg seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The computer will be installed within the month.

Ron Bailey reported that the Math Team presentation was a success with a large turnout of people. Roger Lewis, Supt. of Schools was present also. Ron made the Village presentation as Pres. Cunningham was out of town.

As all business was concluded, Chuck made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Minutes by Jan Miller  
Typed by Jane Hosselton, Clerk

September 1, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. , in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Chuck Tuel, and Terry Legg, trustees; and Jan Miller, treas.

Members Absent: Jim Stephens

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Holly Ackman, Julie Fancil, Wanda Lanter, Dale Davis, Jim Britton, Terry Shaffner, and Donna Riley-Gordon.

President Cunningham called the meeting to order.

Carole Jones made a motion seconded by Ron Bailey to approve the minutes of the August 18th meeting. 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jan Miller, treasurer, presented a CD report to the trustees.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Earl. 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

The clerk read a letter from Triax Cablevision stating the new ID number given to the Village of Oblong by FCC is IL 0719. The letter is on file for future reference.

President Cunningham read a statement on 911 concerning where the Village stands on their progress. They are still working on correcting problems with street addresses and hope to mail letters of notification within the next two weeks. Jim Britton and Terry Shaffner approached the board with their concerns of their street name being changed. It was re-named Taft Drive instead of Oak Drive. The board did not have a problem with changing the name back to Oak Drive, however; they will do it at the next meeting as there are possibly other changes that will need to be made.

Chuck Tuel made a motion to hire Julie Fancil on a 6 month trial basis for dog catcher. She will catch dog or cats for \$10.00 dollars each. She will not use live traps for cats. She will work as an on call basis. Residents will need to call her if they have an animal caught for her to pick up. She will deliver to owner or county pound 9 AM - 5 PM. Her phone number is 592-3676. She will come on weekends if she is home. No after dark pickups. She will not pickup vicious animals, people must call the local police authorities for those animals. And there will be no pickups from December 15 until January 15th because that is when the pound is closed. Ron Bailey seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

A resident was concerned with sewer problems and tree roots. One residents tree roots are affecting neighbors sewers. However, it is private property and they will need to work out something between themselves.

September 1st board meeting continued-----

Ron Bailey made a motion to hire Mike Munson at \$25.00 dollars per hour x 3 or 4 hours to mow the steep South and East Side of the South Lagoon. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Bailey gave a copy of the 1993-94 proposed budget to all board members. He briefly explained how the funds were detailed and he also explained that if any changes needed to be made that Jan could correct the figures on the computer.

Earl Deckard reported that he had spoke with Illinois Department of Transportation about the sidewalk repair at the entrance to the park. The IDOT extended the permit until December 1, 1993. The work will be done at the same time the firehouse concrete work is done.

Earl presented a copy of the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance that the County has adopted. The Ordinance was adapted to Oblong's needs. Carole Jones made a motion to adopt Inoperable Vehicle Ord.

# 93-367 with a second by Terry Legg. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. This ordinance is more detailed than the previous ordinance. The clerk will send a copy to Metro-East Municipal Services to make the necessary printing changes.

Chuck made a motion to adopt a Resolution supporting Lawrenceville in their efforts to bid for a Maximum Security Prison. The Robinson Chamber of Commerce is compiling letters of support for Lawrenceville. The letter will be sent to Peggy Keen. Robinson Chamber Exec. Dir. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The bills just mailed for water customers reflected the raise for water. The board discussed that the \$40.00 hook up fee is now not enough to cover customers. Chuck Tuel made the motion to increase the hook-up fee to \$60.00 dollars with a motion by Carole Jones. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The water committee will meet with the secretaries on how to make adjustments for water leaks.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss Insurance and Real Estate.

Back into regular session at 8:45 P.M. Earl made a motion to have the old activity center building appraised and put the building up for sale by sealed bids. Terry seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Terry Legg will call someone to do the appraisal and then the clerk will proceed with the legal notice of sealed bids in the paper.

No other action was taken and Terry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ron. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

September 15, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 15, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, & Chuck Tuel, trustees; Jan Miller, treasurer. Carole Jones was also present.

Others Present: Jerry Kidwell, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Holly Ackman, and Donna Riley-Gordon.

Members Absent: Terry Legg, and Jim Stephens.

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1st meeting with a second from Earl.

Jan Miller explained that the building payment is due in November. The board discussed earlier that there is enough money in an MMA to payoff the building. The MMA has 104,000.00 dollars. Chuck made a motion to payoff the building. The payoff balance is \$50,642.23 dollars. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried. The treasurer will payoff the balance September 16, 1993.

Chuck made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Ron. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The clerk read a letter from Triax Cablevision stating negotiations concerning what channels will continue to stay on our Cable system.

Jerry Kidwell, representative for Oblong to the Crawford Solid Waste Disposal Agency asked the Board if they were going to pay the money requested from CSWDA in the amount of \$5,208.00 dollars which is based on 8% of the population. The board originally paid \$800.00 dollars plus according to the contract in 1988. They have since then paid money to CSWDA one other time. Board members felt that it would be a continuing endeavor and will never be self-supporting. Ron Bailey made the motion to not pay anything to CSWDA until information stating that we legally owe this money is presented to the Board. Vote 3 yeas Deckard voted nay, motion carried.

Gary Lanter reported that the mowing is done at the lagoon and they are working on the rip rap.

The water committee is looking into the reconnect fee for water dept. to see if it is enough. Also they will determine a policy for leak adjustments.

Police Dept. reported that inoperable vehicle ordinance will be put into effect as soon as the list has been compiled. Also Earl Deckard reported that the committee and department are working on a policy and procedures manual that is suggested for legal purposes.

September 15th meeting continued-----

Earl made a motion with a second from Carole to adopt the following clothing allowance for water & sewer departments.

Bob Lanter - \$233.00 plus \$50.00 per year for purchase of safety boots.

Gary Lanter - \$233.00 plus \$50.00 per year for purchase of safety boots.

Harry Shafer - \$233.00 plus \$50.00 per year for purchase of safety boots.

The proof of purchase for clothing or work shoes must be submitted to the clerk and she will in turn reimburse the employee up to the allotted amount of money. Any special needs of these employees may be brought to the attention of the finance committee to be determined if necessary.

The clothing allowance will be based on the Villages' fiscal year. The allotment will start each May 1st with no carryover of any remaining balance. Vote 4 years - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made a motion with a second from Carole to adopt the following clothing allowance for the police department.

Terry Gish - \$350.00 per year

Jack Cunningham - \$200.00 per year

Larry Fear - \$200.00 per year

Carl Veach - \$200.00 per year

The proof of purchase for clothing must be submitted to the clerk and she will in turn reimburse the employee up to the allotted amount of money. Any special needs of these employees may be brought to the attention of the finance committee to be determined if necessary. The clothing allowance will be based on the Villages' fiscal year. The allotment will start each May 1st with no carry over of any remaining balance. Vote 4 years - 0 nays motion carried.

The Activity Center building at 112 South Range that the Village owns has been appraised. The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids by display ad with bids to be opened at the October 6th board meeting. The board will determine then whether or not to sell the building.

Pres. Cunningham read several Resolutions used in discussion of salaries and health insurance of all employees. Most of the issues were tabled until the Oct. 6th meeting. Most of the discussion was setting up guidelines for future benefits.

Carole made a motion to increase salaries by \$150.00 dollars annually for those employees currently reimbursed this amount, and eliminate the reimbursement policy for insurance. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 4 years - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Bailey & Earl Deckard volunteered to meet with the employees for discussion forth coming changes in benefits with Pres. Cunningham also part of the meeting. They will meet soon with the employees.

The motion was then made to adjourn by Chuck and seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

October 6, 1993

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, October 6, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Terry Legg, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Jay Ping, and Holly Ackman.

Absent: Chuck Tuel

President Cunningham called the meeting to order and Earl made a motion to accept the minutes as typed and to add Carole Jones name to the members present that was omitted. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 - 0 nays motion carried.

The vouchers of bills were reviewed by the trustees and Ron made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jim. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

Trick or Treat night was set for Thursday, October 28 from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. for children under the age of 13. People leave their porch lights on if they wish to treat the children.

Pres. Cunningham informed the board of an old tree on 204 N. Harrison street that is unsafe. Bob Lanter will look at the tree, if it is half on the city then the owner and Village might split the cost. Mr. Houser estimated \$500.00 dollars to get rid of the tree. The street and alley committee will take a look at it.

The sidewalk and lighting committee is going to check on some obsolete lights in the Village because CIPS can replace those. They are at:

Garfield & Indiana  
Grant & Kentucky  
100 Block of south Range  
2 at the park - 1 by the secretary office and 1 behind grand stand.

The committee will also look into putting a light on East Illinois st.

Terry Legg, chairman of the police committee reported that the radar gun isn't working and he and the committee recommended that the Village purchase a new stationary radar gun. The old one is at least 9 years old and probably obsolete. Jim Stephens made a motion to purchase a radar gun through Decatur Electronics at a cost of \$1385.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 years - 0 nays motion carried.

President Cunningham checked with the police committee about the policy and procedures manual and they thought it would be ready to look at in November.

October 6th board meeting continued-----

Carole Jones made a motion to go into executive session at 7:22 P.M to discuss salary and insurance. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made a motion to go out of executive session and back into open session at 8:00 P.M.

Ron made a motion that any new employee hired by the Village will have 80% of their medical insurance paid and 50% of their dependents insurance paid through a payroll deduction with the Villages' insurance. Earl seconded the motion - vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Carole rescinded a previous motion to continue to pay the \$150.00 deductible to the employee annually. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim then made a motion to discontinue paying the \$150.00 deductible annually and make the guideline void as of 12/31/93. This will allow for the employees to turn in any remaining claims they have this year. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim made a motion to change insurance companies and go with American Community Mutual Insurance through Don Heleine in Oblong, Crawford County Insurance Agency. The plan is \$250.00 deductible with 50% of the first \$2500.00 dollars with 2 deductibles per family. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim made a motion that effective November 1, 1993, upon approval of the Insurance Company, current employees on the health insurance plan will co-pay 20% of the employees health insurance and 50% of their dependents health insurance. The village will pay 80% of the employees insurance and 50% of the dependents insurance. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim made a motion that the board agree to pay a 5% pay increase to each full-time and part-time employees retroactive back to July 1, 1993. After the back salary is paid through October 31, 1993, then the clerk will start deducting the co-pay on their insurance up to their salary increase. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 1 nay - Terry Legg, motion carried.

Rex McGehee approached the Mayor and asked if the food pantry could use the old activity center building for their flea market if it rains on Fall Follies day, October 30, 1993. The board had no objections unless the building would be sold by then.

An employees meeting was set for Friday, October 8, 1993 at 9 A.M. to answer any questions concerning the health insurance and salaries. Also, the employees participating in the health insurance will fill out the necessary forms and Don Heleine will be present to assist with the forms. Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry.

All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

October 20, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 20, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, and Carole Jones, trustees and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent: Jim Stephens, Chuck Tuel, and Terry Legg.

Others Present: Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Larry Fear, Donna Riley-Gordon, Holly Ackman, & Sarah Ackman.

Pres. Cunningham asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the sale of the old activity center building and open bids, Earl made the motion at 7:02 P.M. seconded by Ron Bailey. 4 yeas  
0 nays motion carried.

Back into open session at 7:08 P.M. , Carole Jones made a motion to sell the Village property known as the Old Activity Center Building on South Range Street to Rick Catt of Stoy, Ill. for the purpose of his auction business and crafts. The price bid by Rick Catt was \$11,000.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion to accept the bid. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Ron. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk reported that a video was donated to the Oblong Library from Grant money from the Claypool Foundation. The Video is entitled Reading Alone with Young Children by the Northwestern Michigan Reading Council. The short video is available for checkout.

Also in correspondence, the Village Board received an invitation to United Technologies to tour the plant in Newton on November 7, 1993 from 11:00 AM.M til 2:00 P.M.

A letter was complied by Operator Gary Lanter and signed by Pres. Cunningham with the Villages intent to comply with suggestions from the EPA's inspection.

Pres. Cunningham reported that the 911 address change list is being sent to Pat McMahan for inspection and approval then the Board will move from there.

Rondi Payne from IML/RMA came to Oblong and presented a plaque to Pres. Cunnigham and Water Supt. Bob Lanter in recognition of an outstanding accident prevention record with the Illinois Municipal League-Risk Management Association. This safety award will beput in the front hall of the Municipal Building.

Rumpke of Illinois, Inc. submitted some changes in their contract with the Village of Oblong for the Sanitary Hauling service. The changes for the upcoming year starting November 1, 1993 is that the Contractor agrees to provide 2 curb side clean-ups for Village Residents who have a paid-up to-date account with Rumpke of Illinois. The clean ups will be free to the Village of Oblong. Change #2. The increase in price

will be \$8.80 per month with the increase to start January 1, 1994.

An addition to the contract is that the Contractor will provide a compartmentalized thirty (30) Cu. Yd. Recycle Container at NO Charge to the Village of Oblong. The Contractor will empty the Container on an "as needed" basis upon the call of a Village Official.

Ron Bailey made a motion to enter into the contract agreement with Rumpke for the 1993-94 year. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Pres. Cunningham stated that the Water Office secretaries asked the board if the hours in the Water office can be changed from 9-5 Mon-Friday to the new hours of 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

Monday - Friday. They stated that most of the business is earlier in the day. Carole made the motion to change the hours to the above to become effective November 1, 1993. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

On the street and alley committee report, Carole Jones would still like to have the Village attend to some dangerous trees on South Adams and North Harrison streets.

Pres. Cunningham reported for the Park Committee that Josh Rich is working on his trash bin project for the park for credit for his Eagle Scout award.

Earl Deckard stated that the Police Committee is currently working on the policy and procedure manual for the Police Department.

Gary Lanter would like to go on record commending the Contract workers for the Telephone Co. They did an excellent job with the streets, sidewalks, alleys and yards that they were working in. A clerk will send a letter stating such.

As all business was finished, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Carole. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

November 3, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday November 3, 1993 at 7:00 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk, Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, & Jim Stephens, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent: Terry Legg, Chuck Tuel, and Carole Jones.

Others Present: Larry Fear, Gary Lanter, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, & Holly Ackman.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 20th meeting. Ron made a motion and Earl seconded. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jan Miller, treasurer reported that sewer bond interest will be paid November 4, 1993 in the amount of \$13,781.25-dollars.

Earl Deckard made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Jim Stephens seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the abstract is up to date and an application for deed transfer has been filled out for the sale of the old activity center building. The closing will probably take place within the next 10 days.

The report on the employees health insurance is not yet approved, it is pending reports from attending physicians. Time Insurance is currently our insurance company until further notice from American Community Insurance.

Mayor Cunningham and the Clerk are planning to attend a Meeting in Mt. Vernon on December 1st from 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. The meeting is with I.M.L./R.M.A. The sessions will cover practical concerns such as: Claims administration, settlement procedures, membership renewal, contribution determination, coverage grants, and risk control.

Mayor Cunningham read a statement listing accomplishments of the current board of trustees over the last 6 months in office. There were many good points. The board voted to payoff the backhoe, municipal building, and water bonds with a total interest savings of \$20,000.00 dollars plus. A substantial savings to the Village. She also called an employees meeting for Thursday, November 4, 1993 at 12 Noon to discuss with department heads any problems within our system.

In committee reports, Earl reported that the concrete work done in front of the firehouse, IGA parking lot and the sidewalk at the entrance to the park have satisfactorily been completed.

Ron Bailey, finance committee chairman reported that the Tax Levy has been prepared with assistance from the auditors and is available for inspection in the Clerk's office. The Truth and Taxation hearing has been set for the November 17th board meeting at 7:00 P.M. and the Tax Levy will be adopted following that hearing.

November 3rd meeting continued-----

In other business, the board gave approval for purchase of mini blinds to be put in 3 offices that have windows facing the south. If mini blinds cannot be ordered to fit, vertical blinds will be ordered.

As all business was finished, Ron made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
JANE HOSSELTON

November 17, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 17, 1993 , at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, and Terry Legg, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent: Jim Stephens

Others Present: Terry Gish, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Holly Ackman, Don Russell, and Donna Riley-Gordon.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and expressed the Board's loss due to the death of our trustee, Chuck Tuel. Chuck served as trustee on the Village Board for 10 years plus and he was an active member of our community.

Earl Deckard made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3rd meeting. Ron Bailey seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The trustees reviewed the vouchers of bills and Carole Jones made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Terry Legg. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

This meeting was designated by notice in the paper that the Truth in Taxation Hearing would take place to answer any questions Village residents might have concerning the Tax Levy. There were not any residents present to discuss said Levy. Earl Deckard made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance # 93-368. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. The clerk will send the copy to the County Clerk to be put on file.

In correspondence the Santa Train will arrive in Oblong on Saturday morning, December 4, 1993, at 10:25 A.M. and depart at 11:40 A.M. the same morning.

Mayor Cunningham had talked with Gary Lanter concerning staying with private testing for water and sewer samples or changing to IEPA. The water committee will meet with Gary and discuss pros and cons.

The sale of the old activity center building is on hold as the Village will need to advertise again and wait 30 days to open bids instead of 29 days. A special meeting will be set up before Christmas to sign and close the sale - WE HOPE! In the meantime the board had no objection to Rick Catt using the building each Friday for auctions and paying for utilities.

The new vertical blinds in the Water office, Mayor's office and Township office and mauve and will be ordered from Big Buck. The cost will be \$71.20 dollars each room with installation cost being \$15.00 to \$25.00 dollars.

The tall stools in the activity center room are worn and an estimate has been given of \$160.00 for 4 stools. So AC direction Leah Chiddix will call and give the go ahead for the repairs.

As all business was finished Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Terry. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

December 1, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 1, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Terry Legg, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Holly Ackman and Bob Loeschner. Absent: Ron Bailey

Mayor B. Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the November 17th meeting minutes Carole made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Terry. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Terry then made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jim. Vote 4 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham asked the trustees if they intended to pay Christmas bonuses. If so the amount could be decided so that the bonuses can be paid at the December 15th meeting. Earl made a motion to pay \$100.00 dollars to full-time employees and \$75.00 dollars to part-time employees. This was the same bonuses paid in 1992. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

In committee reports Carole Jones instructed the clerk to contact Jim Houser of Hidalgo to cut down two trees - one at 304 N. Harrison St. and the other one being located at 206 S. Adams St. They are a hazard and the safest way would be to cut them down.

Terry Legg reported that new tires have been ordered for the squad car. Marathon tire will put the tires on and balance them Friday morning. The cost of the tires is \$47.25 each plus mounting and balancing.

Terry Legg made a motion for Floyd's Place and the Village Tap to stay open one extra hour on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 1993. Jim seconded the motion. They will close at 12:30 A.M. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Chief of Police Terry Gish reported that the Robinson M.A.D.D. Chapter had donated a video camera to the Oblong Police Dept. for the Squad Car. A thank you will be sent.

The bid procedure is being repeated to sell the Old Activity Center Bldg. There must be 30 days between the day the ad is run and the opening of bids. Rick Catt has decided not to purchase the bldg. so the Village is still taking bids and they will be opened at a special meeting on Tuesday, December 21, at 4:00 P.M. in the Board room of the Municipal Building.

Rick Catt will continue to rent the building and have auctions through December 17th. The board agreed that \$50.00 dollars per month rent would be sufficient since he is paying the utilities. If the bldg. Does not sell, he might continue to rent in January.

Mayor Cunningham and the Clerk attended a workshop in Mt. Vernon provided by I.M.L./R.M.A. They obtained a lot of pertinent information and the Village Clerk will be concentrating on updating certificates of insurance from contractors and naming the Village as the additional insured. As all business was finished, Carole made a motion to adjourn seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meet adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JANE HOSSELTQN, Clerk

December 15, 1993

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, and Terry Legg, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent: Jim Stephens

Others Present: Mark Kintner, Jerry Bailey, Jim Stout, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Holly Ackman, Terry Gish, Bob Loeschner, and Rick Kirk.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting. Carole made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1st meeting. Earl seconded the motion.  
Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Stout, attorney for Crawford County State Bank, presented for discussion a proposition that the Village of Oblong abandon an alley on the O'dell lots behind where the new bank will be built. After some discussion, the attorney said we would need to talk to our attorney and consider all points and that the Village would need to hold a public hearing if they were in favor of the abandonment. The total footage is 16 feet with the Village owning 8 feet and the property owners on the other side owning 8 feet. The Mayor will do some checking as well as the trustees. The matter was tabled until January, 1994.

Ron Bailey made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Terry Legg. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

In correspondence the Clerk asked the reporters to include with their article that the Library will be closed from December 24th until January 3, 1994. Also a reminder to the trustees that a Special meeting is being held on Tuesday, December 21, 1993 at 4 P.M. in the Farley Room for the purpose of opening bids for sale of the old activity center building on South Range St.

Mayor Cunningham reported that the 911 change of address letters have been mailed and all of those residents needs to do a change of address with the Oblong Postmaster. The targeted date for 911 start is February, 1994. The trustees agreed that an Ordinance need to be prepared and letters sent to each house hold stating that house numbers must be 6" in height and visable from the road. If not in compliance by February, 1994, a \$100.00 dollar fine plus court costs will be incurred by the homeowner. The necessary papers will be prepared for the next board meeting.

Terry Legg reported that the squad car had to have a new alternator put on. It is now back in working order.

Mayor Cunningham stated that she asked Carole Jones to temporarily serve on the Police Committee as the committee needs to be working on the policy and procedures manual and also Mayor Cunningham stated that there were several areas to be addressed. Terry Legg, committee chairman set up a meeting for Tuesday, January 4th at 6:00 P.M.

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As all business was completed, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Carole. All were in agreement and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JANE HOSSELTON, Village Clerk

# January 5, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 5, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Terry Legg, Trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Bob Lanter, Terry Gish, Rick Kirk, Jerry Bailey, and Jim Stout.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order. After additions were made to the agenda, Mayor Cunningham asked for approval of the minutes. Earl Deckard made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 15, 1993, meeting as prepared. Terry Legg seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

The Mayor read comments to the Board including a procedure for which the order and the discussion of the meeting will be followed. Also Mayor Cunningham asked for Board approval of the appointment of Elizabeth Garrett to fill the vacancy of trustee position of Chuck Tuel. Carole Jones made the motion to appoint Liz Garrett to a trustee position. She will serve until April 1995 at which time she will be able to run for the remaining 2 years of that 4 year time. Ron Bailey seconded the appointment. Vote 4 yeas and one nay. Motion carried.

Jerry Bailey, President of Crawford County State Bank was present to work out details with the Village concerning the alleyway behind where CCSB will build their new bank on East Main St. The Village Board and CCSB representatives were in agreement that CCSB pave and maintain the alley from Grant to Harrison and they will use blacktop. Before the paving, they will replace the water main under the alley so that there will be less chance of needing to dig up the alley for future repairs. Also, valves to be placed at both ends of alley. Julie is to be notified of any digging. They may check into easements to move the water line if feasible, but Gary Lanter did not think there was enough room. Gary Lanter will be working with Connor and Connor and they will represent the Village in specifications for the agreements as well as Bill Thomas, the Village Attorney. There will also be some kind of gate constructed to the east of the bank property so that the alleyway will not be a through street after banking hours. This is to protect the bank as well as the home owners in that area. Mr. Bailey thanked the board for their cooperation. Terry Legg made the motion to give access of the alley to Crawford County State Bank. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Ron made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Earl. Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

Charles Hoke, Jr. approached the Mayor and asked if the old Activity Center Building could be rented for Country Line Dancing lessons and get together. Jim made a motion

to let the building be rented by whomever would be arranging for the activities there at a rate of \$50.00 dollars per month plus utilities. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

January 5th meeting continued

The Clerk explained that Home Life Insurance Company accepted the Village of Oblong as a group health provider on December 15, 1993. On December 17th employee, Bob Lanter, had congestive heart failure and the clerk has been in touch with Home Life about the coverage for Mr. Lanter. They assured the Village that Bob Lanter would still be covered starting February 1, 1994. The Clerk called and asked for approval in writing. Earl made a motion to change from Time Insurance to Home Life pending approval from Home Life that Bob Lanter is still undergoing tests and that they will pay all doctor and hospital bills pursuant to his current condition. The change will be effective 2—1—94. If there are any questions or doubts after the board reads the letter from Home Life, The Village will stay with their current insurance, Time. Terry Legg seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. The savings to the Village will be approximately \$550.00 dollars per month for the first year.

Mayor Cunningham asked the street and alley committee to check a tree on the property of Max Lindsey. It borders the Village right—of—way. The committee agreed to talk with Mr. Lindsey.

Terry Legg reported that the Police Committee met and intend to have a monthly meeting on the Monday before the 2nd board meeting of the month. This meeting is for police employees to attend to discuss any problems they might have. The committee is also working on a new handbook with guidelines. They will bring it before the board when completed.

Jim Stephens made a motion to adopt Ordinance #94—369 revising the Village Code on Street Regulations. The Ordinance states that residents in the Village of Oblong need to identify their homes with numbers no less than 4 inches in height and said number shall be in a contrasting color to the background material upon which it is affixed. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was finished, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ron. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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## February 16, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 16, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, Liz Garrett, and Terry Legg, Trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Bob Loeschner, Steve Barbee, Larry Fear, and Holly Ackman.

Members Absent: Ron Bailey

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order. Liz Garrett made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2nd meeting. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Stephens made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Terry Legg. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Steve Barbee from CIPS presented a proposal to the Board for their consideration. The proposal was in reference to the lighting system that the Village has on Main and Range streets. The system is becoming very antiquated, and the board will soon need to consider if they will rent lighting from CIPS or have their own poles and lights installed. Mr. Barbee presented different options for the board to study. Mayor Cunningham asked the board to study the proposal and they can act later when there is a full board present.

Earl Deckard informed the board of a storm sewer that needs immediate attention. It is located at West Main St. and South Adams Street. Bricks are loose and falling in. Gary Lanter check with IDOT and is aware of how the contractor will repair. If there is not a lot of difference in cost, the Village will probably go ahead and make a handicapp ramp at the same time.

Terry Legg, Police Committee Chairman, reported that they had a meeting Tuesday evening. They discussed new guidelines for the employees and they discussed the Policy & Procedures Manual. Jack Cunningham and Carl Veach will be attending a seminar on February 28th. They should have input that will help complete the procedures manual. Terry Legg plans to bring a proposal to the board by the end of March. Earl Deckard explained a proposal from the police committee to purchase a cellular phone and new radios. The Phone is needed when confidential information is being called in. The phone

from Ameritech would cost complete \$147.00 dollars. The monthly access fee would be \$24.95 dollars. Jim Stephens made a motion to purchase the phone to be used only in emergencies. Terry Legg seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Another recommendation from the police committee was to update radios for the department. After discussion the board felt the need to purchase 4 radios. 2 for the police department and 2 for the water department. Carole Jones made a motion to purchase 4 — 16 channel Motorola HT 1000 portable radios at a cost of \$1,002.00 dollars each. Jack Cunningham and Carl Veach would use the two new ones for the police department and the water department would purchase the other 2 radios. One would be for Gary Lanter to replace his personal radio and the other to be at the shop to be used for who is on call,

February 16th meeting continued

These new radios are programmable and will work with the new 911 system. The old radios had to have crystals. Earl Deckard seconded the motion to purchase the 4 radios. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to send a note to Carol Henry thanking her for removing her cedar trees and opening visibility at her corner.

As all business was finished, Terry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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March 2, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 2, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Liz Garrett, trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent : Ron Bailey & Terry Legg

Others Present: Bob Loeschner, Bob Lanter, Gary Lanter, Doug Jones, Larry Fear, Jaye Engel, and Holly Ackman.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order. Earl Deckard made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 17th meeting. Liz Garrett seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Carole Jones made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jim Stephens. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

In correspondence the Clerk read a letter from Triax Cablevision stating that in order to comply with new regulation, they were required to remove Home Shopping Network from our cable line—up.

The board approved for PALS (Presenting Alternative Life Styles) to use the Activity Center room on Saturday, April 30th at no charge. They will be working with the 4th and 5th grade students. This is done through a grant and this is the second year they have had the PALS meeting for the kids. Tina Shipman is in charge.

Earl Deckard made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$26,000.00 dollars out of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the summer street repair program. Jim Stephens seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Doug Jones approached the board about wanting to put in a culvert so that he can have off the street parking for his semi. He explained the procedure and Bob & Gary Lanter said okay and that they would need to watch and see if drainage would be a problem.

Gary Lanter approached the Board and asked permission to purchase a new magnetic locator for locating valve covers, manhole covers, and water & sewer lines. Carole Jones made a motion to purchase the magnetic locator at a cost of \$668.00 dollars to be paid 50% out of water fund and 50% out of sewer fund. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

The board briefly discussed maybe replacing water line from Taylor to Garfield while the construction for CCSB is underway. They tabled until a later date.

Police Chief, Terry Gish, suffered an apparent heart attack on Sunday, February 27, 1994. He had balloon surgery at Carle Hospital in Champaign on Monday and is expected to return home on Thursday or Friday of this week. Jack, Carl and Larry are rotating the shifts between the three of them.

Carole Jones reported that they did work on the Police policy and procedure manual at their last committee meeting.

As all business was finished, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Liz. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

JANE HOSELTON

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April 6, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 6, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Liz Garrett, Trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent : Terry Legg, Trustee

Others Present: Cassie Simpson, Gary Lanter, Bob Lanter, Larry Fear, Holly Ackman, Jaye Engel, and Roger Herder.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order. Liz Garrett made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 18th meeting as prepared. Ron Bailey seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Jan Miller discussed a treasurer's report with some up to date comparisons and debt reduction figures.

Earl Deckard made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Carole Jones. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham reported that the telephone company is finalizing some information for 911. As soon as Oblong and Flat Rock are lined out 911 will soon follow.

Mayor Cunningham spoke with CCO representative Robert Machtley about locating a small plastic bottle industry in Oblong. The Board was interested in Mr. Machtley finding out more particulars and checking into the existing company from California. He will report back to the Village with any new information. The company would need a building of at least 3,000 square feet. The Village owns a building on S. Range St that is big enough. The Stompin' Country currently rents the building on a monthly basis for Country Line Dancing.

The Clerk presented to the board a bid From Lee Kintner & Sons for MFT street repairs. The bid was for a total of \$15,340.25 dollars. This is for Oil and Chip. Liz Garrett made a motion to accept the bid seconded by Carole Jones. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. The Clerk will send the paperwork to Mr. Calhoun who will then forward it on the the IDOT.

The Board discussed if they were interested in pursuing replacing 2 blocks of the water main since the CCSB will be paying for replacing one block of water main. Connor & Connor have give an estimate of cost to the Village of \$11,926.50 dollars for two blocks. Earl Deckard made a motion to proceed with the project and have the engineers set up bid specifications. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

The Water & Sewer committee will be meeting yet this week to finish budget figures and discuss the water salesman at the Park.

All budget figures are due from department heads to the finance committee by Wed.

April 13th.

April 6th meeting continued

Liz Garrett made a motion to give permission to Illinois Consolidated Telephone Co. to put a 4" sprinkler system and tap at the ICTC office on East Illinois Street. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. ICTC will pay all expenses for the installation.

Just a notation that the street lights have not been fixed on Main street yet. The Village Board will look into what their options are with CIPS. The existing system is antiquated and the part has not yet been located to fix the lights.

The Mayor postponed the hiring of summer help for street repair. Some people still wanted to apply. The applications will be reviewed and voted upon at the April 20th meeting.

Roger Herder voiced his concern with using the dump for brush and leaves and sticks and grass. The new policy for the dump is to have an employee unlock the gate for people to dump. This should eliminate too many keys floating around and people dumping items that will not burn.

As all business was finished, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Liz. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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May 18, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 18, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk, Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, & Liz Garrett, Terry Legg trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent :

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Rick Kirk, Cassie Simpson, Holly Ackman, Carl Veach, Marion Leggitt, Jaye Engel and Mike Birch.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and Carole Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting and Jim Stephens seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Treasurer Jan Miller presented a report to the Board. She has combined 4 certificates of Deposit out of the water funds. There is one CD now for the water fund that totals \$126,798.39 dollars.

Ron Bailey made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Liz Garrett. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mike Birch, engineer from Connor & Connor Engineering presented to the Board a tabulation of the bids for the water main relocation.

Munson Construction	\$14,511.00
David L. Krick	21, 789.32
Kieffer Bros.	24, 347.20
Best Construction	47, 250.00

Recommendation from Mr. Birch was to accept the low bid. Jim Stephens then made a motion to accept Munston construction bid of \$14,511.00 dollars. Earl Deckard seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

In committee reports, Mayor Cunningham asked the street & alley committee to check on some large trees on west main street from Jefferson St. to Joy St. and also to check on a tree by the Marion Leggitt property. Some of the trees are rotting and could be dangerous to passersby.

The Water & Sewer committee presented an employees duties and gas log to be tried on a trial basis. It will log mileage, and specific job location. Supervisor Gary Lanter said he would put one in each truck and they would try it.

Discussion of sales of Village material and sales tax was discussed, but has been tabled until more information can be obtained.

Petty Cash for mailing water bills was discussed also. A decision of the best procedure was not decided at this time.

Janitor Howard Tuel reported that the exhaust fans in the restrooms have quit working. Gary Lanter said he would check on what it would take to put the lights and fan on one switch.

The Village owns a small building called the lions building that sits beside Ron Westalls house in the Park area off of East Wisconsin Court. Ron has maintained the building for 15 years. Carole Jones made a motion to allow Ron Westall to use the building and maintain the building and grounds around it. Liz seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Finance Committee Chrmn. Ron Bailey approached the Board about applying money from a CD toward the sewer bonds. The sewer department has a \$100,000 dollar CD. Ron made the motion to apply 50,000 out of the 100,000 dollar CD on sewer bonds. Liz seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. The board will review at the end of the calendar year and possibly apply more to the bonds before the end of this fiscal year.

Mayor Cunningham reported that a petty cash is no longer needed for the Police Department. Stamps, batteries, car wash tokens, etc. will be purchased and charged locally with a receipt being turned in to the clerk.

Mayor Cunningham thinks that motorists are abusing the speed limit on main street and asked the police department to do what is necessary to slow people down.

Earl Deckard made an amendment to the June 17th, 1992 board meeting concerning re—connects in the water department. The motion is to read that re—connects will be done between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. when the Water Office opens for business and when the employees go off duty. And then the entire bill must be paid which includes the re—connect fee. Liz Garrett seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Jim made a motion to go into executive session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss employment. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Back into open session at 9:00 P.M. Liz made a motion to continue the meeting on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 P.M. at which time selected persons will be interviewed for a position for labor with the Village of Oblong. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

May 19th reconvened meeting— The meeting started at 7:00 P.M. Those attending were the board members excluding Ron Bailey who was out of town and the following: Randy Rich, Jay D. Haines, Danny Fiscus, Ed Mehler, Andrea Herder, Kelly Davis, Jason Garrard, Gary Lanter, Cassie Simpson, and Holly Ackman.

Jim Stephens made a motion to go into executive session at 7:10 P.M. to interview applicants for a Village position with the water, sewer & street departments. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

May 18 & 19 meetings continued—

Back into open session at 8:45 P.M. after all the applicants had been interviewed, Carole Jones made a motion to hire Ed Mehler, seconded by Liz Garrett. 2 yeas — 3 nays motion did not carry.

The board went back into executive session at this time and came out 5 minutes later into open session. Carole again made a motion to hire Ed Mehler with a second by Liz Garrett. LIZ, Carole, and Earl voted Yea and Jim & Terry voted Nay. Motion carried.

At this time Terry Legg publicly announced that he was resigning from the Village Board effective immediately. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cunningham accepted Mr. Leggs' resignation.

As all business was concluded for the evening, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

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June 15, 1994

The Village Board of Oblong met in regular session on Wednesday, June 15, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk, Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Liz Garrett, and Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Jim Stephens

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Jim Russell, Tom Moore, Jim Henrick, Tony Myers, Mike Munson, Holly Ackman, and Cassie Simpson.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and Liz Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1st meeting as typed. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Russell of Oblong asked the board to take over maintenance of his waterline. It starts at the west side of Mont Eagle Mills drive and continues to Mr. Russell's drive. The line was laid according to Village specifications. Earl Deckard made a motion to take over maintenance of Jim Russell's waterline. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Tony Myers spoke to the Board representing Rumpke, Inc. He informed the board that after September 30, 1994, Rumpke will not be able to pick up yard waste. Customers will be notified by post card prior to that date. If any yard waste is set out, Rumpke employees will put a sticker on that bag indicating the reason for not picking it up. If anything develops before September 30th, Rumpke will be in touch with the Village.

Tom Moore from Kemper CPA Group made a brief presentation to the Board. He presented the audit report in summarized form. He met with the finance committee on Monday evening of this past week and went over the audit in detail. He told the board to call if they had any questions. The Village has reduced their Long-term debt a lot and overall the Village is looking good financially and Tom commended the board on the turn around since 1988.

Jim Henrick, from Water Tower Paint & Repair Company, Inc. had drained and cleaned and inspected the water tower just today. He showed the board a video of the inside of the tower and explained the areas that needed work and explained if hired to do the job, how he would sandblast, weld, and paint the interior of the tower. Mr. Henrick fielded questions from the board after his presentation. Earl made a motion to enter into a contract with WaterTower Paint and Repair at a cost of \$28,183.00 dollars to sandblast and paint the interior of the water tower. Ron seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. The Mayor will sign the contract Thursday morning and Mr. Henrick will start the job. According to the weather it will take a week to do the work and a week for the epoxy to dry. So in approximately two weeks, the tower will be refilled.

Carole Jones read two bids to top 11 trees and remove 1 tree.

Dee Everingham	Total bid	\$1135.00 (With Mr. Leggitt paying \$100.00)
Houser Tree Service	Total bid	\$1800.00 (With Mr. Leggitt paying \$200.00)

June 15th board meeting contined—

Gary Lanter reported that there is a problem with a fire hydrant on South Range St. that needs to be repaired. At the present, he has not received estimates on the repairs. The board gave approval for the water committee to meet with Gary and make a decision on fixing the hydrant when the estimates are obtained.

Gary also reported that the Antique Tractor and Engine Club donated \$250.00 dollars to the Park Fund to help purchase rock for the road to the East Campground.

Scott Wright addressed the board and stated that he is concerned with the rampant vandalism that is occurring in Oblong. The Police committee told Mr. Wright that officers are staggering their hours and coming out in the wee hours of the morning trying to stop some of the vandalism. The committee is trying to work on the problems and still stay in the budget that they have to work with.

Omitted in the beginning of the minutes was the welcome to new Trustee Max Lindsey. We thank him for serving on the board to fill the unexpired term of Terry Legg. Thank you Max!

As all business was completed, Carole made a motion to adjourn seconded by Liz. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JANE HOSELTON, CLERK

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July 6, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 6, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, and Liz Garrett, Trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent: Max Lindsey

Others Present: Cassie Simpson, Russell & Zelma Mikeworth, Holly Ackman, Terry Gish, and Larry Fear.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked Mr. & Mrs. Mikeworth to address the board. They had questions about high water useage that they felt was incorrect, so the water committee will check with the Water Dept. secretaries and get back to Mr. Mikeworth.

Liz Garrett made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 15th board meeting. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Ron Bailey made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Liz seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham reported that Dee Everingham is in the process of tree trimming on West Main street and she asked that everyone take a look and see how the job is going.

There has been some concern with speeding on Grant & Garfield and South Range Street. The Mayor will check with employees on possibly posting more speed limit signs in the high risk areas.

The janitor asked that the Village check into hiring someone to clean out the air conditioners.

The Village is checking into a correct way to handle resale of parts to customers when putting in water and sewer lines. The question was how to handle the sales tax. Mayor Cunningham will check with the auditors for their suggestions.

Wanda Lanter has been the collection agent for CIPS for a number of years and the Board decided to change that policy. Carole Jones made a motion for the Municipality to become the collector for CIPS and that the monthly payment for the collection agency be sent to our Municipality, the Village of Oblong. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

As all business had been discussed, Carole made a motion to adjourn seconded by Liz. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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July 20, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 20, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, Liz Garrett, and Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, treasurer.

Members Absent: Earl Deckard

Others Present: David Liddle & son, Holly Ackman, Terry Gish, & Cassie Simpson.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the July 6th minutes. Liz Garrett moved and Carole Jones seconded the approval of those minutes. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Jim Stephens made a motion to approve payment of the bills seconded by Ron Bailey. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

David Liddle, Scout Leader, asked for board permission to have an Arrow of Light ceremony this fall at the Oblong Lake. Boy Scouts would come across the lake in a canoe with a candlelit ceremony. Board approved and asked that an adult be present in case of an emergency.

Carole Jones reported that the trees have been trimmed by Mr. Everingham and the storm sewer repair at Neeley Oil Company corner has been rebuilt by David Krick.

Gary Lanter reported that the waterline has been moved by Mike Munson and he is currently taking samples to see if they are ready to tap in.

Max Lindsey asked the status of who would spray the fairgrounds this year. Mayor Cunningham requested from Bob Harris that the Fair Board pay 1/2 of the cost and the Village pay 1/2 of the cost. The grounds will be sprayed before and after the fair. The Fair Board spraying before and the Village spraying after the fair.

As all business was completed, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Max Lindsey. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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August 17, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 17, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Liz Garrett & Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Ron Bailey, Carole Jones, and Jim Stephens.

Others Present: Holly Ackman, Cassie Simpson, and Gary Lanter.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cunningham.

Max Lindsey made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 3rd meeting, seconded by Liz Garrett. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Liz Garrett made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Earl Deckard. Vote 4 Yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Mayor discussed with the board the importance of some changes in our Ordinance regarding mobile homes in Oblong. Some forthcoming changes include charging a fee for a mobile home permit and changing requirements for off street parking as well as only allowing trailers that are 1984 models or newer so that they are UL approved. Changes will be discussed at a later date.

Mayor Cunningham talked to Mr. Hawkins a member of #1705 Local Painters Union and he did not have any objection to the Work Crew from Robinson Correctional Center painting curbs for the Village of Oblong. A letter will be sent on Friday to Warden Donahue to get an approval to do the job.

Gary Lanter is looking at footage to be replaced of sidewalks. He will discuss with the board his recommendation this month so the ad can be put in the paper if there is work to be done.

Mayor Cunningham informed the board that the fall clean—up for paid up customers will be on Friday, October 7th for the North Side of town and Tuesday, October 11th for the south side of town.

Liz Garrett is gathering information on other communities policies regarding dogs running at large and the fines. Some changes may be made to the Village Ordinance at a later date.

As all business was concluded, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Liz. All Were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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September 7, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 7, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent : Liz Garrett

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Nathan Herder, Andrea Herder, David Krick, Cassie Armstrong, and Holly Ackman.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and Carole Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17th board meeting. Max Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham then opened bids for sidewalk repair and the bids were as follows:

David Krick Building Contractor  
Project A — 451.00  
Project B — 3790.00  
Project C — 4411.50  
Project D — 8652.50 (Total of A,B, &C)

Mike's Construction  
Project A — 1500.00  
Project B — 7600.00  
Project C — No Bid

After discussion, Earl Deckard made a motion to accept David Krick's Bid on Project A and B only. The total bid price being \$4241.00 dollars. Max Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Only projects A & B are being done because they are within the budget figures that were established for this fiscal year. The project sheets are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Jim Stephens made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Carole Jones. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

The Clerk presented the 1993 Motor Fuel Tax Audit to the Board for review. The document is now of permanent filing.

Mayor Cunningham informed the board of the resignation of Trustee, Ron Bailey effective September 1, 1994. Due to travel plans this year, Mr. Bailey did not feel that he could serve adequately with his frequent absences. Mayor Cunningham asked the board for any input toward appointing a trustee to replace Mr. Bailey.

Mayor Cunningham talked with Bill Shelby from Indiana Railroad and they will be in Oblong on September 14, 15 and 16th to repair the South RAnge RR Crossing.

September 7th meeting continued

Mayor Cunningham also reported that the Work Crew from Robinson Correctional Center is painting curbs this week in Oblong. The Village does have permission from the local painters union for the project.

Mayor Cunningham will be out of town for a few days, and Earl Deckard will serve as Mayor Pro-Tem during that period of time.

There will be an open house for the new State Police facility in Effingham on September 16. The board was invited to attend.

Mayor Cunningham sent a letter to IDOT requesting new signs for the O.H.S. Math Team that finished second place. They will do the signs but did not have a representative that could be available for the presentation. Mayor Cunningham said that we would take care of the details.

Max Lindsey reported for the Police Committee that the hours for the police schedule are being changed for a trial period to try and serve the community at the busiest times of the day. Police Chief, Terry Gish, commented that he thought that the schedule was working quite well.

As all business was completed, Earl Deckard made a motion to adjourn seconded by Carole Jones. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Clerk

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September 21, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 21, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Liz Garrett, and Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent : Jim Stephens

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Cassie Armstrong, Craig Rice, Holly Ackman, and Larry Pear.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and Carole Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7th board meeting. Max Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Liz Garrett made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Earl Deckard. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Craig Rice spoke to the board concerning the upcoming Fall Clean—up for the Village. The dates are October 7 and October 11. The clean up is for paid up customers only. Craig also explained that as of September 30, 1994, Rumpke can no longer pick up leaves, sticks and grass clippings. Starting October 1st Rumpke will have a location out on west main that people can bring grass clippings only to. The grass will have to be bagged in 30 — 39 gallon bags and people will have to dump the bags into a container. There will be a charge for each bag, but that price has not yet been determined. Rumpke is encouraging people to start their own compost piles to help rid of the leaves, grass, etc.

Mayor Cunningham reported that Indiana Railroad will be back in approximately 10 days to finish the repair on the South Range Street railroad crossing.

Mayor Cunningham appointed a committee to revise the Mobile Home Permit Application for the Village. The current application is not specific enough.

Mayor Cunningham asked the Building Committee to discuss the situation with the street lighting. The old system that is downtown is failing and we have lost 2 lights on main street. The Building committee already had a meeting set and they are going to call CIPS and see if Steve Barbee can meet with them to discuss the charges for a new system.

Mayor Cunningham asked for input concerning the bird situation. The board agreed to allow people to shoot at the birds in the trees if they call the Mayor's office and get approval. The police department will then be notified of who is going to shoot and when. Also there are a few elderly women who have asked the police to shoot at the birds. They will also need to call the Mayor's office to have a time set up. Gary Lanter stated that if people would bag the birds and call the office the employees will pick them up and bury them at the dump.

September 21st board meeting continued

Gary Lanter reported that the Road Crew has been painting curbs and worked a day at the park. He said the work has been excellent. He asked that the Clerk write a letter to the Warden, Marjorie Donahue commending the work and thanking her for the help.

The Village is waiting on approval and plans from IDOT before David Krick Construction can start on the sidewalks. They will be replacing sidewalk from Grant to Garfield Street on the north side of main street. Mr. Krick will be putting in wheelchair accessible ramps in accordance with the state requirements.

As all business was concluded, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Max. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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October 5, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 5, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Pres; Jane Hosselton, Clerk, Carole Jones, Liz Garrett and Max Lindsey, Trustees: And Jan Miller, Treas.

Members Absent: Earl Deckard and Jim Stephens.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Cassie Armstrong, Holly Ackman, and Terry Gish.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order. Liz Garrett made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 19th meeting. Carole Jones seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Liz Garrett made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Max Lindsey. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham informed the board of the progress with CIPS and a new lighting system for downtown Oblong. Steve Barbee said that CIPS is working up a proposal. The new system proposed will be owned and maintained by CIPS and they will use the existing poles that Oblong has. There will be approximately 26 lights. Mr. Barbee is trying to find replacements for the 2 lights that are burnt out. It would be 6 months to a year before the new lights are installed.

In committee reports, Water Supt., Gary Lanter, reported several repairs that had to be done in the month of September. 2 of which were a Valve replacement and a fire hydrant replacement. Mr. Lanter also reported that David Krick Construction is working on sidewalk replacement in front of EUB Church.

A finance committee meeting was set for Monday, Oct. 10th at 4:30 P.M.

Members are Jim Stephens, chrnm., Liz Garrett and Max Lindsey. Clerk Jane Hosselton and Mayor Betty Cunningham will also be meeting. They will be discussing the Tax Levy.

The Police proposed that three new 4—way stops be installed in Oblong. One at Illinois & Grant Streets, one at Ohio and Harrison streets, and one at Wisconsin and Harrison streets. Max Lindsey made a motion to have 3 new 4—way stops and Carole Jones seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. The Clerk will get the necessary papers drawn up. Also the police committee explained that they are going to enforce the no parking on sidewalks and this includes business and residential. It is already established in the Ordinances for the Village of Oblong.

As all business was concluded, Carole Jones made a motion to adjourn seconded by Liz. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
JANE HOSELTON, CLERK

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October 19, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Liz Garrett, and Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Jim Stephens

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Cassie Armstrong, Bonnie Finn, Holly Ackman, Mrs. Slane, Terry Gish, Larry Leckey, Ken Bell, Jaye Engel, and Judy Britton.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the Minutes of the October 5th meeting. Liz made the motion to accept the minutes seconded by Carole. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

The treasurer presented the bills and Max Lindsey made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Liz Garrett. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham opened the floor for questions for the Truth and Taxation Hearing regarding the Annual Tax Levy. There were none.

Bonnie Finn asked the board if it was okay for she and her husband, Ronnie to put a barn and horse on some property that they are going to purchase on the edge of the Village limits. The trustees discussed that the Ordinance states no; however, they decided to make a decision on her individual request and discuss the content of the Ordinance at a later date. Carole Jones made the motion to give permission for Ronnie & Bonnie Finn to have a horse and barn within the Village limits. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. There are currently some animals within the Village limits that were there before the new Ordinances were adopted in 1984.

Larry Leckey, West Main St., in Oblong explained to the board his concerns as well as his neighbors concerns with the current problem of semis using South Jackson St. to haul grain in and out of Oblong. The residents are having trouble with noise, dust, the road breaking down, disobedience of stop signs and the semis driving and parking on private property. Some of the board members had inspected some of the complaints and found them to be true. After a lengthy discussion, the board decided to talk with Bob Glezen, owner of Mont Eagle Mills and see how they could work together to remedy some of the problems for now and maybe look at a better solution for next year before harvest.

Mayor Cunningham commented that Trick or Treat night will be Thursday, October 27th from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. for children 12 and under. Residents are reminded to turn their porch lights on if they wish to give treats to the kids. -

The Mayor also reported to the board that the town of Robinson is replacing their street lights. They currently have the same antiquated system that Oblong does, and they are going to give Oblong 4 lights. We currently have 2 burned out. The board will be working with CIPS to install a new system in approximately 1 year.

October 19 Board Meeting continued

Mayor Cunningham talked with employees of Indiana Railroad and decided to delay repairing the South Range tracks until the spring. The agreement needs to be in writing so that the repairs will be to the boards satisfaction.

Gary Lanter reported that the employees are doing some ditching this week and probably some next week. And he noted that residents need to refrain from raking leaves, etc. into the ditches because it is causing drainage problems.

The finance committee presented the Annual Tax Levy. Max Lindsey made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance # 94—372. Liz seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Under police business, the Ordinance has been prepared to extra 4—Way stops in the Village. Earl made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 94—373 enacting the Village Code Chapter 24, entitled "Motor Vehicle". The Ordinance adds 3 new 4 way stops. One at

Wisconsin and Harrison Streets, one at Grant & Illinois Streets, and one at Ohio & Harrison Streets. Carole Jones seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was finished, Carole made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earl. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JANE HOSSSELTON, VILLAGE CLERK

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November 16, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 16, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jan Miller, Treas; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Max Lindsey, Trustees, and Liz Garrett.

Members Absent : Jane Hosselton

Others Present : Hope Weber, Holly Ackman, Terry Gish, and Jaye Engel.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order. In the absence of the clerk, Treasurer, Jan Miller read the minutes of the November 2nd meeting. Liz made a motion to accept the minutes, Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays, motion carried.

Jim Stephens made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Liz. Vote 5 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

In a previous meeting discussion was made concerning changing the Animal Ordinance. The trustees discussed the pros and cons and Earl Deckard made a motion to adopt animal ordinance amendment — Art. II, Chapter 3—2—8 (b) Exceptions. Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. The Amendment is filed in the Clerks office. And it does give the Village Board jurisdiction about animals in the Village of Oblong. # 94-374

Mayor Cunningham had a phone call from Larry Lewis, owner of Robinson Daily Newspaper, apologizing for a letter to the editor that was printed in the paper. The letter was obscene and distasteful about Oblong and all people were offended that the Robinson Daily would even print such a letter. Mr. Lewis was out of town, and a Byron Tracy sent

a letter to the Board with a messenger. The Board did not accept that the apology was not made in person and a retraction put in the paper. It appears that many people were upset as all businesses pulled their ads from the Robinson paper. Liz and Earl both sent letters to the editor in response to the one printed about Oblong.

On the good side, Mayor Cunningham reported to the Board that Crawford County is very fortunate to have the generosity of the Mary Heath Foundation. All organizations and institutions can apply each year for grant monies from the foundation.

Mayor Cunningham brought to the Board's attention that Ed Mehler has been on 6 month probation as a new employee. He has moved to town and is working out well with his job duties. Earl made the motion to give Ed Mehler a 10% pay increase, which was set at the start of his employment effective December 1st.

Christmas bonuses were discussed for approval. Max made a motion to give all full—time employees 100.00 dollars and all part—time employees \$75.00 dollars. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham questioned the Board about cancelling the December 21st board meeting as it is so close to the holidays and several trustees will not be able to attend. They tabled the matter until the December 7th meeting.  
November 16th meeting continued

Mayor Cunningham asked Kelley Tracy to fill the vacancy of Trustee, Ron Bailey, Sr. Mr. Tracy was interested in the Village Board and agreed to complete the term until the April election in 1995. The trustees were in full agreement and accepted the new appointment. Mr. Tracy will attend the December 7th meeting.

Mayor Cunningham presented a solution for the Gem City Club. It reads as follows:

In response to the representatives of Gem City Club at the October 19th meeting. The Board of Trustees has estimated that the approximate replacement cost of 7 tables and 60 chairs, that the former Ruritan Club, now Gem City Club donated is \$748.00 dollars.

The Board proposes to give the Gem City Club credit for this sum and allotting to monthly distribution for their meetings in the Municipal Building, the sum of \$30.00 a month is to be credited for the use of the equipment, until the distribution sum is absolved or the club disbands. The property is and remains an asset of the Municipality, and with the proposal, no other consideration is given.

Earl made the motion to accept the proposal to the Gem City Club, Liz seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

There were no major reports from Committees. As all business was finished, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Max. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

Minutes recorded by Jan Miller.

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## December 7, 1994

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 7, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Kelley Tracy, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Max Lindsey, Trustees.

Members Absent: Liz Garrett and Jan Miller

Others Present: Holly Ackman, Craig Rice, Gary Lanter, Terry Gish & Hope Weber.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and the Clerk read the minutes of the November 16th meeting. Carole made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Jim. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Max Lindsey made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Jim. Vote 5 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham passed two letters around for the trustees to read. One was from Jack Cunningham a thank you for sending him to recent schooling for information on dealing with juveniles. The other letter was from a Mr. Hamilton apologizing that the previous letter printed in the Robinson Daily Paper about Oblong was not supposed to have been printed.

Mayor Cunningham received requests from The Village Tap and Floyds liquor establishments to stay open later on New Year's Eve. An hour has been permitted in the past, but due to the fact that New Years Day is on Sunday and Village Ordinances do not permit selling of liquor on Sundays, the two businesses will be asked to be closed by 12 midnight on December 31st.

The Board cancelled the December 21st Board meeting because of the holidays. The next meeting will be January 4, 1995.

Gary Lanter picked up street lights from the city of Robinson. They replaced their old street lights and we needed 4 to replace our old system until a new one can be installed. Gary Lanter will call CIPS as they stated they would put the lights in for the Village.

Mayor Cunningham read a new contract from Rumpke, Inc. Starting January 1, 1995, the cost for trash pickup to residents in the Village of Oblong will be \$9.30 per month. Rumpke has experienced an increase in their business and must pass some of the cost on to the customers. Max made a motion to accept the new contract, and Earl seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was finished, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Carole. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JANE HOSELTON, CLERK

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## January 4, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 4, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, and Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Liz Garrett and Kelley Tracy

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Hope Weber and Holly Ackman.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to read the minutes of the last meeting on December 7, 1994. After presentation, Carole Jones ask that the minutes be amended. She did vote nay to renew the contract with Rumpke of Illinois for Sanitary Hauling for the Village of Oblong. After the amendment was noted, Jim Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Carole Jones. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

The Mayor asked the trustees to discuss if they were interested in having one meeting a month as opposed to two meetings per month. The pay would stay at \$25.00 dollars per meeting for each trustee. Special meetings would be called if needed. The committees

have worked so well that the Mayor felt one meeting would be sufficient. After discussion, Carole Jones made a motion to change to one board meeting per month on the first Wednesday of each month. The change to take place on May 1, 1995. Max Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: Earl Deckard, nay; Jim Stephens, nay; Carole Jones, yea; and Max Lindsey, yea. 2 yeas — 2 nays . The Mayor broke the tie by voting yea — motion carried. The caucus of the Citizens and Peoples party will be Monday night, January 9, 1995 at 7 P.M. There are 3 — four year terms and 2 — two year unexpired terms for trustee positions on the Village Board.

On committee reports things were pretty quiet. Gary Lanter reported that CIPS would be over sometime after the first of the year to replace the lights.

Jim Stephens recommended to the Board that they purchase a hand held breathalizer for the police department. The 0 tolerance law went in effect January 1, 1995 for minors under 21 years of age. This will aid our police department so that an officer will not need to make extra trips to Robinson. Max Lindsey made a motion to purchase the hand held breathalizer at a cost not to exceed \$290.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Terry Gish and Jack Cunningham will be attending an all day seminar at Robinson on February 21st. The subject will be on updated criminal law. There is no charge. The seminar is sponsored by SICJTP.

As all business was finished, Jim made a motion to adjourn seconded by Max. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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Jane Hosselton, Village Clerk

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## February 15, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 15, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Kelley Tracy, Carole Jones and Jim Stephens, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Liz Garrett and Max Lindsey

Others Present: Hope Weber, Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, and Kip Davis.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order . After an addition to the agenda, she asked the clerk to read the minutes. Earl Deckard made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1st meeting with a second by Kelley Tracy. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the bills review, Jim Stephens then made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Carole Jones. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Kip Davis spoke on behalf of the 4—H Youth Council. Mr. Davis stated that there is a problem with drainage in the show arena and swine building at the 4-H buildings at the park. His organization was requesting permission to put rain guttering on the buildings with downspouts on the corners. Then the water would drain through a 6 or 8 inch pipe or tile to the lake. Some of the construction would be on Village property. Kip talked to a local contractor and he stated that the job could be done in one day. Gary Lanter had spoke with Mr. Davis and agreed this might help the problem. The 4H Youth Council would pay for the construction. Carole Jones made a motion to give the 4-H authority to do the work, and Jim Stephens seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

In Mayor's Comments the Board:

— Heard that the Railroad crossing on South Range Street is suppose to be repaired starting May 15th with the Village responsible for payment of all materials. Some board members were in disagreement with this and some checking is being done with other counties and their situations.

— Heard that the Dept of Transportation sent a letter to the Mayor stating that since bids have come in the cost for handicapp sidewalk repair increased by 40% with the Village's portion being \$20,750.00 dollars. Gary Lanter checked locally with a contractor and said the Village can spend the same amount of dollars and do a few sidewalks at a time, rather than have to spend such a large sum of money at once. If IDOT agrees, the Village will work with a local contractor.

— Heard that the janitor of the Municipal Building offered to do the pest control spraying to save the Village some money. He used to own a business of his own. After discussion, the Board thanked him for offering, but decided to stay with Henry VanWinkle from Robinson, who has been doing the pest control the last 8 years.

— Had a request from the Mayor to think about changing the meeting night for the board from Wednesday to Thursday starting May 1st. This would accomodate a current board member that will not be able to come on Wednesday

February 15th meeting continued

nights. Two trustees were absent, so the Mayor said the Board would vote on this proposal at a later date.

Earl Deckard reported for the Water & Sewer Committee that confined space entry safety equipment needs to be ordered for the water & sewer departments. The safety equipment is now mandated and the money was budgeted for this fiscal year ending April 30, 1995. Earl made a motion to purchase the safety equipment at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 dollars. Jim Stephens seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. Gary Lanter will get the equipment ordered.

The finance committee is currently gathering data for the 1995 - 96 budget. The committee will have another meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 1995.

Jim Stephens brought to the board's attention that 2 purchases need to be made for the Municipal Building. Two outdoor mats for the front and back and a new lawn mower with grass catcher. There is money budgeted in the general fund that will cover these 2 purchases this fiscal year. Mr. Stephens recommended that the board vote to allow the janitor to purchase them. Carole Jones made a motion to buy 2 outdoor mats at a cost of \$215.00 dollars and a lawn mower and grass catcher at a cost of Approx. \$160.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried.

Earl Deckard made a recommendation to the trustees concerning new radios for the Police Department in a continuation to update equipment. He suggests they purchase 2 new radios. One mobile Motorola GM 300 for the squad car, with the current mobile given to a part—time patrolman for their personal vehicle. The second radio being a portable HT 1000 Motorola Complete. The money for these radios was also budgeted for this fiscal year. Jim Stephens made a motion to purchase two new radios as mentioned at a cost of \$821.00 for the mobile and \$1,002.00 dollars for the portable. Kelley Tracy seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

As all business was concluded, Earl made a motion to adjourn seconded by Carole. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JANE HOSELTON, VILLAGE CLERK

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March 15, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 15, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Parley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Kelley Tracy, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, Liz Garrett, and Max Lindsey, Trustees, and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent : Earl Deckard

Others Present : Gary Lanter, Teresa Fielder, and Hope Weber

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to read the minutes of the March 1st meeting. Liz Garrett made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Carole seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

After presentation of Vouchers, Jim made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Liz. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

In the Mayors Comments the Board heard that CIPS representative, Steve Barbee is getting proposals together to present to the Board for installing new lights. There will be a meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> with the Street & Alley committee. The time of the meeting was set for 6:00 P.M. Mayor Cunningham also informed the board of the meeting concerning the Library referendum on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Library made plans to mass mail information to all voters and then put together some questions and answers to be delivered to each household in town prior to the vote. The Oblong Library does stand to loose a lot if the referendum does not pass.

The Mayor set the date of April 29<sup>th</sup> to hire summer employees.

Gary Lanter reported that they have been tarring the cracks on North and South Range streets. While the weather permitted they wanted to get it done.

The Water & Sewer committee will have a meeting on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 P.M.

The Finance committee recommended that they amend the budget and purchase a new truck in this fiscal year. Jim Stephens made a motion to purchase a 1995 Ford 3/4 ton, 2 wheel drive pickup. 2/3 of the cost is to come out of Sewer the amount being \$10,350.00 dollars and the other 1/3 is to come out of Water the amount being \$5,175.00 dollars. This cost includes toolboxes for the truck. Liz seconded the motion to purchase the truck from Landmark, Inc. through state bid. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham asked the building committee to get with Howard Tuel. It is time to strip and redo the floors in the building and he would like to discuss it with the committee.

As all business was finished, Max made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Hosselton, Clerk

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April 5, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 5, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Parley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk, Kelley Tracy, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, Liz Garrett and Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Earl Deckard

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Hope Weber, Holly Ackman, Terry Gish, Randy Nave, and Teresa Fielder.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked the clerk to read the minutes of the last meeting. Liz Garrett made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 15th meeting as read, and Max seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

After presentation of vouchers, Jim Stephens made a motion to pay the bills with a second by Liz. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Mayor Cunningham asked for board approval concerning a trailer permit at 514 E. Kentucky St. The request was made by Jamie Mullins. The permit was not yet approved until some details concerning pad size were verified.

Also the Mayor reminded the Board that starting in May, the Village Board will only be meeting once a month and that will be on the first Wednesday of each month.

In committee reports:

Street and Alley - The summer street repair maintenance program was presented to the board. The repairs are paid for out of Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Carole Jones made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$32,250.00 dollars for maintaining streets in the Village of Oblong. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried. As soon as all costs are approved by the Department of Transportation, a bid letting will be set up by the Villages' engineer — Jim Calhoun.

Water & Sewer — Gary Lanter reported that Ed Mehler passed his class D Public Water Supply Operators license.

The Mayor received a written request from Tom and Sharon Haley. Carole Jones made a motion to give permission for the Haleys to use the park for the St. Jude Bike—A—Thon on Saturday, May 20th. And to also give permission for the Country Music Jamboree to use the Grandstand at the park on June 10, July 8, and August 12th. Kelley Tracy seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Finance Committee Chairman, Jim Stephens gave each trustee a copy of the new budget to be adopted for the fiscal year 1995-96. They are to look it over and give him a call if they have any questions. The board will plan to adopt the budget at the April 19th meeting.

April 5th meeting continued

Concerning the Sidewalk, Lights and Building Committee — Mayor Cunningham read a proposal from Randy Rich to repair the ceiling in the back hall of the Municipal Building. The damage was caused from water leaking through the roof. The problem on the roof has been repaired but has left some damage inside the building. Some of the trustees were unaware of the problem and decided to take a look before they made their decision on repair at this time.

At the last meeting, there was discussion on hiring Best—Way to strip the floor in the municipal building and then have Howard Tuel do the waxing. The Village does not own equipment to do the stripping of the floor. Liz Garrett made a motion to hire Best—Way to strip the floor at a cost of approximately \$350.00 dollars. Jim Stephens seconded the motion. Vote 5 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Max Lindsey reported on the meetings that his committee had with CIPS concerning the street lights. He explained to the board some options and costs that they had discussed. CIPS and the Engineer are getting together a proposal and will present it to the board as soon as they are completed.

The board went into executive session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss salaries. Back into open session at 7:45 P.M. no action was taken at this time.

As all business was completed, Carole made a motion to adjourn seconded by Liz. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JANE HOSELTON, Village Clerk

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May 3, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 3, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Earl Deckard, Randy Nave, Carole Jones, Jim Stephens, Teresa Fielder, and Max Lindsey, Trustees; and Jan Miller, Treasurer.

Others Present : Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Holly Ackman, and Hope Weber.

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to appoint the Treasurer. Carole made the motion to appoint Jan Miller as Treasurer for the 1995—96 fiscal year. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 years — 0 nays motion carried.

At this time the Clerk asked all of the newly elected and appointed officials to stand and raise their right hand and repeat their Oath of office. All then signed the oath and it will be on file in the Clerk's office.

After the clerk read the minutes Max made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 19th meeting as read. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 years — 0 nays motion carried.

After presentation of the vouchers, Jim made a motion to pay bills seconded by Max. Vote 6 years — 0 nays motion carried.

In Mayor Cunningham's comments - She discussed that she would like some input from the Board concerning the old activity center building. It is setting empty now and will need some work in the near future. She suggested, if feasible, to tear it down and put in a parking lot which would help the other businesses on Range street. She just asked the Trustees to think about it and bring back some ideas to the meeting. She read a letter from Triax stating that the outlet charge will decrease from \$3.50 per outlet to .11¢ per outlet. Also, a Mr. Settlemyer stopped in before the board meeting and asked about the ditch west of Farley Road. He mows directly across from his property and wanted to know who would maintain the rest. Gary Lanter said the Village now owns and maintains the road and they will take a look and do what they can.

Mayor Cunningham set up her new committees for May 1995 through April 1997. They are as follows:

Finance Committee: \*Jim Stephens, Randy Nave & Max Lindsey

Water and Sewer : \*Max Lindsey, Teresa Fielder, & Carole Jones

Police: \*Earl Deckard, Carole Jones & Jim Stephens

Street & Alley : \*Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder, & Randy Nave

Park: \*Teresa Fielder, Max Lindsey, & Carole Jones

Sidewalks, Lights: \*Randy Nave, Teresa Fielder, and Earl Deckard & Building  
\*denotes comm. chairman.

May 3rd Meeting Continued

In Committee Reports:

Street & Alley bid letting for MFT will be Tuesday, May 9th at 10 A.M. in the Farley Room. A special meeting was set for Wednesday, May 10th at 5:30 P.M. to accept the bids for MFT and make a decision on the ceiling repair of the Municipal Building. Gary Lanter then asked for approval to purchase a Fiberglass Builders Rod not to exceed 125.00 dollars. Earl made a motion to purchase the rod and Teresa seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Water & Sewer — Gary Lanter asked for approval to purchase some items. Jim Stephens made a motion to purchase a map file with a maximum cost of \$60.00 out of Sewer and a maximum cost of \$60.00 dollars out of water. Max seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas — 0 nays, motion carried. Earl then made a motion to approve the purchase of a 1400 Watt Generator out of the Sewer fund not to exceed \$975.00 dollars. Jim seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Park — Gary Lanter said he would like to get the branches trimmed that are hanging over on Wisconsin Street. He talked with a Gosnell Tree service out of Bridgeport, Illinois. Max made a motion to let Gary check with Gosnell and if all papers are in order, let him do the work. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

Police — Earl Deckard, Police Chairman, asked the board for permission for the Police Chief to attend an Interview and Interrogation Technique Class at Mt. Vernon on May 16, 17, and 18. Jim Stephens made a motion to allow Mr. Gish to attend the Class at a total cost not to exceed \$200.00 dollars. Earl seconded the motion. Vote 6 yeas — 0 nays motion carried.

In other correspondence, Mayor Cunningham informed the board of National Prayer Day which will be observed on the East Side of the Courthouse on Thursday, May 4th from 12:30 — 1:00 P.M. Also there will be a meeting in Carbondale on May 11th from 11 am - 2:00 P.M. on the Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act and issue regarding conflict of Interest. The Mayor will try to attend and asked that anyone interested please get in touch with her.

As all business was finished, Max made a motion to adjourn seconded by Carole. All were in agreement and meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JANE HOSELTON, VILLAGE CLERK

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June 21, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, June 21, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building for the purpose of discussion of hiring a Village Clerk.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Randy Nave, Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder, and Max Lindsey, Trustees.

Members Absent : Jim Stephens, Earl Deckard and Jan Miller.

Others Present: Holly Ackman

Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order and went into Executive Session for the purpose of hiring a Village Clerk.

Back into open session at 6:20 P.M. Max Lindsey made a motion to hire Jim Russell as Village Clerk. Carole Jones seconded the motion. Vote 4 yeas - 0 nays motion carried. Mr. Russell will start training in July.

As all business was concluded, Max made a motion to adjourn seconded by Randy. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JANE HOSELTON, VILLAGE CLERK

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# July 5, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday July 5, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Muncipal Building.

Members Present: Betty Cunningham, Mayor; Jan Miller, Treasurer; Jane Hosselton, Clerk; Jim Russell, Clerk in training; Max Lindsey, Jim Stephens, Teresa Fielder, Carole Jones, Randy Nave and Earl Deckard.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Terry Gish, Gary Lanter, Sara Brotherton, Bill Moore and Mark Luzader.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Mayor Cunningham.
2. The minutes of the June 7th meeting were read. Motion by Stephens to approve, second by Fielder, 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried. The minutes of the June 21st meeting were read. Motion by Nave to approve, second by Lindsey. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
3. The Treasurer's report was presented. Motion by Stephens to pay the bills, second by Lindsey. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
4. Mr. Bill Moore spoke to the board regarding renting the old Activity Center for a used clothing store. He stated he would work with churches, senior citizens, the high school on fund raising, etc. He also stated he would pay liability insurance and what ever insurance the board deemed necessary. The board tabled the matter until the building could be inspected.
5. Sara Brotherton spoke to the board representing residents of North Garfield street concerning the traffic at North Garfield and East Wisconsin streets, requesting 4-way stop signs. After some discussion and a statement by Gary Lanter that the estimated cost would be approximately \$200, a motion was made by Lindsey to install them. Second by Stephens, 4 yeas, 1 nay, motion carried.
6. Mark Luzader addressed the board requesting the use of the stage at the city park on July 6th from 7 to 9 P.M. for a musical concert. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to approve. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
7. Streets and Alleys committee report: Mrs. Alicia Newlin requested a permit to set a housetrailer at 306 South Adams. After some brief discussion there was a motion by Lindsay to approve, second by Nave. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
8. Water and Sewer Committee report: The committee needs to meet on Tuesday July

11th at 6 P.M. Gary Lanter also mentioned that a new truck was in use and that a 1984 Dodge pickup would be for sale. He was given permission to run a Classified ad for sealed bids.

9. Park Committee report: The tractor is broken down, parts should be in soon so that mowing can resume. There is a need to fell a tree, and the Mayor stated she would contact Housers to see if they would do that for the city.

10. Finance Committee report: Motion by Stephens, second by Jones to adopt ordinance 95-378, the 1995-96 appropriation in the total amount of \$719,700.00. 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

11. A request was made by the Finance Committee chairman to amend the budget regarding installation of a new building by the water tower for the amount of \$5995.99. He requested 1/3 from General # 2, 1/3 from Water and 1/3 from Sewer into the major project fund. Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to approve. 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

12. Sidewalks, Lights and Building report: A need for 90 linear feet of sidewalk just east of the new Parkmart business. No action was taken. The Mayor instructed members to look at the situation so the matter can be resolved later.

13. Police Committee report: ~~The committee will meet on July 20~~ There is a possibility of having another part-time officer. The committee will have another meeting with the individual and present him at the August meeting.

Terry Gish expressed a desire to attend a Gang Awareness meeting on July 19th in Mt. Vernon. Motion to allow him to do so was made by Stephens, second by Deckard. 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

14. The Mayor stated she had a letter from the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding a meeting on the 21st or 22nd of July concerning railroad crossing repairs. Any member wishing to see the letter or attend the meeting are welcome.

15. Motion to adjourn by Lindsey, second by Jones. 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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August 9, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met for a special meeting on August 9, 1995 at 5:30 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Nave, Jim Stephens, Carole Jones, Max Lindsey, and Teresa Fielder. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
2. The Mayor turned the meeting over to Randy Nave, Chairman of the Sidewalks, Lights and Building committee. He gave a report on some sites where sidewalks need repairing:
  1. In front of Crawford County State Bank on East Main Street. Harrison to Grant Street, approximately 243 feet 2 handicapped access ramps, type A, 8 feet each. Bring up to grade.
  - B. Main Street north on North Grant for 155 feet, bring up to grade.
  2.
    - A. East end of Park Mart II for 90 feet, bring up to grade with type A ramp.
    - B. Missouri and Adams Streets, north for 114 feet at the proper grade.
  - C. Miscellaneous repairs: Nellie Shinn residence, 505 North Grant Phil Boyd residence, 105 North Grant and others that may be identified
3. Motion by Stephens, second by Lindsey to put the 2 packages up for bids, with the bank package to be dealt with after the bank has completed their work at that site.
4. Motion to adjourn by Jones, second by Lindsey. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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September 6, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday September 6, 1995 at 7 P.M. in the Activity Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Teresa Fielder, Max Lindsey, Randy Nave, Jim Stephens, Carole Jones, the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk. Absent: Earl Deckard.

Others present: Gary Lanter, Brad Gurley, Jay Ping, Tom Wrausman, Russell Mikeworth, Zelma Mikeworth, Charles & Beulah Smith, Pauline Richter, Carol Burner, Bonnie Finn, Gerald Weaver, Gary & Vickie Goodwin, John Sharer, Bill Miller, Dennis Paddick, Clarence Smith, Willie McKinney, Olof Lorance, Dorothy Davis, and Paul Homman.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. There were no deletions or corrections to the agenda.
3. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to approve the minutes of August 2nd and 9th. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
4. The Treasurer's report was presented.
5. The tax hearing was opened. Mr. Russell Mikeworth spoke concerning figures in the budget. Finance Committee chairman Jim Stephens answered some of the questions. Willie McKinney of the Kemper CPA group (who does the village audit) explained some of the figures. The Mayor thanked Mr. Mikeworth for participating and invited him to meet later with her and the finance committee chairman to go through the figures further.
6. Motion by Stephens, second by Jones to adopt the tax levy, ordinance 95381. Yeas: Stephens, Jones, Nave, Lindsey and Fielder. No nay votes, the motion carried.
7. Motion by Stephens, second by Lindsey to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
8. John Sharer of the Indiana Railroad was introduced by the Mayor. The railroad's proposal of upgrading 3 crossings in town and closing the other two was explained. Several comments and questions followed:
  - A. Dennis Paddick expressed a concern about access to farm ground.
  - B. Bonnie Finn questioned the length of the extension of the railroad siding.
  - C. Some others expressed some concerns about the possibility of two streets being closed at the railroad.
  - D. Mr. Sharer explained the funding from the Illinois Commerce Commission: to get new lights at a crossing there is a tradeoff to close another crossing. This waives the fee (100% for lights only).

E. It was mentioned that a hearing will be held in Springfield on September 25th. It will be open to the public for citizens to express their concerns.

F. A suggestion was made for the Board to take a position and represent the community. The Mayor explained that there are diverse opinions to try to represent.

G. Other varied opinions were expressed.

9. Report of Committees:

A. Street & Alleys - The Mayor commented on the alley behind the Crawford County State Bank. The utilities are in a conduit and there is a shutoff valve on the water line. The bank has stated that they will maintain the alley and the utilities. (Letter requested)

B. Water & Sewer — Everything going O.K.

C. Park — A tree is to get cut down.

D. Finance — Comments on the budget.

E. Sidewalks, Lights and Building:

1. C.I.P.S. project completed, the streetlights are up and operating.

2. Sidewalk repair bids were opened. Motion by Stephens, second by Lindsey to accept David Krick's bid of \$7741.20 for projects A,B,C, & D to be completed by Oct. 25th, or at least with nothing tore up downtown during the Fall Follies. 5 years, 0 nays, the motion carried.

Project A: 114 lin. ft. north from W. Missouri & S. Adams

Project B: 24 lin. ft. at 505 N. Grant

8 lin. ft. at 201 N. Grant

152 lin. ft. at 105 N. Grant

16 lin. ft. at Texas & Range

Project C: 156 lin. ft. north from Main & Grant on the east side 142 lin. ft. on East Main, north side, between Harrison & Grant

Project D: 90 lin. ft. on the north side of E. Main east of the Park Mart east drive, with handicapped ramp.

3. Some cabinets in the kitchen need repaired, the Mayor is to call Myrl Littlejohn about this.

- F. Police — Brad Gurley was present and was welcomed to the force.
- 10. A resolution was adopted to request parade permits to close Route 33 for the High School Homecoming on Oct. 13th and the Fall Follies on October 28th. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones. 5 yeas, 0 nays. motion carried.
- 11. A letter of retirement from Harry Shafer was read. Motion by Stephens, second by Lindsey to accept it. 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 12. Motion by Nave, second by Stephens to have the Village Superintendent to write up guidelines for the position and Post the job. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 13. Motion to adjourn by Jones, second by Stephens. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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October 4, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday October 4, 1995 at 7 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Teresa Fielder, Randy Nave, Jim Stephens, Carole Jones, the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Gary Lanter, Terry Gish, Dennis Paddick, Jay Ping, Bill Miller, Bonnie Finn, Bill Cox, Donna Midgett, Clarence Smith and Tom Wrausmann.

- 1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
- 2. There were no deletions, additions or corrections to the agenda.
- 3. Motion by Stephens, second by Jones to approve the minutes of the last meeting, (September 6). 4 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
- 4. Several items were brought to the board's attention by comments from the Mayor. The first was a report on the hearing of September 25th concerning the railroad crossings. The decision is postponed until November 30th, requesting the railroad to give further information. The Mayor explained that in the past, the board had simply worked to improve the crossings. Other than that, the board has no official position. Some questions

and discussion among board members followed. There were a few questions and comments from the audience. The Mayor offered to contact Mr. Berry and see if all parties involved could come up with an alternate plan for the crossings.

5. The Mayor read a letter from Triax, one from Rumpke, and one from CIPS regarding changes in their respective operations.

6. An application from the Crawford County Tourism Council was presented. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to join for a fee of \$25. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

7. It was announced that on October 12th at 7 P.M. there will be a meeting in the Farley room concerning the Lake project.

8. Rent for the library was brought up for discussion. The following proposal was presented: The library contains 7% of the total building space and an average of utilities over a 3 month period would have the library's share at 7% being \$30. The usual charge of \$30 for the use of the activity room will apply. No deposit is to be charged. The library is to furnish adequate renter's insurance. Motion by Nave, second by Jones to accept this proposal. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

9. The matter of Crawford County State Bank's concrete in the alley and lack of a letter of maintenance was mentioned.

10. The Treasurer's report was presented.

11. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave to pay the bills. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

12. Report of Committees:

Street & Alley: A request for a mobile home permit was presented for Jerry & Ruth Adams. Motion by Stephens, second by Fielder to approve it. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

13. Water & Sewer: Job applications were discussed, all agreed to go into executive session at the end of the agenda.

14. Park: A letter was read stating our camp and recreation area was licensed for another year.

15. Finance: no report.

16. Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Some sidewalk work has begun.

17. Police: heard a complaint about cars parking on the sidewalk in front of Checkmart.
18. Motion by Jones, second by Stephens to set trick or treat night for October 31st from 6 to 9 P.M. for those 12 and under. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
19. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave to enter into executive session at 7:50, to review job applications. 4 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
20. Returned to regular session at 8:10 P.M. 7 applicants, Misters Gangloff, Davis, Bayless, Robbins, T. Smith, Lamb, and Garrard are to be called to be interviewed on October 18th at 6 P.M.
21. Motion by Nave, second by Jones to send a revised request for a parade permit for the Fall Follies. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. This was necessary due to the increased number of bands participating in the parade and also making it easier to board busses once the parade is over.
22. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave to continue the meeting on October 18th at 6 P.M. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
23. The meeting was reconvened at 6 P.M. on October 18th by the Mayor for the purpose of interviewing job applicants. Members present: Jim Stephens, Randy Nave, Max Lindsey, Carole Jones, the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk. Also Gary Lanter.
24. Motion by Jones, second by Stephens to set the salary for the position open in the Water and Street department at \$1450 per month, with incentives to come later. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. (A sheet is on file stating the requirements to be met, when and what the incentives are, in the Employees Policy & Guidelines file.)
25. Motion by Stephens, second by Lindsey to enter executive session at 6:10 P.M. During the executive session the following persons were interviewed: Travis Smith, Arthur Gangloff, Tod Robbins, David Bayless, Brian Lamb, Jason Garrard and Kelly Davis.
26. Returned to regular session at 8:13 P.M. Motion by Jones, second by Stephens to hire Travis Smith. 4 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
27. Motion by Jones, second by Lindsey to adjourn. 4 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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## November 1, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday November 1, 1995 at 7 P.M. in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Jim Stephens, Randy Nave, Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Bonnie Finn, Donna Midgett, Bill Miller, Dennis Paddick, Richard Newbold, Roxanne Murphy, Wendy McDaniel, Bill Cox, Linda Cravens and Tom Wrausmann.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by the Mayor.
2. One addition was made to the agenda.
3. Roxanne Murphy and Wendy McDaniel addressed the Board concerning their water bill and the water being shur off. It gets shut off approximately 4 days before they can pay the bill each month. The Mayor agreed to meet with them the next day and see if they could work out something.
4. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave to approve the minutes of the last meeting. (October 6th and 18th) 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
5. The Mayor complimented the city workers on their participation in the pancake supper.
6. Some revisions were made on the policy sheet for Travis Smith. The sheet is on file.
7. Some comments were made concerning possible work in the shop, possibly a bathroom, etc.
8. A letter of maintenance for the alley behind their building was received from Crawford County State Bank and is on file.
9. Members were notified that the village had reveewed a petition concerning some citizens opposed to the railroad crossing closings. Grade sheets for the crossings were available, as well as a letter stating that the hearing for the crossings has been moved from November 30th to the 29th.
10. The Treasurer's report was presented.

11. Motion by Lindsey, second by Stephens to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

12. Committee Reports:

Street & Alley — no report

Water & Sewer — A new line is being laid on West Iowa Street, and work is progressing on the new system. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to give the Water Superintendent authority to get some estimate figures on water line expansion to the north and west of Oblong. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Park: A meeting for the lake project is set for November 16, at 7 P.M.

Finance: Committee meeting on November 15th at 6 P.M.

Sidewalks, Lights & Building: The sidewalk work is almost completed.

Police: No report.

13. Motion by Stephens, second by Lindsey to enter executive session at 7:26 P.M. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Returned to regular session at 7:35.

14. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave to keep Jason Garrard employed through the winter until April 1st, at the present salary to a maximum of 30 hours per week. Also that I.M.R.F. be paid on the present clerk's salary. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

15. Trustee Randy Nave made some comments on the Fall Follies this past weekend. Several comments were positive from visiting bandmembers and families. All agreed that the follies and the parade were a great success.

16. Richard Newbold thanked the city for completing the sidewalk work near his business and requested a copy of the grade sheets for the railroad crossings.

17. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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December 6, 1995

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday December 6, 1995 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Jim Stephens, Randy Nave, Carole Jones and Earl Deckard. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Terry Gish, Gary Lanter, Keith Waldrop, Bonnie Finn, Bill Miller, Dorothy Davis, Dea Gullett of the Oblong Gem and Wayne Tracy.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. One addition was made to the agenda.
2. Motion by Stephens, second by Jones to approve the minutes of the last meeting (November 1). 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
3. A letter was read from the Illinois Commerce Commission concerning the hearing concerning the railroad crossings. The hearing is continued to April 12th, 1996. Bonnie Finn mentioned that a lawyer had called her and stated that the Indiana Railroad had offered a compromise. Since the Village had not received anything in writing no action was taken.
4. A Library "open house" was announced for Sunday December 17th from 1 to 4 P.M. All agreed the building should be open for that purpose.
5. The Mayor mentioned a problem that Mrs. Ruby Fisher has with Crawford County State Bank concerning her ramp from the alley for her camping trailer. The Mayor will continue to work on the problem and keep the board informed.
6. Motion by Deckard, second by Stephens to adopt a resolution to request the General Assembly of the State of Illinois to place on the ballot of the November 1996 election a constitutional amendment that prevents the State of Illinois from adopting unfunded mandates that impose additional costs on units of local government. 4 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
7. The Treasurer's report was presented.
8. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave to pay the bills. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
9. Report of Committees:

Street & Alley: Drug testing of CDL drivers is required by January 1, 1996. Gary Lanter will check with different sources and see what is the best deal for the Village and report back so that we can be in compliance.

10. Motion by Stephens, second by Deckard to adopt ordinance # 95-382: To install a stop sign at East Kentucky Street entering South Range and yield signs on West Wisconsin and West Michigan Streets entering North Jackson Street. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

11. Mr. Wayne Tracy addressed the board concerning the parking situation at his place of business. Now that the Christian Church has a circle drive on the south side of Ohio Street, more persons attending church functions during the day park on the north side of the street. Thus it appears that Mr. Tracy's barbershop is full and people drive by thinking they would have an extended wait for a haircut. He offered to pay for signs marking an area as business parking only. There was no opposition and the signs will be installed.

12. The crosswalks at the grade school were mentioned as they have gotten rather dim. The school has requested that the village paint it. The street superintendent stated that manpower was not a problem, but that liability might be. Motion by Nave, second

by Jones to paint the crosswalk, but that the village assumes no liability. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

13. Water & Sewer: Motion by Jones, second by Deckard to purchase a 16 channel 5 watt radio for the Sewer Department. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

14. Finance: motion by Stephens, second by Nave to give full time employees a \$100 Christmas bonus and part time employees a \$75 Christmas bonus. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

15. Sidewalks, Lights & Bldg.: some parts of old street lights need a disposal destination.

16. Police: Waivers have been applied for, we are awaiting a reply.

17. A traffic light at Main & Range Streets was mentioned. Cost would be \$80,000. Other ideas were mentioned, perhaps warning lights in advance of the stop signs.

18. Motion by Jones, second by Stephens to reconvene the meeting on December 13th at 5:30 P.M. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Continuation of December 6th meeting: meeting on December 13th: Members present: Jim Stephens, Randy Nave, Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. Others present: Gary Lanter, Richard Newbold, Dennis Paddick, Donna Midget, Bonnie Finn, Russ Murrell, Craig Rice and Reva Lith from Rumpke.

19. Craig Rice, representing Rumpke Disposal Co. addressed the board concerning a 45Q per month increase starting January 1st. After some discussion there was a motion by Stephens, second by Fielder to put the trash collection up for bids, with the bid to be decided at the January meeting. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

20. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to allow part time patrolman Brad Gurley a half year clothing allowance. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

21. Carole Jones spoke about the collection of vehicles parked on the south side of East Illinois Street and North Range Street. The Mayor stated she would call Crawford County State Bank and see what could be worked out with these repossessed vehicles.

22. The Mayor informed the board that Ruby Fisher is not satisfied with no entrance to her back yard from the alley behind the new Crawford County State Bank building. The Mayor is going to suggest to the bank that they pay rental fees to store her trailer and work out something with a neighbor to enter her yard with the trailer at certain times during the year.

23. Bonnie Finn spoke to apologize for a remark made at the December 6th meeting. The Mayor thanked her.

24. The Mayor spoke concerning the original petition from Indiana Railroad dated June 5, 1995, concerning the 3 railroad crossings within the village. Motion by Stephens, second by Jones to have a vote of approval. The Mayor polled the members and the votes were: Stephens: yea, Nave, nay, Jones: yea, Fielder: yea, Lindsey: yea. By a count of 4 yeas, 1 nay, the motion carried.

25. There was a brief discussion on the second proposal from the Indiana Railroad. Richard Newbold spoke and Russ Murrell spoke concerning the siding removal next to his business. A temporary closing was suggested for Taylor St. Possibly closing gates during grain loading times. Motion by Nave, second by Fielder to not take any action until the January meeting. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

26. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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January 3, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 3, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Jim Stephens, Randy Nave, Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder, Max Lindsey, the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Terry Gish, Gary Lanter, Eric Spencer of Garrison & Jones Architects, William Miller, Keith Waldrop, Craig Rice and Reva Lith representing Rumpke.

1. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7 P.M. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
2. Motion by Fielder, second by Jones to approve the minutes of the last meeting. (December 6 and 13) 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
3. The Mayor complimented the street department on the snow removal from downtown and the streets in general. All agreed that things were handled very well. Superintendent Lanter mentioned that some private citizens had helped.
4. Mr. Eric Spencer of Garrison & Jones Architects was introduced. He explained the drainage situation at the new Crawford County State Bank building. Board members expressed to Mr. Spencer that originally the board thought the alley was just to be access to the bank's parking, not as a parking area. Mr. Spencer recommended a dirt ramp feathered into Mrs. Fisher's property to allow her to get her camper vehicle into her yard. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave for a meeting of all concerned parties: Mrs. Fisher, some of her children, Mr. Jerry Bailey of CCSB, the mayor and at least some board members to try and reach some solution to the problem. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
5. A letter from attorney John Doeringer was read concerning the railroad crossings. This letter suggested that a compromise to the matter would be to leave Taylor street open for access, with adequate warnings of the existence of the railroad crossing, and the closing of Grant Street. After some discussion and comments from the public, the following motion was made by Stephens, with a second by Lindsey: To leave Taylor Street open for access, with adequate warnings of the existence of the railroad crossing. That the proposition as presented in the December 21, 1995 communication Re: The Indiana Rail Road Company — Petition to close crossings, track improvements in Oblong, be mailed to Attorney John Doeringer as to the outcome of the board decision. 4 yeas, 1 nay (Nave), motion carried.
6. Bids for garbage pickup within the village were opened. After comparing the bids of Daubs and Rumpke, a motion was made by Lindsey, second by Jones to stay with Rumpke. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. The updating of the Code Book was discussed. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to supplement and review the Code Book. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave that Lindsey, Fielder and Jones be a committee to review the Code Book. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
9. The Treasurer's report was presented.
10. Motion by Stephens, second by Nave to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
11. Report of committees:
  - A. Street & Alley: work is progressing on drug testing for CDL holders.
  - B. Water & Sewer: The telemetry system is working.
  - C. Park: ruts where kids(?) spin in the snow.
  - D. Finance: no report
  - E. Sidewalks, Lights & Bldg.: no report
  - F. Police: no policy manual yet.
12. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell

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February 7, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 7, 1996 in the Parley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Jim Stephens, Randy Nave, Carole Jones, Earl Deckard and Teresa Fielder. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Gary Lanter, Carl Veach, Larry Fear, Keith Waldrop and John Cox of the Robinson Daily News.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. There were no deletions or additions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Stephens, second by Fielder to approve the minutes of the January 10th meeting. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
4. The Mayor commented on some street signs that had been replaced.

5. The Treasurer's report was presented. Some comments were made regarding checking interest rates on our investments at other institutions.
6. Motion by Jones, second by Stephens to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. Reports of Committees:
  1. Street & Alley — a few complaints about semi trucks running all night during the cold weather.
  2. Water & Sewer — no report.
  3. Park — no report.
  4. Sidewalk, Lights & Building: An emergency roof repair was made, 2 other flashings may cause trouble shortly, and we need to keep an eye on the complete roof.
  5. Finance — Committee meeting on February 28th at 5:30.
  6. Police: The 12 applicants for the position of Chief of Police have been narrowed down to 3: Robert E. Green, Richard L. Cravens and Harry Sutton. These gentlemen will be interviewed on Tuesday February the 13th at 7 P.M. during a special meeting for this purpose.
  8. Motion by Stephens, second by Deckard, to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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**February 13, 1996**

The Village Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on February 13, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates for the position of Chief of Police.

Members present: Jim Stephens, Earl Deckard, Randy Nave, Carole Jones and Teresa Fielder. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Jack Cunningham, Brad Gurley, Larry Fear and Carl Veach.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. Motion by Deckard, second by Stephens to enter executive session. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried. Entered executive session at 7:02 P.M.
3. The regular session was reconvened at 8:46 P.M. During the executive session, Richard Cravens, Robert Green and Harry Sutton were interviewed.
4. Motion by Deckard, second by Fielder to hire Richard Cravens as Chief of Police. 4 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.
5. Trustee Nave made a statement for the board that all three persons were well qualified and it was not an easy call to make.
6. Motion by Stephens, second by Jones to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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**March 6, 1996**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 6, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Nave, Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief of Police Richard Cravens, his wife Kathy & son Richard junior, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cravens, Jack Cunningham, Gary Lanter, John Cox of the Robinson Daily News, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop and Bill Cox.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. and there were no deletions or additions to the agenda.
2. Motion by Deckard, second by Jones to approve the minutes of the February 7th and 13th meetings. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
3. Mayor Cunningham made comments concerning the following:

- A. Board member Jim Stephens has resigned and she would like some input from board members before making an appointment for the remainder of that term.
  - B. A meeting on possible revenue sources on March 19 at St. Elmo.
  - C. A letter from attorneys concerning the Fisher property and Crawford County State Bank. We have not received a letter from the bank as requested last month. Trustee Lindsey offered a sketch of a ramp that might resolve the problem.
  - D. A letter has been received from Attorney Walker R. Filbert representing respondents to the petition of the Indiana Railroad's closing of crossings within the village. The intervenors, Paddick, Akeman, et al are requesting a denial to the petitioner's request for closure of the Grant Street crossing.
- 4. The new Chief of Police was sworn in by the Clerk.
  - 5. The Treasurer's report was presented.
  - 6. Motion by Lindsey, second by Nave to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
  - 7. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to adopt resolution 96—1: the contract with Illinois Codification to revise our code book. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
  - 8. Report of Committees:
    - A. Street & Alley: No major problems. Some designated speed signs are needed on outer South Range street, entering town by the high school. As it is outside the city limits and a county highway, Gary will speak to the county highway engineer to see if they will do the job.
    - B. Water & Sewer: Chairman Lindsey presented a proposal concerning the moving of a water line and service lines in the Dogwood Creek area, also extending the main line (new line) from east of town on in to the city so that there would be 2 lines to supply the city. Motion by Deckard, second by Nave to have Supt. Lanter pursue the project with the engineers. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to purchase a printer for our "Julie" system and to remove the line from the Library to use for our "Julie" system. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
    - C. Park: Tom Haley has requested the use of the park on May 18th for the St. Jude Bikathon. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to approve same. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
    - D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Want to make an effort to do something, one way or another with the Old Activity Center.

- E. Finance: no report. Mayor Cunningham appointed Trustee Nave as chairman of the finance committee.
- F. Police: no report.
- 9. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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April 3, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 3, 1996 in the Parley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Carole Jones, Earl Deckard, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Gary Lanter, Harry Ring, Todd Hogan, Louis Curl, Police Chief Rich Cravens, John Cox of Robinson Daily News, Dr. John Arabatgis President of Lincoln Trail College, Dog Catcher Julie Fancil, Bill Cox, Andrea Herder and Nate Herder.

- 1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
- 2. One addition was made to the agenda: summer help applications.
- 3. Motion by Jones, second by Deckard to approve the minutes of the March 6th meeting, 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 4. The Mayor commented on a few subjects. Randy Rich has been appointed as the new Trustee to fill out the term of Jim Stephens. He will be sworn in as soon as possible. Spring cleanup days are April 5th and 9th. The drug testing for our CDL drivers is "in waiting". We have received a letter from the Correctional Center That a work crew will be available for summer help.
- 5. Louis Curl and Todd Hogan spoke to the board concerning their engineering services. They would establish a monthly retainer fee and whenever a major project is

undertaken, the past 12 months retainer fee is applied to the cost of that project. (letter on file: correspondence received)

6. Harry Ring of the Embarras River Basin Agency addressed the board concerning the Old Activity Center:

- A. If the ERBA could have the building rent free, and obtain some grants/funds,
- B. The Agency would repair the roof with its weatherization crew, remodel and equip the kitchen for serving Senior Citizens meals.
- C. The building would be open 8 hours a day and be used by Head Start.
- D. The Agency would carry insurance and pay the utilities.
- E. A request was made to Mr. Ring to put all the details in writing for the board.

7. Dr. John Arabatgis, President of Lincoln Trail College, addressed the members of the board to inform them of the services available from the college. Not only the physical facilities, but some expertise in grant writing and economic development.

8. Julie Fancil, our dog catcher, spoke about the problem of stray dogs in the city. Some discussion followed with some checking to be done. No action was taken.

9. A letter from Triax Cable requesting the renewal of their franchise was presented and discussed. More information was requested and no action was taken.

10. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to pay the bills, 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

11. The Treasurer's report was presented. It was generally agreed that when a C.D. comes due, to let each of the local banks bid on it.

12. Report of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: Gary Lanter spoke regarding the repair of Range Street with Aggregate Flume and HFE Emulsified Asphalt Coating for an estimated cost of \$1718.00. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to approve this project with the funds taken from the Major Projects account. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

B. Water & Sewer: Gary Lanter spoke concerning the need for a larger bucket for the backhoe. Motion by Jones, second by Deckard to allow the Sewer Dept. Supplies & Materials account to purchase the bucket. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

C. Park: Committee meeting tonight concerning the budget.

D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Need a new flag. The Clerk will order one through Congressman Poshard's office.

E. Police: Our Chief of Police needs a weapon and leather gear. Motion by Deckard, second by Fielder to purchase a Colt revolver (property of the city) and ammunition for \$650. 4 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

F. Finance: meeting on Thursday the 4th at 6:15.

13. Summer help was discussed. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to place an ad in the newspaper for 3 helpers at \$4.25 per hour.

Pursueing funds from the Mary Heath Morris Foundation for the lake project was discussed.

14. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to continue the meeting on April 16th (later changed to the 23rd). 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Continuation of the April 3rd meeting on April 23rd. Members present: Randy Nave, Carole

Jones, Earl Deckard and Max Lindsey. Also the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk. Others present:

Gary Lanter, Chief of Police Rich Cravens and Randy Rich.

15. The meeting was reconvened at 7 P.M. by the Mayor.

16. Randy Rich was sworn in by the Clerk as a new trustee to replace Jim Stephens.

17. A letter from the Crawford County Supervisor of Assessments was mentioned. The contents concerned the settlement of the Clark Pulliam tax objection case.

18. The Mayor informed the board that we had received a letter from Harry Ring of the Embarras River Basin Agency. He stated that the Senior Citizens do not want to move out of their present building. ERBA is still interested in the Old Activity Center for their offices and activities. It was reiterated that we will require everything in writing before we take any further action.

19. The dog problem was discussed again.

20. The Triax franchise was discussed again. Action will be taken at the May meeting.

21. A letter (on file) from Atorney William Thomas concerning the Fisher property! Crawford County State Bank situation was mentioned.

22. The proposed budget was presented to each board member by trustee Lindsey who made some explanations. Trustees Lindsey and Nave as well as Gary Lanter thanked all departments for their help in preparing the budget.

23. Motion by Nave, second by Jones to adopt the operating budget as presented. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

24. The Clerk mentioned that a new flag was ordered, that Travis Smith had completed his probation time and that we had tried to run an ad for summer help.

15. Motion by Deckard, second by Lindsey to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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May 1, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 1, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Nave, Randy Rich, Carole Jones, Earl Deckard, Terese Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Gary Lanter, Police Chief Rich Cravens, John Cox from the Robinson Daily News, Anna Faye Bush, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Smith, Pauline Richter and Juanita Schlosser.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. One addition was made to the agenda: Mrs. Jack Bush to address the board.
3. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to approve the minutes of the April 3rd and 23rd meeting. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. The Mayor commented on several subjects:
  - A. Miss Illinois will be in town on May 6th and 7th.
  - B. The codification books are in for the committee to review.
  - C. Both liquor establishments have been licensed for the next year.
  - D. There has been a meeting of attorneys and Crawford County State Bank with some offers made concerning the Fisher property.
  - E. We have not received a report on the hearing of the Indiana Railroad.
5. Mrs. Anna Faye Bush addressed the board on the subject of leaving the Senior Citizens Nutrition Center at its present location. She presented a petition and stated that if funds were available for renovating another building they should be available for repairing the present building. The Mayor explained that the Village has nothing in the matter, it is between the Senior Citizens Nutrition Center and the Embarras River Basin Agency. No action taken.

6. The Treasurer's report was presented. Two Certificates of Deposit are up for renewal shortly. As previously agreed, all 3 local banks will be notified.

7. Motion by Nave second by Lindsey to pay the bills. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

8. The Mayor explained that some residents on North Division Street have a drainage problem. Gary Lanter and the Street & Alley committee will look into the matter.

9. Chairman of the Building Committee, Randy Nave, informed the board of a leak around the north window of the building and what was being done to correct it.

10. After some discussion, there was a motion by Rich, second by Fielder to accept the Triax franchise. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

11. Motion by Jones, second by Deckard to adopt resolution #96—2: approving the merger of Triax Midwest Associates and DD Cable Partners.

12. A request for an executive session was made to review the applications for summer help. This will be done at the end of the scheduled agenda.

13. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: The Range Street project is completed.

B. Water & Sewer: The Dogwood Creek project is progressing.

C. Park: No report.

D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building: One sidewalk complaint, want the committee to meet to get some other projects moving, want to act on the Old Activity Center.

E. Police: A positive comment on the Chief's report. A recommendation to purchase a portable radio and base station installed in the building for \$2461. Also a Motorola Pager for an initial cost of \$118.70 and 3 months service. After 3 months, we own the pager and the cost is \$18.45 per month.

Motion by Lindsey second by Fielder to make the purchases. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

F Finance: No report.

14. The Mayor expressed her appreciation for all the work done by the committees in preparing the budget for the new fiscal year. Randy Rich was placed on the Park committee in place of Carole Jones. He also serves on Finance and Police committees where Mr. Stephens served. All other committees remain the same.

15. Motion by Jones second by Nave to enter executive session at 7:36 P.M. to discuss hiring summer help. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Reconvened regular session 7:40 P.M.

16. Motion by Nave second by Deckard to hire Brian Ridlen, Jason Goodwin and Jeff Fleeharty for the period from June 1st to August 31st for \$4.25 per hour.

17. Motion to adjourn by Fielder, second by Jones. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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June 5, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 5, 1996 in the Parley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Nave, Randy Rich, Carole Jones, Earl Deckard, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens of the Oblong Gem, John Cow of the Robinson Daily News, David Liddle and sons.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M. No additions or deletions.
2. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to approve the minutes of the May 1st and May 22nd meetings. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
3. The Mayor commented on the following:
  - A. A letter was received from the Indiana Railroad Attorney, Mr. John Doeringer, sent to Mr. Robert Artz approving the proposed division of costs on the railroad crossings. The letter dated May 23, 1996, is on file.
  - B. The ordinance book is to be divided among all trustees so that the updating can be completed within the required time frame.
  - C. A letter was received from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission requesting a copy of our tobacco ordinance.
  - D. A letter from the Brookdale Group wanting permission to sell legal fireworks within the city. No opposition was expressed. The Mayor will contact some organizations to see if they are interested in doing this as a fundraiser.
  - E. A letter from First National Bank of Oblong was read stating funds were available to assist persons in the low to moderate income bracket.
  - F. A "challenge grant for technology" letter involving the schools was read, the matter will be dealt with later.

- G. The Police committee was assigned the task of investigating the pros and cons of another full time policeman versus the part time patrolmen.
- H. The tax levy and appropriation ordinance needs our attention shortly.
- I. A thank you note from the Dorothy Davis family for funeral flowers was read.

4. The Treasurer's report was presented. An explanation was made concerning the purchase of a new computer, as the original one was hit by lightning.

5. Interest rates on Certificates of Deposit up for renewal were presented by the Finance Committee chairman Randy Nave. The bid of First Robinson Savings and Loan was accepted for 5.55% on a 12 month C.D. for the amount of \$126,941.76. Motion by Nave, second by Rich, 5 yeas, 0 nays, trustee Lindsey abstained.

6. Motion by Rich, second by Jones to pay the bills. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

7. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to appoint Jan Miller as Treasurer and Deputy Clerk for the new fiscal year. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

8. The Old Activity Center was discussed briefly. Motion by Fielder, second by Deckard to offer it for sale by sealed bids until July 1st, with the bids to be opened at the July 3rd meeting. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

9. Our health insurance is up for renewal August 1st. After a brief discussion there was a motion by Rich, second by Deckard to put the health insurance up for bids. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley — No report

B. Water & Sewer — The new tractors are here. The water tower has been inspected (as a 2 year followup from work in 1994) and is in good shape. Some figures are being put together for exterior painting for next year's budget.

C. Park — The annual request was made by the Antique Tractor and Engine Club to use the park for the antique show August 9 — 11. Motion to grant it by Lindsey, second by Rich. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building — Bay window on the north side of building still not fixed, waiting for an item. Air conditioners are to be serviced shortly. Sidewalk committee meeting Tuesday evening June 11th at 5:30. In view of the recent lightning strikes on our computer and printer, surge protectors were discussed. Motion by Fielder, second by Rich to purchase 4 from American Power Conversion (through Charley, Inc.) at \$40 each. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

E. Police — Committee meeting in the near future. The Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. are sponsoring a Safety Expo on June 22 and are requesting permission to close the east half of the first block of West Illinois St. Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to grant the request to allow a helicopter to land.

6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Inoperable vehicles were discussed. The Mayor will check with our city attorney to determine the best route to proceed.

F. Finance — A private individual is interested in developing some acreage in the northeast part of the city. The Finance Committee will meet with him to see if help is available through grants and etc.

11. The Clerk gave a report on a recent Risk Management meeting. A list of items of which all employees and trustees need to be aware of was handed out. These will be included in the next pay envelope to all employees. Letters will be written to clubs and organizations informing them of certain obligations.

12. Mr. David Liddle spoke and informed the trustees that 2 individuals are working on Eagle Scout requirements and might want to do some community service for the village.

13. Motion by Lindsey to adjourn, second by Jones. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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July 3, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session July 3, 1996 in the Fancy Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Nave, Randy Rich, Carole Jones, Earl Deckard, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Linda Cravens from the Oblong Gem, Gary Lanter and Tom Moore from the Kemper C.P.A. Group.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Mayor Pro—Tern Randy Nave. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. Motion by Fielder second by Rich to approve the minutes of the June 5th and 21st meetings. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried,

3. Mayor's Comments:

A. Bids on the health insurance and the old activity center cannot be opened until the August meeting, as we must wait 30 days after the ad is run.

B. Certificates of Insurance have been received from CATV and Mike Munson.

C. If Boy Scouts do community service work, we need a Certificate of Insurance.

D, Litter problem on South Jackson; to rectify, must see, identify and testify.

- E. Cost Estimate sheets on railroad crossings have been sent to required parties.
- F. Letter from Att. Thomas has been sent to IDOT regarding sidewalks and curbs.
- G. Letter from Att. Stout regarding the Fisher & CCSB properties has been given to our Attorney.

4. Tom Moore presented an annual audit report. The village is in good condition!

5. Four mobile home permits were requested by Duane Musgrave for the 700 block of East Kentucky where his work is progressing. Motion by Deckard second by Fielder to approve the permits. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Some comments were made regarding stricter enforcement of the ordinance.

6. The Treasurer's report was presented and some explanations were made.

7. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays motion carried,

8. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to adopt ordinance 96—383, the Prevailing Wage effective June 1, 1996. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

9. Tax Increment financing was discussed briefly.

10. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to approve a trip for the Clerk to attend a meeting in Alton on July 19th of the Municipal Clerks of Illinois.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: There has been a request for a handicapped parking space on Main Street. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to approve it with the Street & Alley committee to determine the location. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

B. Water & Sewer: Dogwood Creek project is progressing.

C. Park: A problem with the garbage pickup, will send a letter about this.

D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Will determine shortly what sidewalks to repair.

E. Police: A second full time officer was discussed briefly. We have a grant application which if approved would pay 75% of the officer's salary for the first 3 years. Motion by Deckard, second by Jones to apply for the grant. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

F. Finance: Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to look into Tax Increment Fincncing. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

There will be a Finance Committee meeting Tuesday July 9th at 6 P.M.

12. Motion to adjourn by Lindsey, second by Deckard. 5 yeas, 0 nays. motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Russell

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# August 7, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 7, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Nave, Randy Rich, Carole Jones, Earl Deckard, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor and Clerk. The Treasurer was absent.

Others present: Gary Lanter, Chief Rich Cravens, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem) Keith Waldrop and Mike Garrard.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. There was one addition to the agenda, Mr. Mike Garrard.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Deckard to approve the minutes of the July 3rd meeting.  
6 yeas, 0 nays the motion carried.
4. Mr. Mike Garrard spoke and inquired about the timing of the installation of the new water line, as it is an inconvenience to the Antique Tractor Show. It was explained that the contractor did the work as soon as the material arrived and the bridge work east of town made it essential to get the new line in operation. It was the feeling of the trustees that the contractor's insurance would cover any liability since the job is not completed. Also, that in case of rain during the Antique Tractor Show, the city would purchase straw to cover the fresh dirt.
5. The Mayor commented on 3 topics: We are working on the tax apportionment and levy. We need a work manual from Charley, Inc. for our computer in the water office as pointed out in the audit. The Clerk will attend a meeting on local elections on the 28th of August in Effingham.
6. Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to enter executive session at 7:10. 6 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.
7. Returned to regular session at 7:34 P.M. Motion by Deckard, second by Fielder to make an offer to purchase the property immediately south of the municipal building. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
8. The Mayor announced a meeting for the 13th on the Lake project and gave some ideas on what would need to take place.
9. The Treasurer's report was presented. We had missed reinvesting a small C.D., so it was renewed and will be up for bids when it matures.
10. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to pay the bills. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: Recommendation of the committee to locate the handicapped parking space on Main Street in front of the Hairport and the Hiway Cafe. Motion by Fielder, second by Nave to do so. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. A request for a "dead end" sign at Roosevelt and Kentucky streets was denied. The party was encouraged to call the police if there is a problem and/or place a "private drive" sign in her drive. A request for 2 "no parking" signs at the main sidewalk of the high school and south to the city limits was honored. Motion by Nave, second by Lindsey. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

B. Water & Sewer: the new water line is in, new manholes at Taylor & Main & East Main.

C. Park: no report

D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Bids on the sale of the Old Activity Center were opened. The sale of same had been properly advertised, with an extended length of time for receiving bids. Two bids were available, one being from a trustee's wife. On advise of our attorney, that trustee must not participate in the decision of the bids. There was a bid for \$1,500 from Clifford Newcomb and one from Andrea Rich for \$3,000. Motion by Nave, second by Jones to accept the bid of \$3,000. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried. Trustee Randy Rich abstained from all discussion and the vote.

The sweeper in the building is out of commission so Leah and Howard will look for one and bring their suggestion back to the committee. The mayor has loaned them one to use until a new one is purchased.

Sidewalk specification sheets for repairs have been written up and an ad will be published.

E. Police: In view of receiving a grant, an ad will be published for applications so that we might have a pool of applications to draw from. The Police Manual is completed.

F. Finance: Possibility of obtaining the surety bond on the treasurer for \$125 instead of \$500.

The health insurance was presented: Dorsey Kirk, Country Companies, and Pekin. The committee recommended Pekin at a cost of 17,555.04, with a \$250 deductible. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to accept Pekin's bid. 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

The Finance committee will look into the renting of the farm ground by the lagoon

Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to place Jason Garrard on full time salary. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion by Nave second by Lindsey to use the cafeteria plan for the health insurance, paying it before taxes. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. (This deduction will still be counted towards IMRF earnings.)

12. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to adjourn. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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## September 4, 1996

The Village. Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 4, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. Randy Rich arrived late. Absent: Randy Nave and Earl Deckard.

Others present: Chief Cravens, David Krick, Bill Miller, Bonnie Finn, Lee Bechrnan of Connor and Connor, Richard Ridlen, Jay Ping from the Robinson Daily News, Craig Rice of Rumpke and Gary Lanter.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to approve the minutes of the August 7th and 14th meetings. 3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. Lee Bechman of Connor and Connor spoke on 3 different topics. The new water line is in operation, only seeding and riraff remain to be done, so most of the bill should be paid. He also spoke on possible costs of adding water and sewer for a new subdivision. The third topic was water expansion to an area north of Oblong. The board will study this information before taking action.
5. Craig Rice of Rumpke spoke regarding the fall cleanup. Items with freon can now be taken for a fee from paid customers. The north part of town will have the cleanup on Friday October the 4th, and the south part will be on Tuesday October the 8th.
6. The status of the Murray subdivision project was presented by the mayor. The T.I.F. method of financing was mentioned and some of the requirements given.

7. Loitering in the village was discussed. Young people are using the E.U.B, parking lot. Barrels are there for trash. The E.U.B. church will take care of the trash disposal, according to Richard Ridlen, a participant at the board meetin
8. The pay of elected officials was presented. If there is to be an increase in pay for the persons elected in the next April election, it must be done this month. No action was taken.
9. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to increase the pay of the Clerk \$50.00 per month, 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
10. The lake project was discussed and the minutes of the last “lake meeting” were read. Motion by Fielder, second by Jones to adopt Resolution 96—4: To engage Curl and Associates of Centralia as the engineer for the lake and to allow the lak committee to use the village tax exempt number. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried,
11. Motion by Jones, second by Rich to adopt Resolution 96—5: the parade permit request to close Route 33 for the Highschool Homecoming parade. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
12. Motion by Rich, second by Fielder to adopt Resolution 96—6: the parade permit request for the Halloween parade at the Fall Follies to close Route 33, 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried,
13. Communications A. Prom I.C.C. the city is to provide a profile of the revision of the approaches to the Adams, Range and Garfield street railroad crossings with a cost estimate. The order was dated 8/21/96, with work to be completed in 18 months. Within 5 days after the work is completed the city is to notify the I.C.C. of same.  
  
B. A letter from Attorney John Doeringer and the Indiana Railroad with some exceptions to I.D.O.T.’s communication regarding procedures to be done. These were pointed out by him to the I.C.C.
14. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to adopt Ordinance 96—384, the Appropriation Ordinance for this fiscal year. By roll call, the votes were as follows: Max Lindsey: Yea, Teresa Fielder: Yea, Carole Jones: Yea, and Randy Rich: Yea. Nays: None Absent: Randy Nave and Earl Deckard The motion carried.
15. Different sections of the Code Book were handed out to board members to check for possible revision. At a later date, the board will meet as a committee of the whole to complete this work.
16. The Treasurer’s report was presented.

17. Motion by Rich, second by Lindsey to pay the bills. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. -

18. Reports of committees:

A. Street & Alley: I-lad a few complaints on inconvenience to homes while working on the streets, but work is progressing. Reviewed the matter of placing no parking signs on South Range Street at the High School.

B. Water & Sewer: Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to pay Munson Construction \$29,380.16 towards the construction of the new water line. The balance will be paid when the seeding and riraff iw completed in the spring.

C. Park: Might see an increase in campers due to the Marathon turnaround work.

D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Working on abstract for property sold, have the abstract for the property purchased. Sidewalk repair bids were opened: David Krick, for projects A,C,D, and E: \$5,276.00 Consolidated Concrete for the same: \$7,025.00  
Motion by Rich, second by Lindsey to accept Mr. Krick's bid. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

E. Police: Chief Cravens presented some estimated figures on a pollible second full time policeman.

F. Finance: no report

19. A map of the village is desired by the Illinois census bureau, we will deal with this later.

20. A letter was received from Pekin Insurance Company thanking us for our business and stating that if we have any problems of questions to contact them.

21. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to continue the meeting on Wednesday September the 11th at 7: P.M. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

22. For lack of a quorum, the meeting did not continue on the 11th.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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# October 2, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 2, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Nave, Randy Rich, Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk. Absent: Earl Deckard.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Gary Lanter, Wanda Lanter, Russell Mikeworth, Larry Kirts and later Jay Ping of the Daily News.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to approve the minutes of the September 4th meeting. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. Larry Kirts addressed the board representing his neighbors Tom Dennis and John Larrabee. He requested that the city take over ownership of their water line, stating that it was installed to city specifications. After a brief discussion there was a motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to accept the water line, 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
5. Wanda Lanter spoke to the board concerning her planned retirement on January 15, 1997. She requested no action at this time and the mayor advised her to give the board a letter before that date.
6. The mayor spoke about the T.I.F. (Tax Increment Financing) agreement. After some discussion about the subdivision there was a motion by Rich, second by Nave to sign the agreement. By roll call the following votes were recorded: Lindsey: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Jones: Aye, Rich: Aye and Nave: Aye. Absent: Deckard. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The proper name for the agreement is: AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE BETWEEN VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS AND PECKHAM GUYTON ALBERS & VIETS, INC.
7. The mayor reported that we have the deed and abstract for the property purchased adjacent to the municipal building. We should have the abstract for the old Activity Center this week,
8. The Treasurer's report was presented,
9. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to pay the bills. 5 Yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
10. The Tax Hearing for the 1996 tax levy was opened. There was some discussion.

11. Motion by Nave, second by Fielder to adopt ordinance # 96-385, the Tax Levy. By roll call the following votes were recorded: Lindsay: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Jones; Aye, Rich: Aye and Nave: Aye. Absent: Deckard,

12. A letter was received from Sheriff Tom Weger concerning our local number that rings into the Sheriff's office. He proposed to get a county-wide "800" number for non-emergency calls. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$40.00. If we get an "800" number, this would do away with the local number to Robinson and probably save the village \$100 per month. Motion by Fielder, second by Jones to adopt the plan for a county-wide "800" number. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

13. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adopt resolution # 96-7: Trick or Treat night in the Village of Oblong shall be between the hours of 6 P.M. and 9 P.M. for those under 12 years of age, on October 31, 1996. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: All street work is completed and looks good.

B. Water & Sewer; No report.

C. Park: Would like to purchase a heavy duty industrial model leaf blower, had budgeted \$400.00 and so far the best price found for a heavy duty model is \$500.00. Mutually agreed to do some more checking and try to keep it under \$500.00.

D. Sidewalk, Lights and Building: Sidewalk work is underway, need a brief meeting tonight.

E. Police: The Police Manual was presented. Motion by Jones, second by Rich to accept it. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Motion by Rich, second by Fielder to hire a second full time policeman. From the applications received the Police committee will review and select some to be interviewed. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

F. Finance: No report.

15. Other items of business: All agreed that no political signs should be posted in the yard or on the building.

16. One application for a mobile home on a lot at 302 Rosevelt, and an application to move a house to 707 East Indiana were received from Betty Cunningham. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to approve both applications. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

17. A letter was read from the Palestine Preservation Projects Society. This was an invitation to their "carry-in" supper and meeting.

18. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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## November 6th 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 6, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Rich, Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk. Absent: Randy Nave and Earl Deckard.

Others present: Gary Lanter and Chief Cravens.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to approve the minutes of the October 2nd meeting. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. The mayor commented on several topics:
  - A. The order from Illinois Commerce Commission concerning the railroad crossings.
  - B. Update on the grant application for the lake improvement project.
  - C. Progress of the revision of the code book.
  - D. Litter in the park by students at the noon hour. The Mayor and the Chief of Police will go to the high school and speak to the students.
5. The Treasurer's report was presented and explained.
6. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to pay the bills. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to accept a letter of resignation from part time patrolman Carl Veach. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
8. The agreement with the Sheriff's Department for a county wide "800" number was reviewed and signed.

9, There was a brief discussion on the recently acquired property just south of the municipal building.

10. Reports of Committees:

(A) Street and Alley: discussion of a request for a "children playing" sign at Taylor and Ohio.

(B) Water and Sewer: New meter reading training is progressing. Gary will attend a meeting in Mattoon on Wednesday the 13th.

(C) Park: no report.

(D) Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Sidewalk work is completed.

(B) Police: No one to interview tonight, will keep searching.

(F) Finance: Brief discussion on investments through Illinois Municipal League.

11. Trustee Lindsey mentioned that the agreement with the Gem City Club expires in April of 1997. It was mentioned that the club owns a refrigerator in the kitchen. This matter was referred to the building committee.

12. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to adjourn. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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December 4, 1996

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 4, 1996 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Teresa Fielder, Earl Deckard, Carole Jones and Randy Nave. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk. Absent: Randy Rich.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Bill Saniford, Craig Rice, Wanda Lanter and Jay Ping.

1. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7 P.M.

2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The mayor commented that she would want to talk about some part time work towards the end of the meeting.
3. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to approve the minutes of the November 6th meeting. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. Mr. Craig Rice from the Rumpke company addressed the board: Rumpke wants to extend our present contract 6 months, the rates being the same, so that our contract dates coincide with the other towns in the county. Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to extend the contract the requested 6 months. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
5. Mr. Bill Saniford, speaking for First Robinson Savings and Loan informed the board that the Savings and Loan have their plans to construct a new driveup building at the east edge of town. The northwest part of their parking lot would go over the water main. FRSL has agreed to give the village a letter stating that should the water main need repaired, FRSL would be responsible for the repair of their own parking lot.
6. The Mayor commented on:
  - A. A traffic light of some nature at Main and Range Streets and some of the estimated costs. This information was given to the Street & Alley committee.
  - B. The Lake project is progressing. \$35,000 was granted to this cause by the Mary Heath Morris Foundation. A thermometer will be placed around town to indicate the progress of the fundraising. A sausage and pancake supper will be held on either January 24th or 31st as a public kickoff fundraiser. \$170,000 is needed by June first for the project to be completed in September.
  - C. Funeral leave as stated in the Guidelines and Policies Concerning Village Employees. All agreed that the funeral leave should apply to inlaws as well, so it will be placed in the guidelines and be retroactive to November 25, 26 and 27, 1996.
  - D. Caucuses will be held on January 6th, 1997 at 6:30 for Mayor and Trustee candidates. The Mayor announced her intention to run for a second term.
- B. The work on the revision of the Code Book is nearly completed. Mr. Frank Heiligenstein was here about 2 weeks ago met with the mayor.
7. The Treasurer's report was presented.
8. Motion by Lindsey, second by Nave to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
9. A request from the local saloons to extend their closing time by one hour on December 31st was mentioned. By rollcall vote the yeas were: Fielder, Jones and Deckard. Nays: Lindsey. Abstained: Nave. The request was granted.
10. Resolution 96-8 was brought before the board for discussion. concerning the control of the land within the "T.I.F." district. A copy is on file. Motion by Jones, second by Lindsey to adopt the resolution. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Streets and Alley: No Report

B. Water & Sewer: The new meter reading system is in use. A letter from Connor and Connor was read concerning the rural water project stating that a new water tower would be necessary to cover that many customers. An application for a Community Development Grant has been signed and mailed.

C. Park: No Report

D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building; Clarification of charges for the daytime use of the activity room: during building hours there is no charge for the room unless a person or group wants the room exclusively for their use.

E. Police: The committee is still actively looking for a second officer. We have a chance to purchase a second police car from Robinson. It is a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice for \$3,500, with all the equipment except a radio, which we have. Seifert Auto has checked the car and stated that it would probably need about \$500 worth of work and thought it was worth the money. Motion by Deckard, second by Nave to purchase the car. 5 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.

F. Finance: Christmas bonuses were discussed. Motion by Deckard, second by Fielder to give full time employees \$125 and part time \$100. By rollcall vote the votes were: Yeas: Fielder and Deckard. Nays: Lindsey, Jones and Nave. The motion failed and the bonuses will remain the same as last year.

12. A letter of resignation of position of manager of the water office was presented to the board by Wanda Lanter. Motion by Jones, second by Lindsey to accept her resignation. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. A discussion about part time work followed, with no action taken.

13. The mayor repeated her intention to run for reelection. She also stated that trustee Randy Rich, who was absent, was not going to run for reelection. Trustees Deckard and Jones indicated that they would not run for reelection. The caucus will be at 6:30 P.M. on January 6th before the board meeting at 7 P.M. in the activity room of the Municipal Building.

14. Motion by Jones, second by Lindsey to adjourn, 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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## January 6, 1997

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 6, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Teresa Fielder, Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Randy Rich and Randy Nave. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Gary Lanter and Wanda Lanter,

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There was one addition to the agenda: Mrs. Dale Davis spoke to the board to inform them that she was interested in full time employment as office manager in the water office.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Jones to approve the minutes of the December 4th meeting. 6 yeas, 0 nays, the motion carried.
4. The mayor commented on 2 items: (A) Anytime a committee meets, a written report should be forwarded to the mayor before the next board meeting. (B) The lake project meeting was postponed due to the change of date of the board meeting.
5. The Treasurer's report was presented and some explanations were made.
6. Motion by Nave, second by Rich to pay the bills. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. Motion by Nave, second by Lindsey to adopt ordinance // 97—386: the revision of the Code Book of Ordinances. A roll call was taken: Lindsey: yea, Fielder: yea, Deckard: yea, Jones: yea, Rich: yea and Nave: yea. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Rich, second by Lindsey to adopt Resolution II 97—1: That the Village Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois hereby establishes March 5, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. as the Public Hearing date for consideration of the adoption of the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project and Redevelopment Area. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
9. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: A tree on North Joy street needs attention, a letter will be sent to Dr. Szigethy, since it is on his property. 2 trees were cut down on Route 33 by the American Legion and all cleanup work has been completed. Trustee Nave reported that the committee is to meet sometime with C.I.P.S. regarding a flashing light at Main and Range Streets.

B. Water & Sewer; The committee recommends that Dale Davis be hired full time as manager of the water office and that Wanda Lanter be hired part time until the end of May, at which time the new meter reading and billing system should be in full operation.

10. Motion by Rich, second by Fielder to enter executive session at 7:20 for the purpose of employment and salaries in the water office.

11. Returned to regular session at 8:04.

12. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to hire Dale Davis full time starting 1/16/97, at \$7.00 per hour, with full benefits. 1 week vacation in July, April 15th: a 25¢ per hour raise, prorated sick days to the fiscal year (3 days). 6 years, 0 days, the motion carried.

13. Motion by Nave, second by Jones to hire Wanda Lanter part time starting January 16, 1997 at \$5.85 per hour until May 29th. At that date, the progress of the new billing system and her hours will be reviewed, as she must keep under 600 annually. 6 years, 0 days, motion carried.

C. Park: No report

D. Sidewalk, Lights & Building; Details and specifications to be worked out with C.I.P.S. and I.D.O.T. on poles and a flashing light at Main and Range streets. An inquiry was made as to progress of the railroad crossings: none recently.

B. Police: The recently purchased car is operating in good shape. The prospective candidates for a second full time officer have been narrowed down. A special board meeting for interviewing was set for January 29th at 6:30 p.m. Chief Cravens had received a letter concerning the grant for this officer.

F. No other report

15. Treasurer Jan Miller noted that Wanda Lanter is leaving full time employment and 79 unused sick days will be added to her I.M.R.F. credit.

16. Motion by Jones, second by Lindsey to reconvene on January 29th at 6:30 p.m. 6 years, 0 days, motion carried.

17. The meeting was reconvened at 6:30 by the Mayor. The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates for a second full time police officer. The trustees spent some

time looking over the applications of 5 gentlemen. They then interviewed Jonathan B. Wagner, Douglas Fitts, Danny Cheadle, David Kirchhoff and Larry Fear. The pros and cons of the candidates were discussed.

18. Motion by Fielder, second by Deckard to adjourn. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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February 5, 1997

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 5, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Teresa Fielder, Earl Deckard, Carole Jones, Randy Rich and Randy Nave. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Keith Waldrop, Gary Lanter and Wanda Lanter.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to approve the minutes of the January 6th and 29th meeting. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. The Mayor commented on several subjects:
  - A. Presented a gold watch as a retirement gift to Wanda Lanter.
  - B. Read a letter from I.D.O.T. concerning work starting on the railroad crossings.
  - C. Gave an update on the Lake Project and announced some dates of activities.
  - D. Showed a copy of a raffle ticket, a possible source of revenue for the lake.
  - E. Showed a letter from Cairo that was a fund raising idea.
  - F. Announced a series of conferences by DCCA regarding grants, & economic developme
  - G. Received the check from Triax for the franchise fee.
  - H. Received a thank you note from the Amber. Henry family.
5. The Treasurer's report was presented.

6. Motion by Rich second by Nave to pay the bills. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. Motion by Fielder, second by Deckard to have the Treasurer send in 125 additional days (as per board policy of 2-20-91) to I.M.R.F. for Wanda Lanter. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
8. The property at 208 South Range St. was discussed. The Mayor will check with the village attorney to write up an ad to publish.
9. The Xerox machine and agreement was discussed along with the possibility of purchasing a new copying machine. Information was presented. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to purchase the model 5614 with the Mayor to negotiate the best cash price we can get. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
10. Postage on the water bills was discussed briefly. Our sorting saves the village 2¢ per bill, for some 1,073 customers.
11. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Street & Alley: filling potholes. The Mayor offered to replace two trees on East Main Street, by the Legion Hall when the stumps are removed. The problem with the tree by the Szigethy property is in the process of being corrected.
  - B. Water & Sewer: Gary Lanter requested permission to attend a conference of Illinois Rural Water Association in Effingham. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to approve. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Motion by Lindsey second by Jones to purchase an answering machine to place in the water office with emergency numbers on it, ½ from water, ½ from sewer. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
  - C. Park: Would like to build some new picnic tables. Motion by Fielder to spend \$500.00 for this purpose. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
  - D. Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Need to deal with the concrete at the back door, when it freezes and raises & the door can't open. On the matter of a flashing light at the 4 way stop, I.D.O.T. and C.I.P.S. cannot come to an agreement.
  - E. Police: Entered executive session at 7:52 for the purpose of hiring an officer. Returned to regular session at 8:04. Motion by Deckard second by Fielder to hire Jonathon Wagner to begin employment on March 17, 1997, at \$8.75 per hour. After 6 months probation he will receive a \$500.00 annual raise. It is a 2 year contract, and if Mr. Wagner leaves us for other employment in law, he will be required to repay the village on a pro rated basis for the expense of the village to send him to the academy. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.  
Sick days pro rated: /for remainder of fysical year.

F. Finance: Department heads need to submit budget figures by next month if possible.

12. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to adjourn. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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March 5, 1997

The T.I.F. Public Hearing was held at 6 P.M. preceding the monthly board meeting.

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 5, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Muncipal Building.

Members present: Randy Nave, Randy Rich, Carole Jones, Earl Deckard, Teresa Fielder and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Gary Lanter, Keith and Martha Waldrop, Jerry Kidwell, new Police Officer Jonathan Wagner, wife Laura and mother-in-law Mrs. Dollahan.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
2. The swearing in of Jonathan Wagner was added to the agenda.
3. One correction was made to the February minutes. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to approve the minutes as corrected. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. Mr. Jonathan Wagner was sworn in by the clerk as our new police officer.
5. The Mayor commented on the following:
  - A. The open burning ordinance as printed in the code book.
  - B. Rumpke will be removing the recycling bin shortly. We will probably rope off the area and set a sign to prevent dumping.

C. The need to make a change in the code book regarding the position of Clerk. The clerk must reside within the village.

D. The T.I.F. hearing and the fact that we will probably run an ad to find a developer.

E. The new copy machine is here and in use.

6. A letter was read from village attorney William Thomas stating that in the case of Ruby Fisher et al vs. Crawford County State Bank and the Village, he had filed a motion to dismiss and that Mrs. Fisher's attorney was withdrawing.

7. The Treasurer's report was presented. Mrs. Miller stated that Mr. Dart had remitted a check for \$1,400 for income on the farm ground at the lagoon. He had told the Mayor that he would be willing to accept a 2/3 tenant 1/3 landowner agreement.

8. Motion by Rich, second by Jones to pay the bills. 6 years, 0 days, motion carried.

9. Spring Cleanup dates were announced: April 1st and 4th.

10. A Planning Commission is needed for the T.I.F. district. All members need to think of persons who might serve on that commission.

11. An Election Canvassing Board is needed for the April 1st election. One board member is needed to join the mayor and clerk to make up the canvassing board. Max Lindsey volunteered to serve.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: Meeting on March 25th at 10 A.M. concerning the railroad crossings

B. Water & Sewer: Re: the USDA Rural Development application, a water tower is out of the question for now, a possibility in October. Well samples have been collected and tested by the state. A letter has been written to Congressman Poshard requesting his help. John Cross south of Oblong has requested city water. He is willing to bear the expense. The only expense to the village would be the setting of a hydrant, etc. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to grant Mr. Cross permission to tap on to the water line. 6 years, 0 days, motion carried.

C. Park: The Lake Committee has a raffle license. Curl & Associates are working on an area to place the sludge from the lake. A work crew from prison is on the way. Pancake & Sausage day March 15th.

D. Sidewalks, Lights and Building: Discussion of the property next door.

E. Police: Working on budget, discussion of smoking by underage persons, especially around the high school.

F. Finance: No report.

13. A letter of resignation was read from Trustee Randy Nave. Mr. Nave stated that he is moving outside the village and could no longer serve as a trustee. Motion by Fielder, second by Jones to accept Mr. Nave's resignation. 5 yeas, 0 nays, one abstention. Motion carried.

14. The Mayor urged the trustees to have the village become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to do so. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

15. Motion to adjourn by Nave, second by Rich. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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**April 2, 1997**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 2, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Randy Rich, Carole Jones, Teresa Fielder, Earl Deckard and. Max Lindsey.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Gary Lanter, Keith Waldrop and Charles Earlewine.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Two corrections were made to the March 5th minutes. Motion by Rich, second by Deckard to approve the minutes as ammended. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

4. The Mayor commented on:
  - A. The need to advertise for a T.I.F. developer. We can advertise in our region of the Illinois Press Association for \$240. All agreed that we should try this.
  - B. Changing a radio from the Mayor's car to one of the police cars. Motion by Lindsey, second by Rich to approve this. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
  - C. Mrs. Fisher has a new attorney dealing with her problem with the Crawford State Bank.
  - D. An update on the lake project: Raffle tickets being sold, prizes awarded on April 5th, another application to the Mary Heath Foundation will be sent, and Mr. Curl had met with 2 members of the fairboard concerning where to place the dredged soil.
  - E. The need for "tree permits" when a person is removing or planting a tree on public property. Motion by Lindsey second by Jones to approve a request from Betty Cunningham to plant 2 trees on East Main Street by the American Legion. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
  - F. The University of Illinois will send someone from their forestry department to Oblong to help us with tree problems.
5. The Treasurer's report was present and explained. Some sewer bonds may be paid off early.
6. Motion by Rich, second by Lindsey to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. Motion by Jones, second by Fielder to adopt Ordinance # 97-387: (T.I.F.) Approving the Central Area Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Improvement Plan and Redevelopment Project. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 8, Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to adopt ordinance # 97-388: Designating the Central Area Tax Increment Project Area. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
9. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to adopt ordinance # 97-389: Adopting Tax Increment Financing. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
10. Motion by Rich, second by Lindsey to hire Mike Munson to remove the house and level the ground at 208 South Range St. for a maximum of \$1,800. 5 yeas and 0 nays, motion carried.
11. Reports of Committees:  
  
Street & Alley: one complaint on West Missouri St.  
  
Water & Sewer: Some discussion on the rural water line. Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to reapply for a grant to the USDA Rural Development. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion by Rich, second by Deckard to accept 2 waterlines. One from Roger Wakefield north of Route 33 on the golf course road, and one from Leon Bilyew/Bart Allen. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to extend the Munson contract from last summer to complete some leveling and seeding in the park area where the new waterline was laid. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Park: Motion by Lindsey, second by Jones to grant the use of the park for the St. Jude Bikathon on May 10th - rain date - May 24th. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Need to repair concrete at the back door.

Police: Brief discussion on the need for a computer.

Finance: Need to write up an agreement for the farm ground at the lagoon.

12. Gary Lanter spoke about the fact that we no longer have the recycle bin. Everyone agreed to have him get more information to pursue the matter later.

13. The Mayor stated that she would probably recommend Earl Deckard to fill the 2 years of the term remaining by the resignation of Randy Nave.

14. This was the final meeting for Trustees Carole Jones and Randy Rich. The Mayor thanked them for their service to the village.

15. Motion by Lindsey, second by Deckard to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

As amended on May 7, 1997: Motion by Fielder, second by Earlewine to adopt Resolution 97-2: establishing the Motor Fuel Tax amount for 1997 at \$39,140.00. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

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Illinois Department  
of Transportation

Resolution 97-2  
Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways  
By Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$39,140.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions on the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those streets, highways, and operations as listed and described on the approved Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the period as given above, submit to the Department of Transportation, on forms furnished by said Department, a certified statement showing expenditures from and balances remaining in the account(s) for this period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall immediately transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation, as Effingham, Illinois.

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I, Mr. Jim Russell, Clerk in and for the Village of Oblong, County of Crawford hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the

President and Board of Trustees at a meeting on April 2, 1997.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of April

A. D. 1997.

(SEAL)

Jim Russell

Village Clerk

Approved Department of Transportation _____ 19____ _____ District Engineer
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May 7, 1997

The Mayor and three new trustees were sworn in at 7 P.M.

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 7, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Teresa Fielder and new members Charley Earlewine, Jerry Kidwell and Keith Waldrop.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Gary Lanter, Jay Ping, Laura Stigler and Martha Waldrop.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 and welcomed the new trustees to the board.
2. One addition was made to the agenda: the Mayor's appointment of committee members.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Earlewine to amend the minutes of the April 2nd meeting by adding Resolution 97—2: to set the Motor Fuel Tax amount for 1997 at \$39,140.00. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to approve the minutes as amended. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
5. The Mayor announced her committee appointments: (first named is chairperson)

Finance: Lindsey, Fielder and Waldrop

Water & Sewer: Fielder, Lindsey and Kidwell

Police: Waldrop, Kidwell and Earlewine

Street & Alley: Earlewine, Waldrop and one to be named later

Park: Earlewine, Fielder and Lindsey

Sidewalks, Lights & Building: Kidwell, Lindsey and Earlewine

6. The Mayor commented on the following topics:
  - A. Progress on the lake project — The Heath grants will probably be less this time.

- B. We have a new person interested in the T.I.F. district/property
- C. Announced meetings: Indiana Railroad on May 9th; T.I.F./Jack Piper on May 15th; I.D.O.T. on May 22nd and the I.D.O.T. hearing on the 29th.
- D. New signs were delivered noting the high school math team's 2nd place in the state contest.
- E. National Police week is the week of May 15th and Police Memorial Day is May 15th.
- 7. The Treasurer's report was presented and some items were explained.
- 8. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsey to pay the bills. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 9. Motion by Earlewine, second by Kidwell to adopt Resolution #97-3: Approving the Treasurer as Deputy Clerk. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 10. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to accept a letter of resignation from custodian Howard Tuel, effective May 10, 1997. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. It was agreed not to fill this position.
- 11. Summer help was discussed. Three boys are hired each summer to work not longer than from June 1st to August 31st, at minimum wage (\$4.75 per hour). Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to hire Brian Ridlen, Gabriel Madlem and Jason Goodwin. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 12. The Mayor mentioned that the new recycling building was in place. The cost to village (half and half with the township) is \$490.00. Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell to accept the building. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 13. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to grant a request by the Lake Committee to block off the second block of South Range Street on the evening of June 7th for a fundraiser. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 14. Reports of Committees were brief this meeting as new committees had not met. The Police Chief requested that we "mark" the new car with decals identical with our original car.  
The Finance committee will meet at 5 P.M. on May 16th.
- 15. A tree by Dr. Szigethy's clinic was discussed. The Mayor will write them a letter in an attempt to resolve the matter.

16. Gary spoke about the mowing that needs to be done on all the village property. Two different parties who do mowing will be requested to give prices on some of the smaller locations. Another person will be contacted to see if he would work on an "as needed" basis.
17. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to continue the meeting on May 20th at 6 P.M. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
18. The May 7th meeting was reconvened May 20th at 6 P.M. by the Mayor.
19. Mr. Craig Rice from Rumpke of IL addressed the board stating that the garbage disposal contract would be renewed at the same rates: \$9.50 per household, \$8.50 senior citizens, from July 1st, 1997 to June 30, 1998.
20. Trustee Lindsey, Finance Committee Chairman explained the budget. Motion by Kidwell, second by Earlewine to approve the budget. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The Mayor thanked the Finance Committee for their work on the budget.
21. There was some discussion on removing \$100,000 from the General Money Market account and placing it in C.D. that could be readily available, giving \$40463.00 the Lake Restoration fund leaving \$100,000 in the fund. Motion by Lindsey 2nd by Waldrop to do this with bids on the C.D. to be approved at the next meeting. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
22. Motion by Lindsey second by Earlewine to pay off the next 2 installments of sewer bonds that are due in 2001 and 2002. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
23. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to approve a 3.5% salary increase. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
24. Motion by Earlewine, second by Fielder to increase the hours of the Treasurer by 10 per month to 90. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
25. Motion by Earlewine, second by Fielder to raise the Clerk's pay to \$9.00 per hour. 4 yeas, 1 nays, motion carried.
26. Park Committee Chairman Earlewine presented a request from the Oblong Antique Tractor and Engine Club for the use of the park for the annual show on August 8, 9 and 10. Motion by Earlewine second by Lindsey to grant the request. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
27. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to adjourn. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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June 4, 1997

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 4, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Keith Waldrop, Teresa Fielder, Jerry Kidwell and Charles Earlewine.

Absent: Max Lindsey.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens, Jay Ping and Suzanne Menacher.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to approve the minutes of the May 7th and 20th meeting. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. The Mayor commented on the following subjects:
  - A. Progress on the lake restoration
  - B. Progress on the T.I.F. project and a future meeting
  - C. Renewal of a fire extinguisher/safety system of the kitchen agreement
  - D. Expiration of an agreement with the Gem City Club
  - E. Two committies will be renamed; Park is now Park and Buildings, Sidewalks, Lights and Building is now Sidewalks and Lights
  - F. Job Descriptions are being rewritten.
  - G. MFT bids were let last week
5. Motion by Kidwell, second by Earlewine to approve the Motor Fuel Tax bids as let. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
6. The recording of easements for the North Range Street waterline project was mentioned, the fee being \$105.00.
7. The Treasurer's report was presented. Some funds, C.D.'s and their rates were discussed.
8. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to pay the bills. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

9. Ordinance #97-390 was explained; No parking on either side of the first block of West Texas Street and on the west side of South Range Street in the 700 block extending to the present no parking area. By rollcall, the votes were:  
Waldrop: Yea, Fielder: Yea, Kidwell: Yea and Earlewine: Yea. Absent: Lindsey. 0 nays, motion carried.

10. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to adopt ordinance #97-391: the Prevailing Wage for fiscal 1998. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

11. Motion by Earlewine, second by Waldrop to amend the Village Code Chapter 27, Article IV: Offenses against Public Health, safety and decency, being section 4—1 (H) disorderly conduct; Loitering continuously in public places or being idle or dissolute. Any person violating this ordinance shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00 and the cost of prosecution.  
By rollcall, the votes were: Waldrop: Yea, Fielder: Yea, Kidwell: Yea and Earlewine: Yea. Absent: Lindsey. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to amend Chapter 27, Article II offenses in general and add to section 2-8 the sub sections (B) and (C), purchase and possession of tobacco by minors of the Village of Oblong Revised Code:

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to purchase tobacco products, or to misrepresent their identity or age, or to use any false or altered identification for the purpose of purchasing tobacco products. Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(C) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to possess any tobacco products, provided that the possession by a person under the age of eighteen (18) years under the direct supervision of the parent or guardian of such person in the privacy of the parent's or guardian's home shall not be prohibited. Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (500.00). Rollcall of votes: Earlewine: Yea, Kidwell: Yea, Fielder: Yea and Waldrop Yea. Motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: Street work is progressing, have a bid from Housers to remove a tree on Joy Street for \$325.00. Some discussion followed. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to spend \$200.00 on this project and to send Dr. Szigethy a bill for half the amount. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

B. Water & Sewer: Easements for the North Range project are recorded. Work is progressing to get the bids out in the next few weeks.

C. Park & Building: A volleyball court is under consideration west of the Grandstand (the Fairboard has approved). Another site in the park was mentioned. Estimated cost is \$150.00 and this may be donated.

D. Building: Buffing and waxing the floors of the building was discussed. One estimate of \$125.00 was mentioned. Jason Garrard was mentioned as another possibility. The matter was tabled until further information is gathered. The planter in front of the building has been repaired. The concrete at the back door was discussed. This project may be worked in with sidewalk work.

E. Police: A printer at the firehouse relating to 911 calls was mentioned. Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to keep 2 part time patrolmen, Larry Fear and Brad Gurley, scheduled as Chief Cravens deems necessary to protect the village. Mr. Jack Cunningham will retire, due to the cost of keeping up training, etc. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. The Mayor stated that we need to write a letter to Mr. Cunningham thanking him for his service. A matter was discussed involving "Still Floyds" tavern, Customers are in the building after the closing hour. This matter will be researched further.

F. Finance: Mr. Oren Dart has agreed to pay cash rent on the farm ground. Motion by Kidwell, second by Earlewine to have the Finance Committee meet with him and write up an agreement. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.  
The subject of an employee serving on jury duty was discussed. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to have any employee serving on jury duty turn in the jury pay to the village and receive his regular' pay from the village. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.  
Ed Mehler has obtained his Sewer Operator license and will receive a 1.5% pay increase. The same will hold true for Travis Smith obtaining his Class D Water License, and the same for his Sewer Operator license. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to approve these amounts. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

14. Motion by Fielder, second by Earlewine to adjourn. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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June 7, 1997

# **VILLAGE OF OBLONG**

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## **ORDINANCE NO. 97-390**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 24 - MOTOR VEHICLES  
OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES  
FOR THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS**

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**ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS**

**THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 1997**

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ORDINANCE NO. 97-390

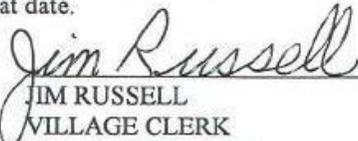
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 - MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The following exhibit shall be an amendment to Chapter 24 - Motor Vehicles of the "Revised Code of Ordinances" of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois shall be as follows:

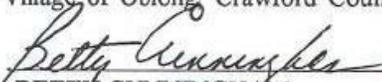
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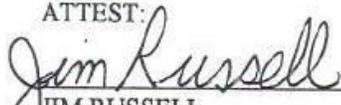
Passed this 4th day of June, 1997 by the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, and deposited and filed in the office of the Village Clerk in said Village on that date.

  
JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	CONFLICT
C. Earlewine	X				
J. Kidwell	X				
T. Fielder	X				
K. Waldrop	X				
M. Lindsey				X	

Approved by the Village President of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 4th day of June, 1997.

  
BETTY CUNNINGHAM  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:  
  
JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

*Revised Code*

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**SCHEDULE "E"**

**NO PARKING**

In accordance with Section 24-6-3 of this Chapter the following are established as "No Parking Zones":

<u>STREET (DIRECTION)</u>		<u>LOCATION</u>
S. Grant St. (East Side)	From	Main St. to Alley
W. Illinois St. (South)	From	N. Range to N. Wilson St.
Main St. (Both)	From	East Corporate Line to Grant St.
Main St. (Both)	From	West Corporate Line to Wilson St.
Missouri St. (South)	From	Washington St. to Jefferson St.
E. Missouri St. (South Side)	From	Range St. to Alley
N. Range St. (East Only)	From	Corporate Limit to Main St.
S. Range St. (East Only)	From	Corporate Limit to Kentucky St.
S. Range St. (East)	From	Main St. to Missouri St.

**SCHEDULE "F"**

**LIMITED PARKING**

In accordance with Section 24-6-3 of this Chapter the following are established as "Limited Parking Zones":

- I. No parking from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. when school is in session.

<u>STREET - DIRECTION</u>		<u>LOCATION</u>
W. Texas St. (Both)	From	S. Range St. to S. Adams St. (#97-390)
S. Range St. (West)	From	W. Texas South 180 feet (#97-390)



ORDINANCE No. 97-391

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, codified as amended, 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq. (1993), formerly Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 48, par. 39s-1 et seq. and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of said Village of Oblong, Crawford County employed in performing construction of public works, for said Village of Oblong.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG:

SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Village of Oblong is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Crawford County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June of the current year, a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department's June determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by the Village of Oblong. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance which are also used in aforesaid Act shall be the same as in said Act.

SECTION 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works construction of the Village of Oblong to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.

SECTION 3: The Oblong Village Clerk shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the Village of Oblong this determination or any revisions of such prevailing rate of wage. A copy of this determination or of the current revised determination of prevailing rate of wages then in effect shall be attached to all contract specifications.

SECTION 4: The Oblong Village Clerk shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.

SECTION 5: The Clerk of the Village of Oblong shall promptly file a certified copy of this Ordinance with both the Secretary of State Index Division and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 6: Clerk of the Village of Oblong shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this Ordinance, effective and that this is the determination of this public body.

PASSED THIS 4th DAY OF June, 19 97.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor, Village of Oblong

SEAL

ATTEST:

  
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Village Clerk

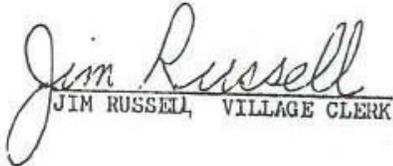
VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. ~~97-0-01~~ 392

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE IV,  
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND  
DECENCY, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, SECTION 4-1 (H)  
LOITERING.

OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG REVISED CODE

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS  
THIS 4th DAY OF June, 1997

  
JIM RUSSELL, VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. 97-392

AN ORDINANCE TO M4}21D CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE IV, OFFENSES AGAINST  
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND DECENY, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, SECTION  
4-1 (H)  
LOITERING.  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG REVISED CODE

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS  
THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 1997

JIM RUSSELL, VILLAGE CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 97-~~001~~<sup>392</sup>

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE IV,  
OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND  
DECENCY, SECTION 4-1 (H) DISORDERLY CONDUCT-  
LOITERING.  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG REVISED CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Oblong,  
Crawford County, Illinois, that the following be added to Chapter 27,  
Article IV, Offences against PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND DECENCY, being  
Section 4-1 (H) DISORDERLY CONDUCT of the Village of Oblong Revised  
code.

27-4-1 (H) Loitering continuously in public places  
or being idle or dissolute.

Any person violating this ordinance shall upon conviction be subject  
to a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500 and the cost of  
prosecution.

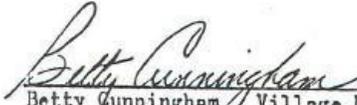
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Upon roll call vote, the following Councilpersons voted aye:

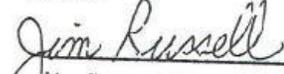
Charles Earlewine, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop. Absent: Max Lindsey

Upon roll call vote, the following Councilpersons voted nay:

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form this 4th day  
of June, 1997.

  
Betty Cunningham Village Mayor

ATTEST:

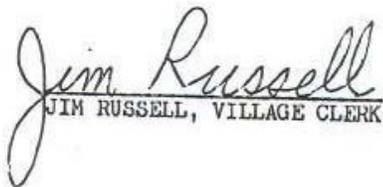
  
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VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 97-0-02- 393

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE II  
OFFENSES IN GENERAL AND ADD TO SECTION 2-8  
THE SUB SECTIONS (B) & (C) PURCHASE AND  
POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY MINORS.  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG REVISED CODE

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS  
THIS 4th DAY OF June, 1997

  
JIM RUSSELL, VILLAGE CLERK

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Oblong,  
Crawford County, Ill. , that sub sections (B) & (C) of Section 2-8,  
Chapter 27, Article II, Purchase and possession of tobacco by minors  
be added to the Village of Oblong Revised Code, and the same is hereby  
amended to be as follows.

27-2-8 (B) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age  
of eighteen (18) years to purchase tobacco products, or to  
misrepresent their identity or age, or to use any false or  
altered identification for the purpose of purchasing tobacco  
products. Any person who violates this section shall be  
punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00)  
nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

27-2-8 (C) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age  
of eighteen (18) years to possess any tobacco products, provided  
that the possession by a person under the age of eighteen (18)  
years under the direct supervision of the parent or guardian  
of such person in the privacy of the parent's or guardian's  
home shall not be prohibited. Any person who violates this section  
shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00)  
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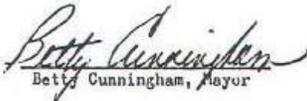
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council persons voted aye:

Charles Earlewine, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder, and Keith Waldrop. Absent: Max Lindsey

Upon roll call vote, the following Council persons voted nay:

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form this 4th  
day of June, 1997.

  
Betty Cunningham, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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+++ July 2, 1997

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session July 2, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Keith Waldrop, Teresa Fielder, Jerry Kidwell, Charles Earlewine and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Jon Wagner, Gary Lanter, Joe Kaufmann, Jay Ping and Linda Cravens.

1. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7 P.M.
2. Two additions were made to the agenda; Joe Kaufmann from the S.H.A.R.E. program and Tom Moore from the Kemper C.P.A. Group.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to approve the minutes of the June 4th and June 11th meetings. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. Mr. Joe Kaufmann spoke about the Self Help And Resource Exchange (SHARE) program. In exchange for 2 hours community service and \$14.00 a person may obtain a food package worth \$30 to \$35. The program is operated on a volunteer basis.
5. Mr. Tom Moore of the Kemper C.P.A. Group addressed the Trustees regarding the recently completed audit. He had met earlier with the finance committee. The Village is in good financial condition.
6. Mr. Jonathon Wagner was recognized. Our new policeman has completed his basic training and is on duty.
7. The Mayor commented on several topics:
  - A. Bids on the lake project will be opened at 3 P.M. on July 11th. Motion to approve the removal of the old shuffle board courts (to make way for the Dedication Wall) and the use of the park on August 16th for a fundraising auction. Motion was made by Lindsey, second by Earlewine. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
  - B. T.I.F. update: Trustees are requested to look through the draft of an agreement for the T.I.F. development and a special meeting will be called later to deal with it.
  - C. Railroad update: the alley on the north side of the railroad from Range to Adams will be closed. A "progress report" letter has been sent to the Illinois Commerce Commission.

- D. Farm agreement is at the attorney being rewritten.
- E. Mowing around the building, water tower and sewer lifts is being done by Larry and Lois Smith.
- F. A tree has been removed at Illinois and Joy streets and one needs to be removed at Ohio and Jackson street, Also some in the park need to removed, according to a gentlemen from the University of Illinois.
- G. The vote on any expenditures needs to be by rollcall vote.
- H. A Nuisance property list has been made. Via radio and the press it will be made known that people will have 2 weeks to clean up their properties and then they will be sent a letter, with a copy of the ordinance.
- I. Amendment 97-001 and 97-002 (items # 11 & 12 in the June minutes) are renumbered as Ordinances number 97-392 and 97-393.
8. The Treasurer's report was presented and explained.
9. Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to remove \$205,557.24 from the General Money Market Account in to a Repurchase agreement at 6% at the First National Bank. All votes were aye, motion carried.
10. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to place C.D. # 17516 (amount \$58728.19) out for bids when it comes due on July 12th. All voted aye, Motion carried.
11. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to pay the bills. All votes were Aye. the motion carried.
12. Reports of Committees:
- A. Street & Alley: Resurfacing should start within two weeks.
- B. Water & Sewer: Committee meeting at 4:30 P.M. on July the 14th.
- C. Building & Park: The agreement with the Gem City Club expires this month. They have proposed to give the Village 3 storage cabinets valued at \$75 each, plus a refrigerator valued at \$100, towards the \$30 per month for use of the Activity Room. Since they do not meet every month, this would give them the use of the room through August of 1998. Motion by Lindsey second by Earlewine to accept this proposal. All voted Aye, motion carried. Motion by Earlewine, second by Waldrop to allow Eeva Miller to work up to 4 hours to help Leah clean the range in the kitchen. All votes were Aye, motion carried.  
Motion by Earlewine, second by Lindsey to have Bobby Tracy buff the floors of the building as needed, on a trial basis for \$125. All votes were Aye, motion carried.

D. Sidewalks & Lights: No report

B. Police: Chief Cravens reported that coin operated machines could be licensed at \$25 each. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to start this May 1, 1998. All votes were Aye, motion carried.

Motion by Fielder to stop selling drinks in the taverns at 11:30 P.M. and the doors be closed at 12 midnight. Second by Earlewine. All votes were Aye, the motion carried. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder that the Police Department purchase a typewriter as recommended by the Chief of Police. All votes were Aye, the motion carried.

F. Finance: the Audit is completed. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to retain the Kemper C.P.A. Group as our auditors for the next 3 years at a 3% annual increase. All votes were Aye, the motion carried.

Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to increase Dale Davis' salary to \$1,227.45 per month, effective with the July 15th pay. All votes were Aye, the motion carried.

Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to not pay temporary summer help holiday pay. 4 Ayes, 1 nay, the motion carried.

Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to give Brian Ridlen a dime an hour raise, as a lead man. All votes were Aye and the motion carried.

13. Complaints have been given to the trustees about the bird problem in town. After much discussion, the only point of agreement was that there should be no shooting within the city limits.

14. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to adjournAll votes were Aye, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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August 6, 1997

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 6, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Charles Earlewine, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop. The Mayor and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Cravens, Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens, Jay Ping, Glen Price and Lee Beckman of Connor & Connor.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. Two additions were made to the agenda: Mr. Glen Price and Mr. Lee Beckman.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Earlewine to approve the minutes of the July 2nd and July 16th meetings. All votes were aye, the motion carried.
4. Mr. Glen Price addressed the board concerning his lots at the corner of East Indiana and South Taylor streets. He would like to place a second housetrailer there. Most trustees felt the lots were not large enough for two housetrailer. The matter was tabled until the lots could be measured.
5. Mr. Lee Beckman of Connor & Connor spoke to the board about the bids that were opened yesterday for the North Range Street water main project. Two 2" lines and one 1" line is to be replaced with a 6" line from the corner of North Range and East Kansas Street, north 4300 feet. Motion by Kidwell, second by Lindsey to accept Munson Construction's alternate bid of \$34,429.50. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.
6. The Mayor commented on several topics:
  - A. The Lake Committee now has its own tax exempt number, using the village's no more.
  - B. A letter received from Attorney Thomas re: Ruby Fisher/1st Crawford State Bank.
  - C. A letter from a T.I.F. Association concerning a newsletter.
  - D. Our health insurance costs have gone up.
  - E. An update on the railroad work.
  - F. The Risk Management Annual Report has been completed and returned.
  - G. Jay Ping of the Daily News is leaving, all wished him well.
7. No Treasurer's report was given, as the Treasurer was absent.
8. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to pay the bills. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.
9. Trustee Earlewine presented a revision of our mobile home regulations to be worded in ordinance form. The matter was discussed at length. Motion by Earlewine, second by Waldrop to adopt Ordinance #97-394: to be sent to Illinois Codification for

proper wording and form, effective as adopted. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: A tree needs to be removed at 309 West Ohio Street. Motion by Earlewine, second by Waldrop to do so. Trustee Earlewine will seek bids from Houser and Everingham. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.

11. B. Water and Sewer: No report.

C. Building & Park: Waxing and light buffing the floor in the Activity Room and the kitchen is recommended at a cost of \$100.00. Motion by Earlewine, second by Waldrop to do so. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.

Marathon has donated pipe to build a volleyball court. Some trustees volunteered to trim the shrubs around the building.

D. Sidewalks & Lights: The committee passed out a sheet with some possible sidewalk repair and construction. Betty Cunningham said she would pay half the cost of replacing a public sidewalk at the east end of East Indiana Street if the village would pay the other half. It was agreed to include this in the bids. Dr. Slaughter requested work in front of his dentist office, and then he would pay for a handicap accessible ramp. Since this would cost some engineering fees, it was agreed to deny this request at this time. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to place the sidewalk work out for bids. All votes were aye, motion carried.

E. Police: Several persons with junk cars have been served papers and all seemed cooperative. Some "trash spots" are being watched for progress in removal. The 2 hour parking ordinance is being enforced in the downtown area. Livestock in the village was discussed, and all agreed the livestock needs to be identified. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsey to restrict the bringing in of livestock within the village limits, and livestock that is now present cannot be replaced. All votes were aye, the motion carried.

F. Finance: Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to ammend the Sewer budget from \$8,375.00 to \$9,000.00 to cover the purchase of a pickup truck. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.

11. Trustee Waldrop requested permission for the Shriners to hand out information at the 4—way stop on Saturday September the 6th. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to grant the request. All votes were aye and the motion carried.

12. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adjourn. All voted aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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September 3, 1997

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 3, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Jerry Kidwell, Charles Earlewine, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Gloria Wiseman, Elzora Sanders, Jim Dennis, Shirley Dennis, Brenda Lingafelter, Bill Cox, Jr. Thomas A. Haley, J. C. Jenkins, Brian Lingafelter, Derick Jenkins, Rebecca Cunningham, Angie Jenkins, Vicki Kenfield, Christi Neeley, Doug Jones, Jerry Adams, John McKnight, Vicki Goodwin, Gary Goodwin, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Russell Mikeworth, Rex Finn, Cheryl Finn, Jean Cox, Sheryl Baker, Bonnie Finn, Ron Finn, Jennie Milam, Rocky Neeley, Wanda Lanter, Gerald Goodwin, Jerry Smith, Terry Maxwell, W.J. Yockey, Billie Gangloff, Arthur Gangloff, Larry Lorance, Eric Larson of the Daily News, Gary Lanter and Chief Cravens.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. One addition was made to the agenda: Vicki Kenfield.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to approve the minutes of the August 6th meeting. All votes were aye, motion carried.
4. The Mayor stated that Illinois Codification Services has advised the Village that parts of Ordinance 97-393 adopted at the August meeting cannot be enforced. There was some brief discussion of the topic. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to delete Section 1-2 (Location) and Section 1-11 A (Age) of Chapter 23. Lindsey: Aye, Earlewine: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Fielder: Aye and Waldrop: Aye. The notion carried.
5. The Mayor requested that two citizens and two Trustees be an ad hoc committee to see if further rewording of this ordinance is necessary. They will meet on September the 13th at 10 A.M.
6. Jim Jenkins addressed the board concerning zoning. He presented a petition. He spoke about people being able to have things in their yards as they want, such as old cars, etc. The Mayor stated that the petition would be submitted to the village attorney and we would proceed from there.

7. Doug Jones spoke concerning old tires, old cars, mobile homes and semi trucks.
8. Tom Haley spoke about demolition cars.
9. Vicki Kenfield spoke about a property on east Kentucky Street that is in derelict condition. Vicki and the Mayor are to meet and pursue the matter.
10. Gary Goodwin spoke about the mobile home ordinance, He thought it was degrading and should have some citizen input. Vicki Goodwin spoke about the same subject. Her question was if a mobile home burns, can it be replaced? Trustee Earlewine responded that one could be replaced.
11. Mrs. Wiseman stated that if mobile home owners wanted to talk to her before the committee meets, she would be glad to hear them. Her number is 592—4061.
12. Elzora Sanders ask if she needed to replace her trailer, could she? She was assured that she could.
13. Several others spoke briefly about mobile homes.
14. Bonnie Finn addressed the board. The board had earlier given the Finns permission for their horses to be inside the village limits, so that matter is closed. A few persons spoke on the subject of animals in the village limits. It was agreed to deal with each situation as it come up.
15. Larry Lorance, representing the Lake Restoration Committee, spoke. Several points to be clarified are; whether Curl and Associates is still employed, sediment traps, the placement of the dirt out of the lake and the repair of the road after the dirt is hauled.
16. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adopt Ordincnce 97-395: the Tax Appropriation for the current fiscal year. Lindsey: Aye, Earlewine: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Fielder: Aye and Waldrop: Aye. Motion carried.
17. The Mayor commented on the following:
  - A. Several new businesses in town Minute aim nd d~
  - B. Minimum wage is now \$5.Z5 Note: Corrected Minutes amended: '97 Mtg.- \$5.15
  - C. Rumpke has announced the dates for Fall Cleanup: Sept. 30th & Oct. 3rd.
  - D. Chamber of Commerce participating in the Adopt a Highway program
  - E. A Dept. of Revenue meeting in O'Fallon on Oct. 9th.
  - F. The breakdown of health insurance costs and total costs to the Village.
  - G. Membership in the Tax Increment Finance Association.
18. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to join the Tax Increment Finance Association for a fee of \$375.00. Lindsey: Aye, Earlewine: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Fielder: Aye and Waldrop: Aye. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to adopt Resolution #97-5: Parade permit for closing Route 33 for the High School Homecoming parade. All votes were aye, motion carried.

20. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to adopt Resoultion # 97-6: Parade permit for closing Route 33 for the Fall Follies parade. All votes were are, motion carried.

21. The Treasurer's report was presented. C.D.'s were discussed. The Annual Report will be printed shortly.

22. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to pay the bills. Lindsey: Aye, Earlewine: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Fielder: Aye and Waldrop: Aye. Motion carried.

23. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: Basically the summer street work is completed. Motion by Kidwell, second by Earlewine to accept a bid from Housers to remove a tree (not the stump) at 309 West Ohio Street. Lindsey: Aye, Earlewine: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Fielder: Aye and Waldrop: Aye. Motion carried.

B. Water & Sewer: North Range project should start Monday.

C. Building & Park: Shrubs are trimmed and the Volleyball court is progressing. Trustee Waldrop stated that with the Water Office being closed for an hour, Leah would now have a free hour and he felt that her hours should be cut accordingly. The Mayor suggested her hours be changed from 8:30 to 3:30 for unlocking the building. The matter will be reviewed after the closing of the Water Office for an hour is evaluated.

D. Street & Lights: No bids were submitted for sidewalk work. Motion by Kidwell, second by Lindsey to extend the bids for the 2 parties who picked up specification sheets to Sept. 10th at 4 P.M. All votes were Aye, motion carried.

E. Police: Some old cars are gone, others will be given tickets, trash is the next target. Working on traffic control at the Grade School. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsey to rescind Jon Wagoner's \$500.00 annual raise and raise his pay to \$10.00 per hour. Lindsey: Aye, Earlewine: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Fielder: Aye and Waldrop: Aye. Motion carried.

F. Finance: Mo report.

24. After some discussion, all agreed to loan the city dumpster to the Oil Field Museum as needed on a temporary basis.

25. The matter of mowing to be done in the Park was brought up. The summer helpers are finished. Jason Garrard is willing to do it after hours. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to hire Jason at minimum wage as an independent contractor for the remainder of the season. Lindsey: Aye, Earlewine: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Fielder: Aye and Waldrop: Aye. Motion carried.

26. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adjourn. All voted Aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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September 3, 1997

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 97 - 395

An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1997 and ending April 30, 1998.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That the amount hereinafter set forthe, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the municipality be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1997 and ending April 30, 1998.

SECTION 2: That the appropriation herein made for any purpose shall be regarded as the maximum amounts to be expended under the respective appropriation accounts and shall not be construed as a commitment, agreement, obligation or liability of the Village of Oblong, and such appropriation being subject to further approval as to expenditure thereof by the Village Board.

SECTION 3: That the amount appropriated for each object and purpose shall be as follows:

ANOUNT APPROPRIATED

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
GENERAL FUND #1

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES \$52,000.00  
\$52,000.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

INSURANCE AND BONDS 8,000.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE0  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 500.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 1,800.00  
RADIO FEES 4,000.00  
CLOTHING EXPENSE 1,000.00  
15,300.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 2,000.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 8,500.00  
OFFICE EXPENSES 2,000.00 12,500.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 4,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

OTHER EXPENSES 1,000.00

TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
GENERAL FUND #1 \$84,800.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

STREET AND ALLEY

GENERAL FUND #2

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES \$15,000.00  
\$15,000.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

PUBLICATIONS AND DUES 100.00  
UTILITIES 13,000.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 3,600.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 7,000.00  
SIDEWALKS 11,000.00  
DRUGS, NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOL TESTING 500.00  
35,200.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 5,000.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 6,500.00  
11,500.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 25,000.00  
25,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

STORN SEWER AND DRAINAGE 2,600.00  
2,600.00

TOTAL STREET AND ALLEY

GENERAL FUND #2 89,300.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

GENERAL FUND #3

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES. \$50,000.00  
\$50,000.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
 INSURANCE AND BONDS . 11,000.00  
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 15,000.00  
 CONTRACTOR EXPENSE . 2,000.00  
 UTILITIES 5,000.00  
 PUBLICATION AND DUES 600.00  
 EDUCATION & TRAINING 1,000.00  
 DOG CATCHER 500.00  
 35,100.00

COMMODITIES  
 SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 3,500.00  
 OFFICE EXPENSES 4,000.00  
 7,500.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
 EQUIPMENT 1,000.00  
 OTHER EXPENDITURES 500.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND #3 . \$94,100.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

WATER FUND

PERSONNEL  
 SALARIES AND WAGES \$100,000.00  
 \$100,000.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
 CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 6,000.00  
 INSURANCE 14,000.00  
 EDUCATION AND TRAINING 300.00  
 ENGINEERING 15,000.00  
 MAJOR PROJECTS 20,000.00  
 WATER PURCHASE 148,100.00  
 UTILITIES 5,500.00  
 PROFESSIONAL FEES 5,000.00  
 PUBLICATIONS AND DUES 400.00  
 214,300.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 20,000.00  
OFFICE EXPENSE 8,000.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 5,000.00  
33,000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
EQUIPMENT 50,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 1,500.00  
MISCELLANEOUS 1,500.00  
RENT 4,500.00  
7,500.00

TOTAL WATER FUND 404,800.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED SEWER FUND

PERSONNEL  
SALARIES AND WAGES \$30,000.00  
\$30,000.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSES 5,000.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 300.00  
INSURANCE 7,500.00  
UTILITIES 3,500.00  
PROFESSIONAL FEES 2,000.00  
ENGINEER FEES 1,500.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 3,000.00  
PUBLICATIONS AND DUES 50.00  
22,850.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 20,000.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 650.00  
OFFICE EXPENSE 1,500.00  
22,150.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
EQUIPMENT 15,000.00  
15,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 500.00  
MISCELLANEOUS 2,000.00  
RENT . 500.00  
3,000.00

TOTAL SEWER FUND 93,000.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
MAINTENANCE SERVICE - STREET \$38,900.00  
ENGINEERING SERVICE 1,600.00  
\$ 40,500.00

TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS \$40,500.00

PARK FUND AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

UTILITIES \$2,500.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 500.00  
3,000.00

SALARIES AND WAGES 2,000.00

COMMODITIES  
GAS AND OIL 1,000.00  
SUPPLIES 2,000.00  
3,000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
EQUIPMENT 2,500.00  
OTHER EXPENSES 25.00

TOTAL PARK FUND        \$10,525.00

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1998

LAW ENFORCEMENT (GENERAL #1) \$84,800.00

STREET AND ALLEY (GENERAL # 2) 89,300.00

GENERAL FUND # 3 94,000.00

WATER FUND 404,800.00

SEWER FUND 93,000.00

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND 40,500.00

PARK FUND 10,525.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$817,025.00

SECTION 4: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That a Certified Copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

AJJOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1997, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois.

AYES: Lindsey, Earlewine, Kidwell, Fielder and Waldrop

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September

BETTY CUNNINGHAM, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:  
JIM RUSSELL, VILLAGE CLERK

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October 1, 1997

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 1, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Charles Earlewine, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop. The Mayor and Clerk.

Others present: Gloria Wiseman, Jerry Lee Smith, Ron Houser, Art Gangloff, Billie Gangloff, Wanda Lanter, Jerry Adams, Treva Beals, Erik Larson, Gary Lanter and Police Chief Rich Cravens.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7.P.M.
2. There were 2 additions to the agenda: The appointment of a trustee and Mr. Glen Price.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Kidwell to amend the August minutes for the minimum wage to be stated as \$5.15 instead of \$5.25, and then approval of the minutes. All votes were aye, motion carried.
4. The mayor presented the name of Bonnie Finn to fill a vacancy on the board created by the resignation of Randy Nave, the term expiring in April of 1999. Motion by Earlewine, second by Fielder to approve this appointment. All votes were aye and the motion carried.
5. The report of the ad hoc committee on mobile homes was presented. There was a minimum number of changes: if a mobile home is installed next to a house, the house must be torn down, insurance companies require a fire extinguisher, and lot size is 7,000 square feet. Some other points were discussed. Motion by Earlewine, second by Waldrop to adopt this report to be sent to Illinois Codification to be properly worded to be presented at the November meeting as ordinance # 97-397. All votes were aye, the motion carried.
6. Mr. Glen Price spoke concerning his lot/lots and the setting of a trailer or trailers there. After some discussion it was pointed out that the previously adopted report as well as earlier ordinances dictates that there isn't enough room for more that one trailer.

7. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to adopt ordinance /1 97—396, the Tax Levy. By roll call vote: Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. All votes aye, motion carried.

8. There was some discussion about setting multi—year goals in relationship to the tax levy.

9. The Mayor commented on: The lake progress, beautification in the park with flowers in the traffic island by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Stoltz; work by the Chamber of Commerce to paint the signs at the entrances to the village and plant flowers there. She also reported on the progress of the T.I.F. project: Waiting on E.P.A. permits, intentions of developing 10 to 15 lots at a time, probably a start date of February.

10. There was no Treasurer's report.

11. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to pay the bills. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. All votes were aye, the motion carried.

12. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adopt Resolution # 97-7: Trick or Treat night is Thursday October 30th from 6 to 9 P.M. for those under 12 years of age, calling only where the porch light is on at a residence. All votes were aye, motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees-:

A. Street & Alley: No report.

B. Water & Sewer: 90% of the work is done on the North Range project, the contractor is paying for the water flushed until the sample passes the requirements. Motion by Fielder, second by Earlewine to allow Gary Lanter to attend conference on the 9th and 10th of December in Collinsville, for a fee of \$281.00. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. All votes aye, the motion carried.

C. Building & Park: Volleyball court is completed, needs to be advertised. Some repairs were made on the rooms beneath the grandstand.

D. Sidewalks & Lights: Trustee Kidwell commented on the sidewalk work done by the city employees. These costs will be compared to a contractor. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to accept the bid of Consolidated Concrete for projects A, C and D for sidewalk repair:

Project A: Main & Garfield: \$4190.00

Project C: Rear of Municipal Building: \$4900.00

Project D: Dr. Slaughter's Office: \$3465.00

Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. All votes being aye, the motion carried.

E. Police: No report. Chief Cravens mention that the local newspaper wants a weekly report. There was some discussion and all agreed that names should not be mentioned.

F. Finance: No report.

14. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adjourn. All votes were aye, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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October 1, 1997

ORDINANCE NO. 97-396

PUBLISHED IN PANPHLET FORM BY THE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Oblong, Illinois

ANNUAL TAX LEVY  
For The VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
1997—98

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 97—396

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, in the County of Crawford and the State of Illinois, did on the 3rd day of September A.D. 1997, pass the Annual Appropriation Bill for the Village for the fiscal year beginning the first day of May A.D. 1997 and ending the 30th day of April A.D., 1998, the amount ascertained to be the aggregate pamphlet form on the 3rd day of September, 1997.

NOW THEREFORE; AN ORDINANCE FOR TILE LEVI AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR TILE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR;

BE IT ORDAINED fly the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois:

Section 1; That there be and is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for general corporate purposes of said Village for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 1997, the sum Eight Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Twenty Five Dollars (\$817,025.00) as follows:

Items of Appropriation and Levy	Appropriated	Levied
FOR GENERAL PURPOSES	\$183,400.00	\$24,500.00
FOR MAINTENANCE OF SEWAGE PLANT (voted by the people)	13,000.00	5,500.00
FOR MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE PARK (voted by the people)	10,025.00	7,350.00
FOR POLICE PROTECTION (Petitioned by the people and passed by the Village Board of Trustees, A,D, September 5, 1970.)	84,800.00	5,500.00
FOR STREET REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE MD ENGINEERING	40,500.00	40,500.00
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF SEWER SYSTEM	80,000.00	
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF WATER SYSTEM	404,800.00	
Respective Totals of Appropriation and Levy	\$817,025.00	\$83,500.00

SECTION II; That there be, and is, hereby levied against all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for special purposes of said Village for the Fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 1997, the following amounts:

Items of Appropriation and Levy	Appropriated	Levied
FOR VILLAGE AUDIT	4,100.00	4,100.00
FOR PARTICIPATION_ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.	26,280.00	26,280.00
FOR PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ON EMPLOYEES.	15,620.00	15,620.00
FOR PURCHASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.	0	0
Respective Totals of Appropriation & Levy	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00

SECTION III: The Clerk of said Village is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of said County, a duly certified copy of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, as required by law, Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted Yea: Waldrop, Fielder, Kidwell, Earlewine and Lindsey

Upon roll call vote the following Trustees voted Nay:

None

Board Members Absent: Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1997.

Approved:

BETTY CUNNINGHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JIM RUSSELL, VILLAGE CLERK

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Others present: Gary Lanter, Bill Cox, Lee Beckman of Connor & Connor and Theron Carpenter.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Mayor.
2. Three additions were made to the agenda: Lee Beckman, Bill Cox and Theron Carpenter.
3. Mr. Lee Beckman addressed the trustees concerning the North Range Street water project. The project is completed except for seeding which must be done by May 15, 1998. 5% of the amount has been withheld until the project has been completed. \$33,146.93 is due now. The project came in at \$538.00 under budget. Motion by Kidwell, second by Waldrop to pay the \$33,146.93. By rollcall vote, all members voted aye, the motion carried.
4. Mr. Bill Cox spoke about the railroad crew working on the Adams Street crossing tearing up his driveway and yard. The Mayor told him she would speak to the crew to try to get the matter resolved.
5. Mr. Theron Carpenter spoke to the trustees about his water bills. The matter was discussed and will be investigated.
6. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to approve the minutes of the October 1st meeting. All votes aye, the motion carried.
7. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to adopt Ordinance #97—397. This is the mobile home ordinance, the report adopted at the October meeting. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Finn: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Kidwell, second by Earlewine to establish a 25¢ per copy charge for non-village copies. All votes were aye, the motion carried.
9. The Mayor commented on the following topics:
  - A. Railroad work: Adams Street crossing in progress, work will halt until spring after the asphalt is completed. Tie work is being done at Taylor and Grant Street.
  - B. Lake Update: \$8,500 balance, work 90% completed on Phase I, Phase II will cost \$97,000. Applications for grants have been made.
  - C. The problem of ducks around the lake was discussed. Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell to write Mr. Tom Cook a letter requesting the removal of his feeders from city property. All votes aye and the motion carried.
  - D. A letter from the Municipal League regarding an Infrastructure Maintenance Fee that needs to be enacted by January 1, 1998, has been sent to Attorney Thomas for his advice.

E. A request was made by the Robinson V.F.W. to sell to sell poppy flowers on Saturday November the 8th. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to grant the request. All votes were aye, the motion carried.

F. Ed Mehler may resign in the near future.

C. Revisions of the committees were announced and copies passed around.

10. The Treasurer's report was presented. There was some discussion about pre—paying more sewer bonds.

11. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to pay the bills. By rollcall, all votes were aye, the motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Street & Alley: no report.

B. Water & Sewer: no report.

C. Building & Park: Two trees were taken out at the lake and some discussion regarding the lake followed.

D. Sidewalks & Lights; The deadline on contracted work has been extended and work should begin soon. Comments on the work completed by the village employees were positive.

E. Police: Motion by Waldrop, second by Kidwell to adopt Resolution 97—8: To allow employees service credit in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for military service time. There is no cost to the Village, all costs are the responsibility of the employee. All votes aye and the motion carried.

F. Finance: The Chairman suggested that \$200,000.00 be taken out of General Checking and placed in a C.D. Bids were solicited from all three local banks. After some discussion there was a motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to accept the bid from the First National Bank for 18 months at 6.01%. Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Finn: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.

13. Trustee Earlewine mentioned that he had received calls about the cable TV service, and there was some discussion of the matter. There was some discussion about adding a new street light on North Wilson and changing one on South Adams, with mutual agreement to get the job done. There was a brief discussion about rats within the village.

14. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to adjourn. All votes were aye, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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November 5, 1997

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 97-397

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23- MOBILE HOUSING CODE  
OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG,  
ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

THIS 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1997

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village President and the Village  
Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois this 5th day of  
November, 1997.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-397

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23 - MOBILE HOUSING CODE OF THE  
REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG,  
CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
THAT:

SECTION 1: The following exhibit shall amend Chapter 23 - Mobile Housing Code of  
the "Revised Code of Ordinances" of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois  
shall be as follows:

[SEE EXHIBIT "A" FOLLOWING]

SECTION 2: Severability of Provisions. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and  
provision of this Ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or

invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 4: Passed this 5th thy of November, 1997 by the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, deposited an led in the office of the Village Clerk in said Village on that date.

JIM RUSSELL VILLAGE CLERK OBLONG, ILLINOIS

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	CONFLICT
C. Earlewine	X				
J. Kidwell	X				
T. Fielder	X				
K. Waldrop	X				
M. Lindsey	X				
B. Finn	X				

Approved by the Village President of the day of November, 1997.

Betty Cunningham Village President Oblong Illinois

ATEST:

JIM RUSSELL VILLAGE CLERK OBLONG, ILLINOIS  
(SEAL)

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November 5, 1997

Revised Code

EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 23

MOBILE HOUSING CODE

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

23-1-1 DEFINITIONS. The terms used in this Code shall have the following meanings:

“AFFIDAVIT” means an oath in writing, sworn before and attested by an individual who has authority to administer an oath.

“APPLICANT” means any person making application for a license or permit.

“CORPORATE AUTHORITIES” shall mean the Mayor and the governing body of the municipality.

“IMMOBILIZED MOBILE HOME” means a mobile home served by individual utilities, resting on a permanent perimeter foundation which extends below the established frost depth with the wheels, tongue and hitch removed and the home secured in compliance with the Mobile Home Tiedown Act, Chapter 210; Sec. 120/1 et seq. of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

(A) The foundation shall extend into the ground below the frost line so as to attach and become a part of the real estate. Materials such as concrete, mortared concrete block, or mortared brick extending into the ground below the frost line shall satisfy the requirements for a permanent foundation. (See 210 ILCS Sec. 115/2.10)

“LICENSE” means a license certificate issued by the Village allowing a person to operate and maintain a mobile home park under the provisions of this Code and the rules and regulations issued hereunder.

“LICENSEE” means any person having a license or permit under this Chapter.

“MOBILE HOME” means a structure designed for permanent habitation and so constructed as to permit its transport on wheels, temporarily or permanently attached to its frame, from the place of its construction to the location or subsequent location at which it is intended to be a permanent habitation and designed to permit the occupancy thereof as a dwelling place for one (1) or more persons. The term “mobile home” shall only include manufactured homes constructed after June 30, 1976, in accordance with the Federal “National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974”. Provided that any such

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Revised Code Mobile Housing Code 23-1-1

structure resting on a permanent foundation with wheels, tongue and hitch permanently removed shall not be construed as a “mobile home”, but shall be an “immobilized mobile home”. A mobile home should not be confused with a “camping trailer” or “recreational vehicle”. (See 210 ILCS Sec. 115/2.1)

“MOBILE HOME, DEPENDENT” means a mobile home which does not have a toilet and bath or shower facilities. (See 210 ILCS Sec. 115/2.3)

“MOBILE HOME, DOUBLE-WIDE” consists of two (2) mobile units joined at the side into a single home, but kept on their separate chassis for repeated transportation to a site.

“MOBILE HOME, INDEPENDENT” means a mobile home which has self-contained toilet and bath or shower facilities. (See 210 ILCS Sec. 115/2.4)

“MOBILE HOME LOT” means a parcel of land for the placement of a mobile home and the exclusive use of its occupants.

“MOBILE HOME MODULE” means a factory-fabricated building unit transported to a building site, mounted on a permanent foundation supporting the outside perimeter walls, and is designed for residential use.

“MOBILE HOME PAD” means that part of an individual mobile home space or lot beneath the mobile home, including the concrete portion of the pad.

“MOBILE HOME PARK” means a tract of land or two (2) or more contiguous tracts of land upon which contain sites with the necessary utilities for two (2) or more independent mobile homes for permanent habitation either free of charge or for revenue purposes, and shall include any building, structure, vehicle, or enclosure used or intended for use as a part of the equipment of such mobile home park. Separate ownership of contiguous tracts of land shall not preclude the tracts of land from common licensure as a mobile home park if they are maintained and operated jointly. Neither an immobilized mobile home nor a motorized recreational vehicle shall be construed as being a part of a mobile home park. (See 210 ILCS Sec. 115/2.5)

“MOBILE HOME SALES AREA” means a parcel of land used for the display, sale, and repair of new or used mobile homes.

“MOBILE HOME SPACE” means a portion of a mobile home park designed for the use or occupancy of one (1) mobile home.

“MOBILE HOUSING UNIT” includes all forms of housing units listed in this section and as regulated in this Code.

“OWNER” or “OPERATOR” means the licensee.

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“PERMANENT HABITATION” means a period of two (2) or more months. (See 210 ILCS Sec. 115/2.2)

“PERMIT” means a certificate issued by the Village, permitting the construction, alteration, or installation of a mobile home under the provisions in this Code.

“PERSON” means any individual, group of individuals, association, trust, partnership, corporation, person doing business under an assumed name, county, municipality, the State of Illinois, or any political subdivision or department thereof or any other entity.

“REVOCATION” means to declare invalid a permit or license issued to the applicant or licensee by this Village for an indefinite period of time.

“SITE” means the lot on which the mobile home is located for permanent habitation. (See 210 ILCS Sec. 115/2.7)

“SPACE” shall be synonymous with “Mobile Home Space”.

“SUSPENSION” means to declare invalid a permit or license issued to the applicant or licensee by this Village for a temporary period of time with an expectation of resumption.

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## ARTICLE H - GENERAL REGULATIONS

23-2-1 STATE REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. The Mobile Home Park Act and the Mobile Home Tiedown Act of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 210, as passed, approved and amended by the Illinois General Assembly are hereby adopted by the Village. The applicable provisions as they pertain to mobile homes and immobilized mobile homes shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the Village.

23-2-2 ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS. The “Rules and Regulations for Mobile Home Parks”, as approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health are hereby adopted by the Village, the applicable provisions as they pertain to mobile homes and immobilized mobile homes shall be controlling within the Village.

23-2-3 NATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS. No mobile home, immobilized mobile home or manufactured home shall be located in the Village unless the unit has the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards metal seal affixed thereto. Existing units are hereby exempt until they are replaced.

23-2-4 EXISTING MOBILE HOMES. All existing mobile home units may be replaced without complying with lot size regulations of this Chapter. The units shall be at least ten (10) feet from property line and no closer than twenty (20) feet from the public street right-of-way.

23-2-5 SKIRTING. Skirting shall be used to conceal all underpinning, plumbing, and support piers whether on a permanent foundation or otherwise. All skirting shall be installed on all mobile housing units within sixty (60) days of the placement of the unit.

23-2-6 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. All mobile housing units located in the Village shall be equipped with a fire extinguishing apparatus capable of extinguishing all types of fires.

23-2-7 OFF-STREET PARKING. Every owner of a mobile housing unit shall provide for off-street parking area of four hundred (400) square feet. Parking spaces shall not be located on any roadway, alley or street.

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23-2-8 LOT SIZE. The minimum lot size for the mobile home shall be seven thousand (7,000) square feet. No lot shall be considered for placement of a mobile home if already occupied by an inhabited or uninhabited residence or mobile home. It shall be illegal to locate a mobile home on a lot wherein a residence or mobile home is already located. Only one (1) principal residence per lot.

23-2-9 CONCRETE PADS. All mobile homes shall be placed on either a reinforced concrete pad at least twelve (12) feet wide by sixty (60) feet or runners three (3) feet by sixty (60) feet or sufficient concrete pads dug below freeze line to adequately support existing unit.

23-2-10 STORAGE. No mobile home or immobilized mobile home shall be used for storage nonresidential or commercial purposes.

23-2-11 DAMAGED MOBILE HOME. Any mobile housing unit that is damaged to the extent that it is inhabitable may be replaced with another unit. Replacement shall occur within six (~ months unless the Village Board grants an extension of time.

23-2-12 PERMITS. An occupancy permit shall be required for the replacement of mobile housing units or to move a unit from one lot to another. A permit shall be obtained from the Village Board to permit the construction, alteration or installation of a mobile housing unit under the provisions of this Code.

23-2-13

November 5, 1997,

CUT-OFF DATE. Any lot not occupied by a mobile applicable regulations in this Code. housing unit by shall be subject to the applicable regulations in this Code.

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VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG        )

I, Jim Russell, Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees was duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this ordinance is a true and perfect copy of the ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 5th day of November, 1997.

JIM RUSSEL  
VILLAGE CLERK OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

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# Military Service Credit

## Prior to Participation in IMRF



Explanation, eligibility requirements, and cost to purchase Military Service Credit under Public Act 90-0448

- What is Public Act 90-0448?
- Eligible members
- Application Process
- How member cost is calculated
- Form 6.02J, Application to Purchase Military Service Credit
- Form 6.63, Suggested Form of Resolution to Allow Service Credit for Military Service

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund  
Drake Oak Brook Plaza  
Suite 500  
2211 York Road  
Oak Brook, IL 60523-2174  
1-800-ASK-IMRF  
(1-800-275-4673)

August 1997



**Suggested Form of Resolution to Allow Service Credit for Military Service  
PRIOR to IMRF Participation**

IMRF Form 6.63 (8/97)

**PLEASE NOTE:** This form is to be used for military service credit PRIOR to IMRF participation.  
 Form 6.62: for military service that interrupted IMRF participation with NO restrictions on amount of service credit  
 Form 6.62A: for military service that interrupted IMRF participation but WITH restrictions on amount of service credit  
 or specific military operations involved to receive service credit.

PLEASE ENTER Employer IMRF I.D. Number  
00265

ALL BLANK SPACES ON THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN.

**RESOLUTION**

Number 97-8

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Illinois Pension Code (40 ILCS 5/7-139) provides that the governing body of a governmental unit may elect to allow service credit in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to members who served in the armed forces of the United States for all periods of such service prior to their participation in IMRF, and

WHEREAS, such allowance of service credit cannot be limited to a specific IMRF member and applies to all members who were in active participating status under IMRF on or after August 16, 1997;

RESOLVED, that the Oblong Village Board of Trustees  
BOARD, COUNCIL, ETC.

of Village of Oblong, Illinois  
EMPLOYER NAME

elects to allow service credit to members who served in the armed forces of the United States for up to two years of service, prior to their participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk  
CLERK OR SECRETARY shall be directed

to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and that this resolution shall remain in full force and effect until modified or rescinded and notice of such modification or rescission has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. This resolution is not limited to a specific military operation.

**CERTIFICATION**

Jim Russell, the Clerk  
NAME CLERK OR SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

of the Village of Oblong of the County of Crawford  
EMPLOYER NAME COUNTY

State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am keeper of its books and records and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolution duly adopted by its Village Board of Trustees at a meeting duly convened  
BOARD, COUNCIL, ETC.

and held on the 5th day of November, 19 97.

SEAL

Jim Russell  
CLERK OR SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

**Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund**

Suite 500, 2211 York Road, Oak Brook Illinois 60523-2374 630/368-1010

IMRF Form 6.63 (8/97)

Service Representatives 1-800-ASK-IMRF (1-800-275-4673)

#### How you would apply

- You must apply in writing (Form 6.02J, "Application for Military Service Credit," page 6), and you must attach a copy of your DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to the application.
- Form 6.02J replaces all other forms previously used to apply for military service credit (replaces Forms 6.02I and Forms 6.02F).

#### How your cost is calculated

- Once IMRF receives your application, we will calculate your cost and send you a payment schedule. You may purchase the service credit in a lump sum or on a payment plan.
  - If you pay the total cost with a lump sum, you will purchase all the service at once.
  - If you choose the payment plan (Unit Payment Plan), you can purchase one or more months at a time.
- For military service **occurring before you began participating** in IMRF, you are responsible for the payment of both the member and normal employer contributions plus interest. Interest and contributions rates have changed over time. IMRF is required to use the rates in effect when the military service was rendered. Currently, the interest rate is 7.50%. Your first IMRF salary will also be used in the calculation.
- The legislation includes a "six-month window" reduced interest rate. **If you purchase the service credit during the "six-month window"** (November 16, 1997 through May 16, 1998) you can take advantage of a **reduced interest rate of 2.5% per year**. (Your current employer must adopt a resolution before you can purchase the service, see page 2, "Eligible Members.")
- Interest is calculated from the date of first participation in IMRF through December 31 of the year preceding the current year.



# Application for Military Service Credit

IMRF Form 6.02J (8/97)

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-ASK-IMRF (1-800- 275-4673)

- The purchase of military service for public employees is a benefit designed to partially compensate veterans for their service in the armed forces.
- Any converted military service credit is applied toward the calculation of a member's IMRF benefits.
- Member cost and other requirements differ under each law. Please read the following information carefully to determine if you are eligible to establish military service credit under one of the following laws.
- If member contributions and interest are required, IMRF will mail you a payment schedule after your application is received and your cost is calculated.

	UNDER ILLINOIS LAW		UNDER FEDERAL LAW
	MILITARY SERVICE EARNED BEFORE MEMBER BEGAN IMRF PARTICIPATION	MILITARY LEAVE INTERRUPTED IMRF PARTICIPATION	MILITARY LEAVE INTERRUPTED IMRF PARTICIPATION
<b>Member participation as related to military leave</b>	Military leave can have occurred at any time, even prior to first date of participation in IMRF.	Must have participated in IMRF before and after military leave; can participate with different IMRF employers. Must return to IMRF participating employment within 90 days of discharge.	Must participate in IMRF before and after military leave with the same IMRF employer. Return to work requirement varies.
<b>Member's current participation</b>	You must be currently participating in IMRF.	Must be participating in IMRF or in another retirement system covered by the Reciprocal Act.	Must be participating in IMRF or in another retirement system covered by the Reciprocal Act.
<b>Member cost</b> If member has cost, IMRF will calculate your cost and send you a payment schedule. You may purchase the service credit in a lump sum or on a payment plan.	Member and employer contributions plus interest calculated from first date of participation in IMRF. Salary used to calculate cost is first salary earned as IMRF member.	Free.	Member contributions plus interest calculated from the end of the military leave period. Salary used to calculate cost is the salary in effect when the military leave began.
<b>Maximum number of years member can purchase</b>	Two years.	No maximum but employer may limit by resolution.	Four years.
<b>Military documentation</b>	A copy of release order or military discharge must accompany this form.	A copy of release order or military discharge must accompany this form.	A copy of release order or military discharge must accompany this form.
<b>Military pension</b>	May still use the service in the computation of a pension or retirement pay from the U.S. government.	May not use the service in the computation of a pension or retirement pay from the U.S. government.	May still use the service in the computation of a pension or retirement pay from the U.S. government.
<b>Employer resolution required?</b>	Yes, covers all IMRF members under that employer.	Yes, covers all IMRF members under that employer.	No.
<b>Employer cost</b>	Through future employer rates.	Through future employer rates.	Through future employer rates.

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## December 3, 1997

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 3, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Charles Earlewine, Jerry Kidwell, Bonnie Finn, Teresa Fielder, and Keith Waldrop. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Angie Wilson (Daily News), Tom Moore (Kemper CPA Group), Larry Fear, Gary Lanter and John Wagner.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by the mayor.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to approve the minutes of the November 5th meeting. All votes were aye, motion carried.
4. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Finance: Mr. Tom Moore addressed the trustees concerning a method of paying off some sewer bonds of \$145,000. \$63,000 is available in the bond and interest checking account. \$82,000 will be borrowed from the General Fund. \$16,000 of this can be repaid from two investments accounts maintained for an old bond issue. This money is currently in Certificates of Deposit and will come due next summer. The remaining \$66,000 will be paid back from Sewer to General at the rate of \$5,000 a month, for 14 months. This would require the approval of the First National Bank to prepay the bonds. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to proceed with this matter. All votes were aye, motion carried.

Secondly, Mr. Moore addressed the matter of payroll allocation. It was determined that to help the Water and Sewer funds, 1/3 of the salaries of Gary Lanter, Travis Smith and the new person hired be paid from Sewer, 1/3 from Water and 1/3 from General. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsey to make this change with the first payroll in January of 1998. All votes were aye, motion carried. The Trial Balance was explained.

Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to grant a Christmas bonus of \$100.00 to full time employees and \$75.00 to part time employees. All votes were aye, motion carried.
  - B. Police: (1.) Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to accept a letter of resignation from Rich Cravens. All votes were aye, motion carried.

- (2.) Motion by Earlewine, second by Waldrop to accept a letter of resignation from Brad Gurley as part time patrolman. All votes were aye, motion carried.
- (3.) Motion by Waldrop to appoint Jon Wagner as temporary Chief of Police as of 1/1/1998. The Mayor stated she would veto the motion. There was no second to the motion, thus it died.
- (4.) Schooling for a Juvenile Officer at Rend Lake in March was mentioned. The matter was tabled until January.
- (5.) Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to reinstall bar lights on the Ford police car for a total cost of \$350.00. All votes were aye, motion carried.
- (6.) It was mentioned that no money will be received from the "COPS" grant until a Chief of Police is hired. The number of months there is a vacancy will be added to the end of the grant time, (7.) Part time help was discussed. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to advertise for a part time officer. All votes were aye, motion carried.

C. Sidewalks & Lights: Sidewalk work has been started at Garfield and Main. Some light work has been done, more to be done. Sidewalk work at the rear of the building should begin shortly.

D. Building & Park: A report was presented concerning non profit organizations using the building with no charge.

Any non profit organization wanting to use the building on a regular basis must come before the board for approval.

Any non profit organization - Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H in Oblong Township and/or Oblong School District may use the building without charge Monday through Friday. If it can be rented, they will have to meet a different night. Additions to the Rules & Regulations sheet should include:

Funeral Dinners: No charge-donations are welcome.

Blood Drive: No charge.

Bonnie Finn, Chairperson of Bldg. Com..

Motion by Fielder to adopt this report. All votes aye, motion carried.

The Evangelical United Methodist Church donated a micro-wave oven to the kitchen of the Municipal Building. Chairperson Finn will send them a Thank You note.

Water service at the Park (camp sites) was discussed.

Floors need to be buffed, Mr. Tracy will be called.

E. Water & Sewer: no report.

F. Street & Alley: no report.

5. The Mayor commented that we had received an application for an Operating Permit from the E.P.A. for the new subdivision.

6. The local taverns requested permission to stay open an extra hour on New Year's Eve. Motion by Earlewine, second by Waldrop to grant the request. Aye votes: Earlewine, Waldrop, Finn and Fielder. Nay votes: Lindsay and Kidwell. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Earlewine, second by Lindsey to adopt Ordinance # 97-398: Telecommunications Infrastructure Maintenance Fee. By rollcall vote: Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Finn: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. Motion carried.

8. The Treasurer's report was given and explained. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to use "Deatherage" funds for the Village share of specification fees and installation of a handicapped ramp at Dr. Slaughter's office. All votes were aye, motion carried.

9. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to pay the bills. All votes aye, motion carried.

10. The Mayor recommended that since Christmas falls on Thursday, that employees be given Friday the 26th off with pay. Motion to do so by Earlewine, second by Fielder. All votes aye, motion carried.

11. Applications for the Street/Water/Sewer vacancy were discussed, All agreed that the Water & Sewer Committee should pick 3 to be interviewed, with the entire board participating in the interview process. The committee will meet at 4:30 P.M. on Friday December 5th.

12. Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to make all Village vehicles smoke free. All votes aye, motion carried.

13. Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to reconvene on Monday December 15th at 6 P.M. to interview the candidates selected by the Water & Sewer committee. All votes aye, motion carried.

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VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 97-3 98

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 36- TAXATION

OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS  
THIS 3rd DAY OF December, 1997

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois this 3rd Day of December, 1997.

telecommunications retailer during the time the Village imposes the Telecommunications Infrastructure Maintenance Fee. This waiver shall only be effective during the time the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee provided for in this Article is subject to being lawful imposed on the telecommunications retailer and collected by the telecommunications retailer from the customer.

(B) The Village Clerk shall send a notice of the waiver by certified mail/return receipt requested to each telecommunications retailer with whom the Village has a franchise.

(C) The Village infrastructure maintenance fee provided for in this Article shall become effective and imposed on the first day of the month not less than ninety (90) days after the Village provides written notice by certified mail to each telecommunications retailer with whom the Village has an existing franchise, license, or similar agreement that the Village waives all compensation under such existing franchise, license, or similar agreement during such time as the fee is subject to being lawfully imposed and collected by the retailer and remitted to the Village. The infrastructure maintenance fee shall apply to gross charges billed on or after the effective date as established in the preceding sentence.

Section IV. Effective Date. This Article shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 1997, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES Waldrop, Fielder, Finn, Kidwell, Earlewine & Lindsey

NAYS None

ABSENT None

ABSTENTION None

APPROVED by me this 3rd day of December, 1997

Betty Cunningham  
President of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois

ATTESTED, Filed in my office, And published in pamphlet form  
This 3rd day of December , 1997.

Jim Russell  
Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois

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ARTICLE II

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE

36-2-1 DEFINITIONS. As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (A) "Gross Charges" means the amount paid to a telecommunications retailer for the act or privilege of originating or receiving telecommunications within the Village, and for all services rendered in connection therewith, valued in money whether paid in money or otherwise, including cash, credits, services, and property of every kind or nature, and shall be determined without any deduction on account of the cost of such telecommunications, the cost of the materials used, labor or service costs, or any other expense whatsoever. In case credit is extended, the amount thereof shall be included only as and when paid. "Gross charges" for private line service shall include charges imposed at each channel point within the Village, charges for the channel mileage between each channel point within the Village, and charges for that portion of the interstate inter-office channel provided within the Village. However, "gross charges" shall not include:
- (1) any amounts added to a purchaser's bill because of a charge made under:
    - (a) the fee imposed by this Section,
    - (b) additional charges added to a purchaser's bill under Section 9-22 1 or 9-222 of the Public Utilities Act,
    - (c) amounts collected under Section 8-11-17 of the Illinois Municipal Code,
    - (d) the tax imposed by the Telecommunications Excise Tax Act,
    - (e) 911 surcharges, or
    - (f) the tax imposed by Section 4251 of the Internal Revenue Code;
  - (2) charges for a sent collect telecommunication received outside the Village;
  - (3) charges for leased time on equipment or charges for the storage of data or information or subsequent retrieval or the processing of data or information intended to change its form or content. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, the use of

calculators, computers, data processing equipment, tabulating equipment, or accounting equipment and also includes the usage of computers under a time-sharing agreement;  
(4) charges for customer equipment, including such equipment that is leased or rented by the customer from any source, wherein such charges are disaggregated and separately identified from other charges;

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(5) charges to business enterprises certified under Section 9-222.1 of the Public Utilities Act to the extent of such exemption and during the period of time specified by the Village;

(6) charges for telecommunications and all services and equipment provided in connection therewith between a parent corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries or between wholly owned subsidiaries, and only to the extent that the charges between the parent corporation and wholly owned subsidiaries or between wholly owned subsidiaries represent expense allocation between the corporations and not the generation of profit other than a regulatory required profit for the corporation rendering such services;

(7) bad debts ("bad debt" means any portion of a debt that is related to a sale at retail for which gross charges are not otherwise deductible or excludable that has become worthless or uncollectible, as determined under applicable federal income tax standards; if the portion of the debt deemed to be bad is subsequently paid, the retailer shall report and pay the tax on that portion during the reporting period in which the payment is made);

(8) charges paid by inserting coins in coin-operated telecommunications devices; or

(9) charges for telecommunications and all services and equipment provided to the Village.

(B) "Public Right-of-Way" means any municipal street, alley, water or public right-of-way dedicated or commonly used for utility purposes, including utility easements wherein the Village has acquired the right and authority to locate or permit the location of utilities consistent with telecommunications facilities. "Public Right-of-Way" shall not include any real or personal Village property that is not specifically described in the previous sentence and shall not include Village buildings and other structures or improvements, regardless of whether they are situated in the public right-of-way.

(C) "Retailer maintaining a place of business in this State", or any like term, means and includes any retailer having or maintaining within the State of Illinois, directly or by a subsidiary, an office, distribution facilities, transmission facilities, sales office, warehouse, or other place of business, or any agent or other representative operating within this State under the authority of the retailer or its subsidiary, irrespective of whether such place of business or agent or other representative is located here permanently or temporarily, or whether such retailer or subsidiary is licensed to do business in this State.

(D) "Sale of telecommunications at retail" means the transmitting, supplying, or furnishing of telecommunications and all services rendered in connection therewith for a

consideration, other than between a parent corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries or between wholly owned subsidiaries, when the gross charge made by one such corporation to another such corporation is not greater than the gross charge paid to the retailer for their use or consumption and not for sale.

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(B) "Service address" means the location of telecommunications equipment from which telecommunications services are originated or at which telecommunications services are received. If this is not a defined location, as in the case of wireless telecommunications, paging systems, maritime systems, air-to-ground systems, and the like, "service address" shall mean the location of the customer's primary use of the telecommunications equipment as defined by the location in Illinois where bills are sent.

(F) "Telecommunications" includes, but is not limited to, messages or information transmitted through use of local, toll, and wide area telephone service, channel services, telegraph services, teletypewriter service, computer exchange services, private line services, specialized mobile radio services, or any other transmission of messages or information by electronic or similar means, between or among points by wire, cable, fiber optics, laser, microwave, radio, satellite, or similar facilities. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, "telecommunications" shall also include wireless telecommunications as hereinafter defined. "Telecommunications" shall not include value-added services in which computer-processing applications are used to act on the form, content, code, and protocol of the information for purposes other than transmission. "Telecommunications" shall not include purchase of telecommunications by a telecommunications service provider for use as a component part of the service provided by him or her to the ultimate retail consumer who originates or terminates the end-to-end communications. Retailer access charges, right of access charges, charges for use of intercompany facilities, and all telecommunications service shall not be included in gross charges as sales for resale. "Telecommunications" shall not include the provision of cable services through a cable system as defined in the Cable Communications Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. Sections 521 and following) as now or hereafter amended or cable or other programming services subject to an open video system fee payable to the Village through an open video system as defined in the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (47 C.D.F. 76.1550 and following) as now or hereafter amended.

(G) "Telecommunications provider" means (1) any telecommunications retailer; and (2) any person that is not a telecommunications retailer that installs, owns, operates or controls equipment in the public right-of-way that is used or designed to be used to transmit telecommunications in any form.

(H) "Telecommunications retailer" or "retailer" or "carrier" means and includes every person engaged in the business of making sales of telecommunications at retail as defined in this Section. The Village may, in its discretion, upon application, authorize the collection of the fee hereby imposed by any retailer not maintaining a place of business within this State, who, to the satisfaction of the Village, furnishes adequate security to ensure collection and payment of the fee. When so authorized, it shall be the duty of such retailer to pay the fee upon all of the gross charges for telecommunications in the same

manner and subject to the same requirements as a retailer maintaining a place of business in the Village.

(l) "Wireless telecommunications" includes cellular mobile telephone services, personal wireless services as defined in Section 704(C) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Public Law No. 104-104), 42 U.S.C. §332(c)(7), as now or hereafter amended, including all commercial mobile radio services, and paging services.

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### 36-2-2 REGISTRATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS.

(A) Every telecommunications provider as defined by this Article shall register with the Village within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Article or becoming a telecommunications provider, whichever is later, on a form to be provided by the Village, provided, however, that any telecommunications retailer that has filed a return pursuant to 36-2-4(C) of this Article shall be deemed to have registered in accordance with this Section.

(B) Every telecommunications provider who has registered with the Village pursuant to 36-2-2(A) has an affirmative duty to submit an amended registration form or current return as required by 36-2-4(C), as the case may be, to the Village within thirty (30) days from the date of the occurrence of any changes in the information provided by the telecommunications provider in the registration form or most recent return on file with the Village.

### 36-2-3 MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE.

(A) A Village telecommunications infrastructure maintenance fee is hereby imposed upon all telecommunications retailers in the amount of one percent (1%) of all gross charges charged by the telecommunications retailers to service addresses within the Village for telecommunications originating or received in the Village.

(B) Upon the effective date of the infrastructure maintenance fee authorized in this Article, the Village infrastructure maintenance fee authorized hereunder shall be the only fee or compensation for the use of all public rights-of-way within the Village by telecommunications retailers. Imposition of the infrastructure maintenance fee provided under this Article does not, however, serve as a limitation on the levying of any taxes or imposition of any fees otherwise authorized by law.

(C) The Village telecommunications infrastructure maintenance fee authorized by this Section shall be collected, enforced, and administered as set forth in Section 36-2-4 of this Article.

### 36-2-4 COLLECTION, ENFORCEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEES.

(A) A telecommunications retailer shall charge to and collect from each customer an additional charge in an amount equal to the Village infrastructure maintenance fee attributable to that customer's service address.

(B) Unless otherwise approved by the Village Mayor the infrastructure maintenance fee shall be remitted by the telecommunications retailer to the Village not later than the last day of the month subsequent to the month in which a bill is issued to the customer; provided, however, that the telecommunications retailer may retain an amount not to exceed two percent (2%) of the Village infrastructure maintenance fee collected by it to reimburse itself for expenses incurred in accounting for and remitting the fee.

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(C) Remittance of the municipal infrastructure to the Village shall be accompanied by a return, if a form to be prescribed by the Village Mayor, which shall contain such information as the Mayor may reasonably require.

(D) Any infrastructure maintenance fee required to be collected pursuant to this Article and any such infrastructure maintenance fee collected by such telecommunications retailer shall constitute a debt owed by the telecommunications retailer to the Village. The charge imposed under 36-2-4(A) by the telecommunications retailer pursuant to this Article shall constitute a debt of the purchaser to the telecommunications retailer who provides such services until paid and, if unpaid, is recoverable at law in the same manner as the original charge for such services.

(E) If it shall appear that an amount of infrastructure maintenance fee has been paid that was not due under the provisions of this Article, whether as a result of a mistake of fact or an error of law, then such amount shall be credited against any infrastructure maintenance fee due, or to become due, under this Article, from the telecommunications retailer who made the erroneous payment; provided, however, the Mayor may request, and telecommunications retailer shall provide, written substantiation for such credit. However, no claim for such credit may be made more than three (3) years after the date of the erroneous payment unless, (1) the credit is used only to offset a claim of underpayment made by the Village within the applicable statutory period of limitations, and (2) the credit derives from an overpayment made by the same telecommunications retailer during the applicable statutory period of limitations.

(F) Amounts paid under this Article by telecommunications retailers shall not be included in the tax base under any of the following acts as described immediately below:

- (1) "gross charges" for purposes of the Telecommunications Excise Tax Act;
- (2) "gross receipts" for purposes of the municipal utility tax as prescribed in Section 8-11-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code;
- (3) "gross charges" for purposes of the municipal telecommunications tax as prescribed in Section 8-11-17 of the Illinois Municipal Code;
- (4) "gross revenue" for purposes of the tax on annual gross revenue of public utilities in Section 2-202 of the Public Utilities Act.

(G) The Village shall have the right, in its discretion, to audit the books and records of all telecommunications retailers subject to this Article to determine whether the telecommunications retailer has properly accounted to the Village for the Village

infrastructure maintenance fee. Any underpayment of the amount of the Village infrastructure maintenance fee due to the Village by the telecommunications retailer shall be paid to the Village plus five percent (5%) of the total amount of the underpayment determined in an audit, plus any costs incurred by the Village in conducting the audit, in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total amount of the underpayment determined in an audit. Said sum shall be paid to the Village within twenty-one (21) days after the date of issuance of an invoice for same.

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(H) The Mayor or a designee, may promulgate such further or additional regulations concerning the administration and enforcement of this Article consistent with its provisions, as may be required from time to time and shall notify all telecommunications retailers that are registered pursuant to 36-2-2 of this Article of such regulations.

**36-2-5 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.** Nothing in this Article shall excuse any person or entity from obligations imposed under any law, including but not limited to:

- (A) generally applicable taxes; and
- (B) standards for construction on, over, under, or within, use of or repair of the public rights-of-way, including standards relating to free standing towers and other structures upon the public rights-of-way, as provided; and
- (C) Any liability imposed for the failure to comply with such generally applicable taxes or standards governing construction on, over, under, or within, use of or repair of the public rights-of-way; and
- (D) Compliance with any ordinance or provision of this Code concerning uses or structures not located on, over, or within the right-of-way.

**36-2-6 EXISTING FRANCHISES AND LICENSES.** Any franchise, license, or similar agreements between telecommunications retailers and the Village entered into before the effective date of this Article regarding the use of public rights-of-way shall remain valid according to and for their stated terms except for any fees, charges or other compensation to the extent waived.

**36-2-7 PENALTIES.** Any telecommunications provider who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to fine in accordance with the general penalty provisions of the Village Municipal Code.

**36-2-8 ENFORCEMENT.** Nothing in this Article shall be construed as limiting any additional or further remedies that the Village may have for enforcement of this Article.

**36-2-9 SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Article is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

36-2-10 CONFLICT, This Article supersedes all Articles or parts of Articles adopted prior hereto, which are in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict. Illinois Codification Services PAGE \_\_\_\_\_

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG )

I, Jim Russell, Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees was duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this ordinance is a true and perfect copy of the ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 3rd day of December, 1997.

JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

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January 7, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 7, 1998 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

All members were present, the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk. Chief of Police Gregory Van Praag was also present.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. Under additions or deletions to the agenda, Trustee Waldrop stated that he wished to speak before we approved the minutes of the last meeting. He indicated that he felt item 4, Section B, (P3 was incorrect. The matter was discussed. The Mayor stated that

she should have waited for the motion to receive or not receive a second before stating that she would veto the motion if it passed. The Clerk handed out an explanation of why the minutes were written as they were. All agreed to be more cautious in the future. Motion by Earlewine, second by Lindsey to approve the minutes, all votes were aye, the motion carried.

3. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: (1.) The light bar is to be installed shortly.

(2.) Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to send Officer Wagner to Juvenile Schooling at Rend Lake In March. The details will be worked out later as to whether he travels back and forth or stays overnight. All votes were aye, motion carried.

(3.) Had interviewed 3 persons for a part time patrolman position, wanted to run more ads before making a decision.

(4.) still a need for a 4 drawer filing cabinet with a lock, also a 2 drawer with another locked compartment.

(5.) Discussed a \$500.00 reward concerning recent shooting of windows of merchants and breaking of police car windshield.

(6.) The county Crime Stoppers group is organizing and may request a donation, should know more after a meeting on January 14th. (7.) Motion by Lindsey second by Fielder to pay Chief Van Praag the pro rated amount of the clothing allowance for the remainder of this fiscal year: \$166.67. The Village has purchased beginning clothing for him, thus he will not receive an annual clothing allowance come May 1st. All votes were aye, the motion carried.

B. Finance: Sewer bonds were paid off today as discussed in the last meeting. Last meeting it was agreed to split the salaries of Gary Lanter, Travis Smith and Jamee Huber 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 from General, Water and Sewer. A more simplified method is to pay (approved by Tom Moore our auditor) Lanter from General, Smith from Sewer and 1-luber from Water.

The funds left in the Deatherage Memorial Funds will be added to our C.D. that has the repurchase provision. This will increase the interest rate by 1.45%. The principle amount of the Deatherage funds will be noted separately.

C. Sidewalks & Lights: (1.) All sidewalk work contracted for is done, need to paint a handicapped access ramp at Dr. Slaughters.

(2.) 2 streetlights were repair was requested haven't been fixed. (3.) Gary will be looking for "toecatcher" places in the sidewalks.

D. Building & Park: Need for a guardrail on the south side of Wisconsin Street at the Tom Cook residence.

B. Water & Sewer: No report.

F. Street & Alley: No report, siding on the side of "Still Floyds" is to fastened down.

4. Mayor's Comments:

- A. Sewer permit for the subdivision has been received.
- B. The Historical Preservation Society has requested a survey before work proceeds. Connor & Connor is taking care of this.
- C. Connor & Connor is working on plans for water lines and sewer lines.
- 5. Motion by Kidwell second by Fielder to sign the Development Agreement by and between the Village of Oblong and the Development Coordination Corporation (Jack Piper) for the T.I.F. subdivision. All votes were aye, motion carried.
- 6. It was noted that the Library will be open until 4:30 starting July 1, 1998.
- 7. Additional water lines in rural areas were discussed. One question to be answered: Additions on to existing water lines, one mile outside the village limits, or one mile from existing water lines?
- 8. The Treasurer's report was already covered in the discussion of the Finance committee report.
- 9. Motion by Lindsey second by Waldrop to pay the bills. All votes were aye the motion carried.
- 10. Trash at 406 East Kentucky was discussed, also derby cars and the need for some rock on the road to the lagoon.
- 11. Motion by Kidwell second by Lindsey to adjourn. All votes were aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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**February 4, 1998**

Preceding the regular monthly meeting Mr. Jim Wallace of the Crawford County Emergency Services Disaster Agency made a presentation.

February 4, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 4, 1998 in time Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Charles Earlewine, Bonnie Finn, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present. Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Larry Fear and Merl Littlejohn.

1. The meeting was called to order by time Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Earlewine to approve the minutes of time last meeting. All votes were aye, the notion carried.
4. Trustee Kidwell mentioned that recently Gary Lanter had performed the Heimlich maneuver on someone. Everyone commended Gary for his action.
5. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to have a special board meeting on Feb. 25th at 7 P.M. for the purpose of touring the E.S.D.A. facilities at Robinson. All votes aye, motion carried. We will meet at the site.
6. Mr. Mike Connor, engineer for the subdivision presented preliminary drawings for lots, sewer lines, water lines and streets. Several questions were answered.
7. Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to grant a request by heartland Independent Veteran's Inc. to hand out literature at the center of town at a later dale. All votes aye, motion carried.
8. Mayor's Comments:
  - A. The Village Board agreed to support House Bill 2667. The Village Attorney has drafted a letter that will be sent to our state legislators.
  - B. Copies of the agreement between the municipality and the Development Coordination Corporation for the T.I.F. project should be here tomorrow.
9. The Treasurer's report was presented and explained.
10. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to pay the bills. All votes were aye, the motion carried.
11. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: 1. A letter was received from Connie's Cut & Curl Beauty Shop requesting the removal of the handicapped parking space in front of her shop. The Chief

had talked to neighboring businesses. One wanted it left there, others made no commitment. The Chief suggested it stay there with Connie's driver being allowed 3 to 5 minutes use of the space to load and unload customers. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to do this with the Chief writing a letter to explain matters. All votes were aye, motion carried, the letter is on file.

2. The Chief had attended a conference on "Date Rape" and has information available.

3. Two Polaroid cameras have been obtained from the state, free of charge.

4. The video camera has been reinstalled in the Ford car.

5. One new application has been picked up for the part time position. Need to interview this person and Mr. Benton. A time was set at Tuesday Feb. 10th at 6 P.M.

6. Old evidence has been catalogued and needs to be destroyed. Certain restrictions apply, so it is best to give it to the State Police to destroy.

7. Businesses have been contacted to obtain 3 names and telephone numbers for emergencies. A copy of same will be given to the Sheriff's office.

8. Jon Wagner needs to get a Hepatitis shot, the village pays for it.

9. The Chevrolet car needs tires. Motion by Earlewine, second by Fielder to take the lowest bid between Neeley Oil Co. and Seifert Auto. All votes were aye, motion carried.

10. Letters to business places with coin operated amusement machines to license by May 1st are in progress.

3. Finance: Every department should be working on the budget for next year.

C. Sidewalks & Lights: One light out in front of the firehouse.

D. Building & Park: 1. The microwave recently given to us has quit. The matter was discussed briefly. Will get prices and decide something later.

2. Compensation time was mentioned. The matter will be researched to see what regulations apply.

3. Sears account has been established.

4. Rocks have been set for a guardrail across from the Tom Cook property.

5. Gary requested approval to spend \$500.00 in Park funds to build at least 8 picnic tables. Motion by Earlewine, second by Finn to do so. All votes were aye, motion carried.

6. If the lake is restocked in the Fall it will need to be "shocked" by the state at a cost to be contracted with the Village. An estimate was given.

E. Water & Sewer:

1. Crete Oil Co. was sent a letter regarding their delinquent account.

2. The transfer of deposits from rental property to another rental property has become a problem, since unpaid bills are left at the first property. Motion by Kidwell, second by Waldrop that from this date forward there will be no transfer of a deposit from one rental property to another. All votes were aye, motion carried.

3. Gary presented a map showing some possible waterline expansion north and east of the village. He requested permission to have some preliminary engineering done to see if it would be possible to proceed with the project. Motion by Fielder to honor the request, second by Kidwell. All votes were aye, motion carried.

4. Gary requested \$110.00 (half from Water, half from Sewer) for 2 persons to attend the Illinois Rural Water Association conference. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to grant the request. All votes aye, motion carried.

5. Motion by Finn, second by Earlewine to accept ownership agreements from the following residents on North 450th Street east of Oblong for a 2" water line. All votes were Aye, motion carried. W.E. Holt, Carolyn Bennett, Jerry Littlejohn, James C. Dees, Dan C. Dees, and Curtis Ross.

F. Street & Alley: No report.

12. Trustee Earlewine commented on the (not praiseworthy) service of Triax cablevision.

13. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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March 4, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 4, 1998 in the Farley Room of the Municipal building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Charles Earlewine, Bonnie Finn, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Craig Rice and Rick Holt.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

2. There was one addition to the agenda: Rick Holt.
3. Rick bit spoke about progress on the lake. Phase I is complete, fish are Lu be stocked soon, working with the Department of Natural Resources the Robinson Sportsman Club will finance this. Some figures are being brought together for Phase II, such as lighting around the lake, etc. An agreement is needed.
4. Mr. Craig Rice of Rumpke of Illinois spoke concerning the Spring Cleanup scheduled for March 31st and April 3rd. Some discussion followed and a few questions were answered.
5. Mayor's Comments: A telephone call from Jack Piper indicated that the closing on subdivision ground would be postponed for 2 to 3 weeks. A map is up in the office. A fax concerning E.S.D.A. information has not been received from Mr. Jim Wallace.
6. The Treasurer's report was presented and discussed.
7. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to pay the bills. All votes aye, motion carried.
8. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Wagner is attending schooling, Benton is at training and another possible part time applicant is in the works. The Chief's monthly report was discussed.
  - B. Finance: meeting tomorrow at 6 P.M.
  - C. Sidewalks & Lights: A place by the John Neeley residence needs some attention. Will try to get this year's projects started earlier. Not any difference in the costs between village workers doing the work and contracting out the work.
  - D. Building & Park: The committee met with Larry Lorange, Gary Lanter and Rick Holt (from the Lake Committee) to discuss the Robinson Sportsman Club stocking the lake with fish. The cost to the club would be \$1,067.50. The Lake Committee will pay the delivery fee of \$180.00. The Village will need to enter an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources. The D.N.R. then would come on a regular basis to monitor the lake. The target delivery date is March 18th. All votes favorable, the report was adopted.
  - E. Water & Sewer: Two attending schooling. Painting of the water tower was discussed.
  - F. Street & Alley: Working on budget items. Need to establish the M.F.T. amount. Motion by Earlewine, second by Kidwell to adopt Resolution 98-1: to establish the 1998 Motor Fuel Tax appropriation at \$45,000.00. All votes were aye, the motion carried.

9. Motion by Lindsey, second by Finn to extend the sequential order of the mayor pro- tem: (Currently Chairman of the Finance Committee and that committee by seniority on the board) The Mayor Pro-Tem shall extend to the remaining members of the board of trustees by seniority, in case of a tie in seniority, alphabetical order by last name. All votes aye, the motion carried. Currently the list would be: Lindsey, Fielder, Waldrop, Earlewine, Kidwell and Finn.

10. The Mayor read a newspaper clipping concerning how another town handled trash garbage piling up around a residence: Signs were placed in the yards. Different addresses were discussed that need some attention. Sparks and Sons will remove abandoned vehicles and Rumpke will remove trash for a fee.

11. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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April 1, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 1, 1998 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Charles Earlewine, Bonnie Finn, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Mr. & Mrs. David Dix, Holly Ackman for the Oblong Gem, Mrs. Debbie Dix, John Collings and Angie Carr Wilson of the Daily News.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.
2. There were no changes in the agenda.
3. Motion by Waldrop second by Fielder to approve the minutes of the March 4th meeting. All votes were aye, the motion carried.
4. The mayor read a letter from Mrs. David Dix concerning animals at her house. (On file) Mrs. Dix spoke and explained her situation: cats outside the house caged, cats inside the house, feeds one outside and stray ones that show up, all cats are fixed and the dog is gone. Discussion followed and questions were answered. Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to “grandfather in” the Dix animals at 310 East Missouri Street with the understanding that conditions be maintained as they are now. Yea votes: Waldrop, Fielder, Kidwell, Finn and Earlewine. Nay: Lindsey. Motion carried.

5. T.I.F./Subdivision update: Mineral rights are not cleared up, should be by the 17th of this month. When that is done we will have more information on the Special Service Area.
6. Information obtained from the Emergency Services Disaster Agency was discussed, specifically the siren warning system. Two are recommended for the village at a cost of approximately \$43,000. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsey to purchase one siren/speaker at a cost of approximately \$21,500, and have Mr. Jim Wallace of the E.S.D.A. to assist in determining the location for the speaker to be set. All votes were aye, motion carried. Trustees Waldrop and Kidwell will work with him.
7. Mayor's Comments:
  - A. Update on the status of the T.I.F. legislation.
  - B. Railroad light work is in progress, light should be working next week.
  - C. The lake should be stocked with fish on Ag Day, April 17th.
  - D. The Mayor told Mr. John Collings that everyone appreciated his work on the lake.
  - E. Representative Hartke had called I.D.O.T. concerning our traffic control light at the intersection of Range Street and Route 33. I.D.O.T. stated there had not been any serious wrecks there to warrant funds.
8. The Mayor stated that she would like for the trustees to consider an ordinance prohibiting open burning within the village. An alternate would have to be considered to pick up trash, limbs and what to do about burning barrels.
9. The enforcement of the inoperable vehicle ordinance will be activated.
10. Summer help was mentioned, we will hire 3 at the May meeting.
11. Reports of Committees:
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  - A. Street and Alley: Trustee Waldrop gave a report on efforts to secure a traffic control (4 way—red flashing) light at the center of town. The mail box will be moved east and a single post set there. A letter has been written to I.D.O.T. requesting their assistance concerning materials to be used and available contractors. This should serve as specifications. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to continue pursue this matter to completion. All votes aye, motion carried.
  2. Gary mentioned a Box Tiller was in the present year budget and that an extension ladder (barrowed) needs to be replaced and that we should have one of our own. The tiller is in the current budget and will be purchased. Motion by Fielder, second by Kidwell to purchase the 2 ladders. All votes aye, motion carried.
  3. The asphaltting of the rear parking lot and alley was discussed. Previously it was thought that we could use Motor Fuel Tax funds for this project. Now it is understood that we cannot. The \$6,050.00 cost will come from the General Fund .

B. Police:

1. Interviewed Scott Plummer, recommended to hire him as the 5th officer, to work a limited amount of hours. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to hire him at the regular hourly wage for part time officers. All votes aye, motion carried.
2. New law books are in the Police office.
3. Mr. Benton's training is proceeding.
4. Comments on the Chief's monthly report, speeding, and solicitors.

C. Finance: Chairman Lindsey handed out copies of the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. He went through it and requested that all members look it over so that if there any changes to be made, they can be done before it is adopted at the next meeting.

D. Sidewalks and Lights: A problem by the John Neeley residence was corrected.

E. Water & Sewer: Chairperson Fielder read a committee report recommending the elimination of the part time position in the water office April 30, 1998, and that the full time person be requested to schedule her vacation time around the "busy times" of the month. If additional help is needed during peak days, it should be obtained from an employment training service such as Western Staff Services. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to adopt this report. A11 votes were aye, motion carried.

2. Motion by Fielder second by Waldrop to sell the DitchWitch at auction, as well as some other odds & ends. All votes aye, motion carried.

F. Building & Park: 'Request from Mr. & Mrs. Tom Haley to use the park on May 2nd for the St. Jude Bike-athon. Motion by Finn, second by Lindsey to grant the request. All votes aye, the motion carried.

2. A "JULIE" meeting is to be held sometime in the near future, All agreed it would be good public relations to host it in the activity room.

3. The lake committee would like to install a 10'X 60' Parking area north of the bridge. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to grant permission to do so. All votes aye, motion carried.

4. The Fair Board wishes to install exhaust fans in the restrooms at the park, at no expense to the village. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to grant the permission. All votes aye, motion carried.

12. Condemnation of trailers at two addresses was mentioned by the mayor. We have letters from the Health Department stating that these trailers are unsafe. Letters will be sent to the owners giving them the option to fix them or move them. If the owners refuse, it will probably require court action on the part of the Village. The locations are: 407 South Lincoln and 507 South Garfield. Another trailer on East Kentucky St. owned by Mr. Randy Reynolds is to be moved by a Mr. Maxwell.

13. Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell to pay the bills. All votes Aye, motion carried.

14. Mrs. Debbie Dix thanked the board for their listening to her sister-in-law's problem and mentioned a possible source of summer help.

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE  
APRIL 1, 1998

The Water & Sewer Committee met March 4, 1998 for the purpose of discussing the part time position currently being held in the Water Office. This position was to have been utilized until May 29, 1997; which at that time it was felt the monthly water readings would be up and running and the position could be phased out.

Due to the fact that the Village has kept this position filled a significant longer period than expected, and that the monthly water readings seem to be progressing smoothly and efficiently, it is the recommendation of this committee that the part time position be eliminated at the end of the fiscal year-April 30, 1998.

We would recommend that the full time employee be requested to schedule her vacation time around the "busy times" of the month and if additional help is needed during peak days that it be obtained from an employment training service such as Western Staff Services.

Water & Sewer Committee

Teresa Felder  
Max Lindsey  
Jerry Kidwell

15. Next on the agenda was the Executive Session. Entered at 8:30 P.M.

16. Returned to regular session at 8:57 P.M.

17. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to give all employees a 20% per hour annual raise for each of the next 3 fiscal years. By roll call, all votes were aye, motion carried.

18. The mayor mentioned that Travis Smith had passed his Water Certification test.

19. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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May 6, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 6, 1998 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Keith Waldrop, Teresa Fielder, Jerry Kidwell, Bonnie Finn, Charlie Earlewine and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Jon Wagner, Creg Bilbrey (Daily News), Jason Garrard, Leah Chiddix, Dale Davis, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Bill Cox, Craig Rice and Reva Myers (Rumpke) and Mike Ho from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

1. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7 P.M.
2. One change was made in the agenda: the executive session was moved ahead of the reports of committees.
3. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to approve the minutes of the April 1st and 3rd meetings. All votes were aye, motion carried.
4. Mr. Mike Ho from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources addressed the board concerning the agreement about stocking the lake and maintaining it. His department will monitor the lake on an annual basis and inform the village of what restrictions apply. A signed copy of the agreement will be returned and placed on file. Motion by Earlewine, second by Fielder to enter into the agreement. All votes aye, motion carried.
5. Entered executive session at 7:18 P.M. Returned to regular session at 8:08 P.M.
6. Motion by Lindsey, second by Earlewine to hire Nathan McSchooler, Wayne Davis and Gabriel Madlem for part time summer help (basically June, July and August) at minimum wage (\$5.15 per hour). All votes were aye, motion carried.
7. Jamee Huber has completed his 6 month probationary period.) Motion by Kidwell second by Waldrop to place Mr. Huber on permanent employment with a 1.5~ raise in pay. All votes were aye, motion carried.

8. Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to accept the resignation of Officer Jon Wagner, effective immediately. He will be paid through the 15th of May plus one week vacation time, and is required to pay back the \$500.00 clothing allowance given on May 1st. He is required to turn in equipment as deemed necessary by Chief Van Praag. All votes aye, motion carried.

9. Mr. Craig Rice from Rumpke spoke. He stated there would not be an increase in pickup fees for the upcoming year and that the paperwork for renewing the contract would be arriving shortly.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Water and Sewer: The Water and Sewer Committee (Teresa Fielder, Max Lindsey and Jerry Kidwell) met April 2, 1998 at the request of Gary Lanter to discuss the situation of the part-time water office position, which is to be eliminated on April 30, 1998. Others present at the meeting besides those listed were Mayor Cunningham and Dale Davis. After much discussion, the following options were discussed, which we would like to bring before the Board for approval:

1. It was unanimously decided upon to bring the monthly water readings up to a current date status. This will mean that the customer's bill will reflect their water usage for the month prior to receiving the bill. At this point in time, water bills are reflecting usage from 2 months prior. The billing dates will remain the same, and the cost of the "lost month" in updating the computer system to a current usage status, will be a cost absorbed by the Village.

2. To alleviate problems with customer service boxes, it was decided that the Village should do away with bank drop boxes. Payments must be brought into the Water Office or be mailed directly.

3. It was decided upon to utilize Leah Chiddix to help Dale Davis in the Water Office on an "as needed" basis. Dale will decide the hours and days in which she will need Leah to work. The times Leah is not working in the Water Office she will resume her custodial duties.

4. Would like to have Jason Garrard be shown further areas in the Water Office work so that during Dale's vacation time and sick leave, Jason and Leah will be responsible for and be able to handle the work load in the Water Office.

5. Suggest that Dale Davis be given an increase in pay of \$1.00. At present she is making \$7.49 and now will be making \$8.49. Her hours, at her request, will be from 8 to 4 P.M., with an hour for lunch. Motion by Fielder to adopt this report. All votes aye, motion carried. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to discontinue the collection of C.I.P.S. bills as of June 1st, with a notice being placed in the papers to that effect. All votes aye, motion carried. Dale will be working 8 hours a day until this service is discontinued.

B. Building and Park: Bobby Tracy who waxes the floors wants a different brand of wax. It is lower in price and all agreed to have him get it.

2. After some discussion it was agreed that signs should be placed and a notice placed in the papers that no large fish should be thrown in the lake.

3. Agreed to check on Growth Retarder for grass in the park, etc.

4. Motion by Earlewine, second by Kidwell to purchase grass seed from the Park fund for the areas around the lake. All votes aye, motion carried. Some labor should be donated by the lake committee.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Still a light out at Missouri and Adams Street.

D. Street and Alley: Should be receiving some paperwork on the traffic light shortly.

E. Police:

1. Mr. Benton will be completing his firearms training on May 10th.

2. Memorial services to be held at the Court House on May 15th.

3. Spring Fest shirts and caps are here and will be worn at the Spring Fest by all on duty officers.

4. The mayor commended the Police Chief and department on their work and communications with other departments. Chief Van Praag responded stating it takes all persons working together.

F. Finance: Budget corrections were explained and totals given.

11. Motion by Waldrop, second by Kidwell to approve the budget. All votes aye, motion carried.

12. Motion by Fielder, second by Earlewine to take \$60,000 out of C.D. II 359902772104 when it comes due on June 20, 1998. This money will be used as follows: \$16,000.00 for the traffic light, \$22,000.00 for a new police car and \$22,000 for the Emergency Warning System. All votes were aye, motion carried.

13. Mayor's Comments included:

1. Connie Stephenson mobile home permitted granted.

2. Mobile home permit denied at 601 E. KY: lot does not meet 7,000 sq. ft.

3. Several cars moved out from Dr. Szigethy's and on South Lincoln the trailer is to go.

4. Motion by Kidwell, second by Earlewine to pay dues to Chamber of Commerce and adopt the following resolution, #98-2: Be it resolved that the Oblong Village Board

of Trustees commend the Oblong Chamber of Commerce for establishing the Spring Fest event and wish them much success this weekend. All votes aye, motion carried.

14. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to adopt Ordinance # 98-399: It shall be illegal for any person to mine for minerals, including but not limited to the drilling or construct of oil or gas wells, in the Village limits. By roll call vote, the votes were: Waldrop: Aye, Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Finn: Aye, Earlewine: Aye and Lindsey: Aye. All votes aye, motion carried.

15. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to pay the bills, all votes aye, motion carried.

16. There was some discussion about the need for stop signs on East Kentucky Street at South Taylor. The Police will monitor this area, to see if we need to take further action.

17. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to adjourn. All votes were aye, the notion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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May 6, 1998

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 98-399

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27- OFFENSES OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES

FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, 1998

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois this 6th day of May, 1998.

ORDINANCE NO. 98~399

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27 - OFFENSES OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The following exhibit shall amend Chapter 27 - Offenses of the "Revised Code of Ordinances" of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois shall be as follows:

(SEE EXHIBIT "A" FOLLOWING)

SECTION 2: Severability of Provisions. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 4: Passed this 6th day of May, 1998 by the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, and deposit and filed in ~p office of the Village Clerk in said Village on that date.

JIM RUSSELL VILLAGE CLERK OBL NG, ILLINOIS

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	CONFLICT
C. Earlewine	X				
J. Kidwell	X				
T. Fielder	X				
K. Waldrop	X				
M. Lindsey	X				
B. Finn	X				

Approved by the Village President of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 6th day of May, 1998.

BETTY CUNNINGHAM VILLAGE PRESIDENT OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

JIM RUSSELL VILLAGE CLERK OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

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EXHIBIT "A"

27-2-30 MINING OF MINERALS ILLEGAL.

It shall be illegal for any person to mine for minerals, including but not limited to the drilling or construct of oil or gas wells, in the Village limits. (See Section 25-1-1 for regulations pertaining to existing wells.)

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG )

I, Jim Russell, Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees was duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this ordinance is a true and perfect copy of the ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 6th day of May, 1998.

JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

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June 3, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 3, 1998 in the Farley

Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Keith Waldrop, Teresa Fielder, Jerry Kidwell, Bonnie Finn, Charlie Earlewine and Max Lindsey. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Lee Beckman of Connor and Connor, Linda Cravens of the Oblong Gem, Richard Williams and James Sherwood of the Daily News.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.  
of the May meeting
3. Motion to amend the minutes of the May meeting by Fielder, second by Waldrop to change figures in #10, A, Section 5 to read: At present she (Dale Davis) is making \$8.05 and now will be making \$9.45 per hour. All votes aye, motion carried. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsey to approve the minutes as amended. All votes aye, motion carried.
4. Lee Beckman of Connor & Connor addressed the board regarding the North Range Street water line extension installed last fall. Work is now completed and the remaining 5% of the bid price should be paid to Munson Construction. The amount is \$2,277.08, however there was a charge of \$44.88 against this for a water heater element and installation, leaving a balance due of \$2,232.20. Mr. Beckman also spoke about a further extension of this line. This was referred to the Water & Sewer Committee to bring a report next month.
5. Mayor's Comments:
  - A. Railroad work is done, need to send a letter to the I.C.C. Request for a sidewalk at South Grant Street.
  - B. Window in Activity Room is steaming up, replacement cost would be \$299.00
  - C. Motor Fuel Tax Audit completed: Everything is "A—OK".
  - D. The Library has moved out, building committee needs to decide how best to utilize the vacant space.
  - E. We have a new FAX machine, the previous one belonged to the library.
  - F. The Village now has a Sam's Club card. Individuals can get a personal card for \$15.00.
  - G. There is a need to change the keys in the building. Chester's Lock Shop left a bid of \$1,300.50. Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to pursue this matter. All votes aye, motion carried.
  - H. Jon Wagner had applied for unemployment, the matter is pending.
  - I. The Village received a check from the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee.
  - J. The closing of the land transaction for the T.I.F. ground should be 6/8/98.
  - K. Application for a mobile home permit from Joyce Madlem at 106 East Texas St. Motion by Fielder, second by to approve it, all votes aye, motion carried.

L. Information of the tornado siren was presented, motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to sign the purchase order and get the item ordered. All votes aye, motion carried.

M. The Mayor will be out of town June 28 to July 8, Trustee Lindsey is Mayor Pro—Tem.

N. Some of Dr. Szigethy's lots are being cleaned up—somewhat.

O. An individual is to come in and discuss the possibility of a soda machine being installed somewhere in the building.

6. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to pay the bills. All votes aye, motion carried.

7. Treasurer's Report: The new police car will be paid for out of the General Fund and the money transferred back from a C.D. that is due on June 20th. The Audit has been completed, waiting for a report. The payroll package is being installed on the computer.

8. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: The new car will be here on the 10th, price is \$19,725.00. Accessories bring the total close to \$22,000.00. Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to hire James Benton full time, annual salary of \$19,000.00 until he completes the academy, at that time increased to \$19,500.00, 6 months later increased to \$20,000.00.

Motion by Waldrop, second by Earlewine to hire Troy Erton as a part time patrolman at \$8.50 per hour, plus expenses for Fire Arms Schooling. After 6 months his rate will go to \$9.06. All votes aye, motion carried.

Chief Van Praag explained that the older police car will be kept for a travel vehicle and a backup also.

B. Sidewalk & Lights: Looking at several feet on South Adams, railroad crossing at South Grant, South Range across from the Municipal Building, East Main on the south side from Range to the Stitchery.

C. Water and Sewer: Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell submit for bids the plans for the water line extension north and east of Oblong. All votes aye, motion carried.

Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell to grant Jamie Huber a 10% salary increase as his probation time of 6 months is completed. All votes aye, motion carried.

D. Building & Park: Motion by Finn, second by Fielder to allow the Oblong Tractor and Engine Association to use the city park for their show August 7—9, 1998. All votes aye, motion carried.

The building on the stage in front of the grandstand was discussed. Different organizations in the community have expressed a desire to see it improved. Chairwoman Finn had a price of \$3,000 to \$3,400 from Holt Buildings in Newton to cover the present building. A portable stage was discussed also. Trustees Finn and Kidwell volunteered to be committee members to work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Fair Board to reach a consensus on this matter.

Walks are going in around the memorial wall for the lake.

- E. Street & Alley: Chairman Earlewine stated that he had received several positive comments on the railroad crossings. Others stated they had also.
- F. Finance: A C.D. comes due on 6/20, and one on 7/16. Waiting for the Audit report.
- 9. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to adopt Ordinance #98-400, the Prevailing Wage for the current Fiscal Year. By roll call, all votes were aye, motion carried.
- 10. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to adopt Resolution #98-2: The Treasurer is the Deputy Clerk for the current Fiscal Year. All votes aye, motion carried.
- 11. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to adopt Resolution #98-3: to accept and approve the plat of Park Meadow Subdivision, Phase I, contingent upon the proprietor's of Park Meadow Subdivision, Phase I closing of the title transfer of the land to him and upon his final submittal of the plat of Park Meadow Subdivision, Phase I. All votes aye, motion carried.
- 12. Nothing has been received from I.D.O.T. about the 4-way flashing light.
- 13. The Mayor mentioned that different computer programs for water billing were available from the Illinois Municipal League and that other companies were willing to come and demonstrate their wares.
- 14. Trustee Finn had a list of "trash spots" in town. These were discussed, with some already receiving attention.
- 15. Trustee Earlewine stated that he had sold his home and would be moving out of the village and therefore must resign his position. He expressed his thanks to everyone for their cooperation. Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell to accept his resignation effective at the close of the meeting. All votes aye, motion carried.
- 16. Motion by Lindsey second by Fielder to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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June 3, 1998

RESOLUTION 98—3 — FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PARK MEADOW  
SUBDIVISION, PHASE I

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois that the plat of PARK MEADOW SUBDIVISION, PHASE I is approved and accepted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, State of Illinois,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, State of Illinois shall sign the plat of PARK MEADOW SUBDIVISION, PHASE I noting the acceptance of said plat.

I JIM RUSSELL, Clerk in and for the Village of Oblong, County of Crawford, State of Illinois hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Board of Trustees at a meeting June 3, 1998.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June A.D. 1998.

Village Clerk  
(SEAL)

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June 3, 1998

ORDINANCE No. 98—400

WHEREAS the State of Illinois has enacted “An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works.” approved June 26, 1941 , codified as amended, 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq. (1993). formerly Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch.. 48, par. 39s- 1 et seq. and

WHEREAS the aforesaid Act requires that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as

defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of said Village of Oblong, Crawford County employed in performing construction of public works, for said Village of Oblong.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG:

SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Village of Oblong is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Crawford County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June of the current year, a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department's June determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by the Village of Oblong. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance which are also used in aforesaid Act shall be the same as in said Act.

SECTION 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works construction of the Village of Oblong to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.

SECTION 3: The Oblong Village Clerk shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the Village of Oblong this determination or any revisions of such prevailing rate of wage. A copy of this determination or of the current revised determination of prevailing rate of wages then in effect shall be attached to all contract specifications.

SECTION 4: The Oblong Village Clerk shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.

SECTION 5: The Clerk of the Village of Oblong shall promptly file a certified copy of this Ordinance with both the Secretary of State Index Division and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 6: Clerk of the Village of Oblong shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this Ordinance, effective and that this is the determination of this public body.

PASSED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF June, 1998

A P P R O V E D: Mayor, Village of Oblong

SEAL

ATTEST:  
Village Clerk

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July 1, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 1, 1998 in the Fancy Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Keith Waldrop, Teresa Fielder, Bonnie Finn and Max Lindsey. The Treasurer and Clerk. Absent: The Mayor and Jerry Kidwell.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Officers Bill Rutan and Ken Pryor of the Robinson Police Department, Deputy Eric Lackey from the Sheriff's Dept. Tom Moore of Kemper C.P.A. Group, Gary Lanter, Wanda Lanter, David Krick, Max Hosier, Randy Rich, Merl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Leah Chiddix, Dale Davis, Mary Middleton, Lois Hosier, Susie Tracy, Kelly Tracy, Avonelle Purcell, Larry Lorance and Linda Cravens.

1. In the absence of Mayor Cunningham, Mayor Pro-Tem Max Lindsey called the meeting to order at 7:05.
2. There were 2 additions to the agenda: The decision to be made on any office moves within the building was tabled until next month (some discussion followed) and Merl Littlejohn who spoke against doing away with all burning (some discussion followed), the clerk having input to the board, the board being one member short and the T.I.F. ground needing mowed.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to approve the minutes of the June 3rd meeting. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
4. Mr. Tom Moore spoke briefly about the annual audit. The Village is in good financial condition.
5. Chief Van Praag spoke for the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #122 requesting \$2,500.00 from the Village for funds to complete the county firing range. After a detailed explanation of the advantages of the range, there was a motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to grant the funds. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
6. Motion by Fielder, second by Finn to pay the bills. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

7. The Treasurer's report was presented and explained.
8. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to adopt Ordinance # 98-401 - Rural Expansion # 1 - establishing rates and fees for this expansion. By roll call, the votes were: Waldrop, yea; Fielder, yea; Finn, yea; and Lindsey, yea. All votes were aye, motion carried.
9. After some brief discussion there was a motion by Fielder, second by Finn that the FAX machine be available for building use only. yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
10. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police - The new police car should be on the streets by fair time. Mr. Erton has completed his training. Monthly report given to each trustee.
  - B. Sidewalk & Lights: Bids were opened for sidewalk repairs. Consolidated Concrete Construction's bid was rejected (\$15,206). David Krick's bid of \$14,000 was accepted by a motion by Finn, second by Fielder. All votes aye, motion carried.
  - C. Building & Park: The shrubs around the building need trimmed. Motion by Finn, second by Fielder to see if Jerry Kidwell would do it. If not then to see Larry & Lois Smith. All votes aye, motion carried. A bid has been received from Holt's Pole Barn Builders on a new building for the bandstand at the park. Other bids will be sought and a meeting with the Fair Board and the Chamber of Commerce and perhaps other organizations. Increased electric needs to be considered, and signs were mentioned for the park.
  - D. Water & Sewer: Motion by Waldrop second by Fielder to purchase a \$50,000.00 bond on Dale Davis as Water Office Manager. All votes aye, motion carried. This will be purchased from Country Companies, the same company who holds the bond on our Treasurer.
  - E. Street & Alley: Opened bid on the flashing light for the center of town. Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to accept the bid of \$8,510.00 from Moore Construction of Effingham. All votes aye, motion carried.
  - F. Finance: Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to grant a 5% pay increase to Chief Van Praag, as his 6 months probation period is completed, effective July 1, 1998. All votes aye, motion carried.  
Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to combine C.D. # 359902772104 for approximately \$82,500.00 and #40091 for \$89,685.01 for 6.02% at First National Bank. 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. This is for the balance of the month, and then will automatically renew.
11. Some inquiries were made on the progress of the tornado siren.

12. Motion by Fielder second by Finn to adjourn, all votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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**July 1, 1998**

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 98-40 1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, DIVISION II OF  
CHAPTER 38- UTILITIES OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1998

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village President and the Village  
Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois this 1st day of  
July, 1998.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-401

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 - UTILITIES OF THE REVISED  
CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
THAT:

SECTION 1: The following exhibit shall amend Chapter 38 - Utilities of the "Revised  
Code of Ordinances" of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois shall be as  
follows:

[SEE EXHIBIT "A" FOLLOWING]

SECTION 2: Severability of Provisions. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 4: Passed this 1st day of July, 1998 by the Village President and the Village Board

of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, and deposited and filed in the office of the Village Clerk in said Village on that date. 7//1

JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	CONFLICT
C. Earlewine	Resigned June 3rd				
J. Kidwell			X		
T. Fielder X					
K. Waldrop X					
M. Lindsey X					
B. Finn X					

Approved by the Village President of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 1st day of July, 1998.

BETTY CUNNINGHAM  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:  
JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS  
(SEAL)

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EXHIBIT "A"  
DIVISION II - WATER RATES

38-44 CHARGE FOR DISCONTINUING SERVICE. If water is temporarily shut off at the request of the user, a charge of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be made for such service.

38-4-5 COST OF TAP AND WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS. The Village shall furnish all labor necessary to construct a five-eighths (5/8) inch or three-fourths (3/4) inch tap-in connection from the water main to the applicant's property line. For all regular service connections, the applicant shall pay a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) tap-in fee, plus the cost of all necessary materials.

The tap-in fee for all tap-ins for service connections outside the corporate limits shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), plus the cost of all materials.

All water tap and service connections made to the mains of the Waterworks System of the Village shall conform to the regulations of this Code and of the Illinois Plumbing Code.

(Ord. No. 98-401; 07-01-98)

38-4-6 WATER RATES. The following shall be for the rates for the water supplied by the Waterworks System of the Village computed and payable monthly (billing computed on monthly basis after amount due determined bi-monthly - for the convenience of the customer):

(A) INSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS.

First	2,000 gallons per month	\$11.50 MINIMUM CHARGE
Next	1,000 gallons per month	3.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next	7,000 gallons per month	3.25 per 1,000 gallons
Next	15,000 gallons per month	2.60 per 1,000 gallons
Over	25,000 gallons per month	2.00 per 1,000 gallons

(B) RURAL EXPANSION NO. 1.

First	2,000 gallons per month	\$21.40 MINIMUM CHARGE
Next	1,000 gallons per month	3.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next	7,000 gallons per month	3.25 per 1,000 gallons
Next	15,000 gallons per month	2.60 per 1,000 gallons
Over	25,000 gallons per month	2.00 per 1,000 gallons

(Ord. No. 98-401; 07-01-98)

38-4-7 - 38-4-9 RESERVED.

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS )

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

VILLAGE OF OBLONG )

I, Jim Russell, Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees was duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this ordinance is a true and perfect copy of the

ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 1st day of July, 1998.

JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

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August 5, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 5, 1998.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Bonnie Finn, Jerry Kidwell and Teresa Fielder. Absent: Keith Waldrop.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Mary Middleton, Avonelle Purcell, Leah Chiddix, Wanda Lanter, Dale Davis, Liz Garrett, Max & Lois Rosier, Bette Lindsey, Merl Littlejohn, Treva Beals, Linda Cravens, and James Sherwood.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock.
2. One addition was made to the agenda: Postmaster Treva Beals.
3. A slight wording change was suggested in the July minutes, then a motion was made by Fielder, second by Finn to approve the amended minutes. All votes aye, motion carried.
4. Postmaster Treva Beals requested permission to move a relay drop box to the corner of North Wilson and West Iowa Street. After a brief discussion of the matter, the Mayor suggested that she and Gary Lanter meet to work out details of the exact location.
5. The Mayor Commented on the following matters;
  - A. The new county organization for economic growth and development had sent an information package. The new organization will be called the Crawford County

Economic Development Board. There will be 18 members on the board, 10 permanent and 8 at large. Funding is as follows: County Board: \$40,000.00, City of Robinson: \$25,000.00, Palestine, Flat Rock, Hutsonville and Oblong at \$3.00 per capita. Our population is 1,616, so this would be \$4,848.00. This is an annual fee, and the group is requesting a 3 year commitment. Motion by Kidwell, second by Finn to make this commitment. All votes aye, motion carried.

B. Thanked Trustee Lindsey for serving as Mayor Pro-Tem while she was out of town and "out of commission" with surgery, jo Tie. A/ext EleeZc'c

C. Recommended Ed Mehler to ~~fill out the term~~ seat of Charles Earlewine to the next election (expires 4/1999) Motion by Fielder, second by Kidwell to approve this appointment. All votes aye, motion carried.

D. Mr. Piper now owns the T.I.F. land. The bond attorney is waiting to hear from him to know how to proceed.

B. The tornado siren is to be delivered on or before August 10th, to Marathon and they will help install it. Fire Chief Phil Mendenhall will also assist.

#### 6. Reports of Committees:

A. Building and Park: Chairwoman Finn submitted the following written report: The Building Committee, consisting of Bonnie Finn & Teresa Fielder, met Monday July 27, 1998 to discuss utilizing the space in the Municipal Building vacated by the library. It is this committee's request to the Village Board that:

A. The Village Clerk and Treasurer be moved to the former Library room, and that they be able to purchase office furniture needed for their computer system/records/etc.

B. That telephone connections be made so that lines may be used between the Clerk, Treasurer and the Mayor.

C. That the Mayor retain the Mayor's office for her personal office.

D. That the door of the Mayor's office be moved back, allowing access to the locked fireproof closet by the Clerk and Treasurer, without having to go through the Mayor's office.

B. The Township Office, Water Office, Police Office and Village Board meeting room all remain where they are at present.

With the verification of office assignments we can proceed with the issuance of new keys for new locks being made.

Motion by Finn, second by Lindsey to adopt this report. All votes aye, motion carried, Key needs were discussed briefly. A suggestion concerning a resoultion dealing with the board meeting room was made. It was agreed to clean the carpet in the old library room before any move is made.

The Gem City club agreement has expired. Since they are a non—profit group a motion was made by Finn, second by Lindsey to allow them to meet free of charge once a month. All votes aye, motion carried.

There was a problem with the air conditioner drain upstairs, the problem is corrected, a bill will be due.

PARK: A request was made by the Fire Department to use the park on October 10th for an Emergency Services Expo. Motion by Finn, second by Lindsey to grant the request. All votes aye, motion carried.

Trustee Finn also reported on a Tourism meeting and the possibility of available funds (ISTEA) for “bicycle trails” around the edge of the lake.

A new sign for the lake was discussed. The Lake Committee will pay one half of the cost (\$605.00) if the Village would pay the other half. Motion by Finn, second by Fielder to do so. All votes aye, motion carried.

B. Police: The security cage and screen for the new car is here. The C.O.P.S. grant is back in force. The inventory report for the IL Municipal League (insurance) is completed. Signs are ordered for “school is open”.

C. Sidewalks & Lights: Work on South Adams is completed except for minor landscaping. Brief discussion on sidewalk crossing at the railroad on South Adams. Indiana Railroad will be contacted.

D. Street & Alley: No report. Question about the alley west of Check Mart if they expand their parking lot westward.

E. Water & Sewer: Bids were opened this afternoon on the rural expansion #1 water line. The bids were as follows:

Prairieland Construction: \$84, 706.00

David Krick: 36,001.40

Munson Construction: 32,085.00

Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to accept the bid of Munson Construction.

By rollcall vote all votes were aye, motion carried.

Manhole rehabilitation at the lagoon is completed by a resin process.

F. Finance: Starting August 14th, the payroll will be every other Friday. This make 26 pays in a fiscal year instead of 24.

7. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to pay the bills. All votes aye, motion carried.

8. The Treasurer’s report was presented. The Annual Report will be published shortly.

9. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to adopt Ordinance # 98-402, the Tax Appropriation for fiscal 1998—1999. By rollcall vote: Fielder: Aye, Kidwell: Aye, Finn: aye and Lindsey: aye. Absent: Waldrop, one vacancy.

10. Other items of business: Possibly contact the County Board Chairman to see what their status is on completing a paved road straight south of Oblong completely to Route 50. Question about the Oil Field Museum, who owns what etc.

11. Treva Beals stated that the Habitat for Humanity was looking for a lot in Oblong.

12. Motion by Lindsey second by Fielder to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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August 5, 1998

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 98-402

An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1998 and ending April 30, 1999.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That the amount hereinafter set forthe, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the municipality be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1998 and ending April 30, 199~9.

SECTION 2: That the appropriation herein made for any purpose shall be regarded as the maximum amounts to be expended under the respective appropriation accounts and shall not be construed as a commitment, agreement, obligation or liability of the Village of Oblong, and such appropriation being subject to further approval as to expenditure thereof by the Village Board.

SECTION 3: That the amount appropriated for each object and purpose shall be as follows:

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

LAW ENFORCEMENT

GENERAL FUND # 1

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 55,000.00  
\$55,000.00

CONTRACTUAL, SERVICES

INSURANCE AND BONDS 8,000.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 0  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 900.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 2,200.00  
RADIO FEES 3,500.00  
CLOTHING EXPENSE 1,700.00  
\$16,300.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 2,750.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 5,000.00  
OFFICE EXPENSES 350.00  
\$8,100.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT \$25,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

OTHER EXPENSES \$1,000.00

TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

GENERAL FUND # 1 \$105,400.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

STREET AND ALLEY

GENERAL FUND # 2

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 36,500.00

- \$36,500.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

PUBLICATIONS AND DUES 100.00  
UTILITIES 13,000.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 4,000.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 8,000.00  
SIDEWALKS 11,000.00  
DRUGS, NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOL TESTING 600.00  
\$36,700.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 5,000.00  
CAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 6,500.00  
\$11,500.00

CAPITAL. OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 32,200.00  
\$32,200.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE 2,800.00  
\$2,800.00.

TOTAL STREET AND ALLEY

GENERAL FUND # 2 \$119,700.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

GENERAL FUND //3

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 50,000.00  
\$50,000.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

INSURANCE AND BONDS 10,000.00  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 10,000.00

CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 6,000.00  
UTILITIES 2,400.00  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 1,200.00  
EDUCATION & TRAINING 1,800.00  
DOG CATCHER 600.00  
\$32,000.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 4,000.00  
OFFICE EXPENSES 3,000.00  
\$7,000.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
EQUIPMENT 1,500.00  
OTRER EXPENDITURES 1,500.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND # 3 \$92,000.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

WATER FUND

PERSONNEL  
SALARIES AND WAGES 60,000.00  
\$60,000.00

CONTRACTUAL, SERVICES  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 6,500.00  
INSURANCE 12,000.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 1,000.00  
ENGINEERING 12,000.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 17,000.00  
WATER PURCHASE 163,000.00  
UTILITIES 6,000.00  
PROFESSIONAL FEES 5,000.00  
PUBLICATIONS AND DUES 600.00  
\$223, 100.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 20,000.00  
OFFICE EXPENSE 8,000.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 5,000.00

\$33,000.05

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 39,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE . 600.00

MISCELLANEOUS . 1,900.00

RENT 5,000.00

\$7,500.00

TOTAL WATER FUND \$362,600.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

SEWER FUND

PERSONNEL.

SALARIES AND WAGES 30,000.00

30,000. 00

CONTRACTUAL, SERVICES

CONTRACTOR EXPENSES 5,000.00

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 400.00

INSURANCE 7,000.00

UTILITIES 3,500.00

PROFESSIONAL FEES 1,600.00

ENGINEER FEES 1,500.00

MAJOR PROJECTS 3,500.00

PUBLICATIONS AND DUES 250.00

22,750.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 21,000.00

GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 750.00

OFFICE EXPENSE 1,000.00

22,750.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 10,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 500.00  
MISCELLANEOUS 1,000.00  
RENT 500.00  
2,000.00

TOTAL SEWER FUND \$87,500.00

PARK FUND AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

UTILITIES 3,000.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 600.00  
3,600.00

COMMODITIES

GAS AND OIL 1,000.00  
SUPPLIES 1,800.00  
2,800.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 3,500.00  
OTHER EXPENSES 100.00

TOTAL PARK FUND \$10,000.00

APPORPRIATION SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30,1999

LAW ENFORCEMENT (GENERAL # 1) 105,400.00  
STREET AND ALLEY (GENERAL # 2) 119,700.00  
GENERAL FUND # 3 92,000.00  
WATER FUND 362,600.00  
SEWER FUND 87,500.00  
PARK FUND 10,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$777,200.00

SECTION 4; That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That a Certified Copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after, Its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 1998, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois.

AYES: Teresa Fielder, Jerry Kidwell, Bonnie Finn and Max Lindsey

NAYES; None

ABSENT; Keith Waldrop one vacancy

APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1998.  
BETTY CUNNINGHAM, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: JIM RUSSELL, VILLAGE CLERK

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September 2, 1998

Preceding the meeting Mr. Edward Mehler was sworn in as a member of the Village Board of Trustees.

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 2, 1998.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Ed Mehler, Bonnie Finn, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Leah Chiddix, Dale Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Mikeworth, Bette Lindsey, Linda Cravens and Brian Ebers.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 P.M.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to amend the August 5th minutes (item 5—C) to read: to fill the seat of Charles Earlewine until the next election: 4/99. All votes aye, motion carried.
4. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to approve the minutes as amended. All votes aye, motion carried.
5. Mayor's comments:
  - A. Any salary increase for elected officials must be fixed 180 days preceding the term (April election) of those persons for whom the salary is being set.
  - B. Chamber of Commerce dues are due. Motion by Kidwell, second by Waldrop to pay pay the dues.
  - C. A trailer on the Stacey Gullett property is in violation of the village ordinance. The Mayor had told her earlier that she could not move it there. Someone else told her she could. The Mayor went to the property and talked to Mrs. Cullett. The Mayor apologized for being rude, but not for being irate.
6. Chief Van Praag presented some information about Jimmie Soules who operates a bird control service in Decatur. He had spent a day in Oblong looking at our bird problem. Some discussion followed. The Mayor and Chief will contact him for more information concerning length of effectiveness and the cost involved.
7. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adopt ordinance # 98-403, the Tax Levy. By rollcall vote the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Lindsey, Mehler, Finn, Kidwell, Fielder and Waldrop. No nays, all votes aye, motion carried.
8. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to pay the bills. All votes aye, motion carried.
9. The Treasurer presented her report. The low funds in the sewer account were discussed. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to withhold the interfund loan from sewer to the general account for 2 months. All votes aye, motion carried.
10. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: James Benton will be going to the Police Academy on September 13th. Firearms training will be given at the new range on September 18th. The second squad car has decals to match the new car.
  - B. Building & Park: Reservations for the shelter at the park were discussed. Holts has withdrawn their bid on the grandstand. The new keys are in service.
  - C. Sidewalks & Lights: Sidewalk work is basically done. One stretch at North Grant and East Wisconsin needs done. Randy Rich (property owner) has offered to do the labor

if the village would pay for the materials for 170 feet of walk 4 feet wide. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to do so. All votes aye, motion carried.

D. Street & Alley: A light is out by the Howard Molt residence. A request for a stop sign at South Taylor and East Kentucky streets. MFT street work is basically completed. A new Day Care center is to be built on West Missouri Street. A new building is to be constructed behind Harmons. The Village Stitchery has moved and remodeled their storefront. The library will hold open house on September 26th, and we have a new C.P.A. in town.

E. Water & Sewer: work on the rural water line northeast of town began on August 31st.

F. Finance: No report.

11. Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell to adopt Resolution # 98-3: the parade permit request for the Homecoming parade on October 2nd. All votes aye, motion carried.

12. Motion by Fielder, second by Finn to adopt Resolution # 98-4: the parade permit request for the Fall Follies parade on October 31st. All votes aye, motion carried.

13. Motion by Finn, second by Kidwell to adopt Resolution # 98-5: Trick or Treat night in the Village of Oblong shall be Friday night October 30th from 6 to 9 P.M. for those under 12 years of age, calling only at a residence where the porch light is on. All votes aye.

14. Some additional notes:

A. The Mayor commented on the dedication wall at the lake.

B. The contract for the flashing light has been sent to Moore, Inc.

C. Meetings for the Fall Follies are being held and plans are progressing.

D. Part of the warning siren is at Marathon being programmed.

B. The Development agreement for the T. I. F. ground has been sent to our Bond Counsel for review.

F. Letters have been sent to property owners regarding ordinance violations due to weeds, trash and etc.

15. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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September 2, 1998

ORDINANCE NO. 98-403

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY THE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Oblong, Illinois

ANNUAL TAX LEVY  
For The VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
1998-99

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 98-403

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, in the County of Crawford and the State of Illinois, did on the 5th day of August A.D. 1998, pass the Annual Appropriation Bill for the Village for the fiscal year beginning the first day of May A.D. 1998 and ending the 30th day of April Ad). 1999, the amount ascertained to be the aggregate pamphlet form on the 5th day of August, 1998.

NOW THEREFORE:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE  
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR:

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois:

Section 1: That there be and is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for general corporate purposes of said Village for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 1998, the sum of

Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$777,200.00) as follows:

Items of Appropriation and Levy	Appropriated	Levied
FOR GENERAL PURPOSES	\$211,700.00	\$26,800.00

FOR MAINTENANCE OF SEWAGE PLANT		
(voted by the people)	13,500.00	6,000.00

FOR MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE PARK  
(voted by the people) 10,000.00 6,000.00

FOR POLICE PROTECTION  
(Petitioned by the people and passed by the Village Board of Trustees,  
A.D. September 5, 1970.) 105,400.00 6,000.00

FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF SEWER SYSTEM 74,000.00

FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF WATER SYSTEM 362,600.00

Respective Totals of Appropriation and Levy \$777,200.00 \$93,000.00

SECTION II: That there be, and is, hereby levied against all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for special purposes of said Village for the Fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 1998, the following amounts:

Items of Appropriation and Levy

FOR VILLAGE AUDIT 4,200.00 4,200.00

FOR PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND 29,000.00 29,000.00

FOR PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ON EMPLOYEES 15,000.00 15,000.00

FOR PURCHASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE 0 0

Respective Totals of Appropriation & Levy \$48,200.00 \$48,200.00

SECTION III: The Clerk of said Village is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of said County, a duly certified copy of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted Yea:

Keith Waldrop, Teresa Fielder, Jerry Kidwell, Bonnie Finn, Ed Mehler and Max Lindsey

pon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted Nay: None

Board Members Absent: None

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1998.

Approved:  
BETTY CUNNINGHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
JIM RUSSELL, VILLAGE CLERK

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September 2, 1998

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG )

I, Jim Russell , Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, published in pamphlet form by the authority of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the President, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this Ordinance is a true and perfect copy of that Ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1998.

VILLAGE CLERK  
(SEAL)

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October 7, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 7, 1998.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Ed Mehler, Bonnie Finn, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Jamee Huber, Brenda Harris, Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix and Linda Cravens of the Oblong Gem.

1. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7 P.M.
2. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to approve the minutes of September 2nd. All votes aye, motion carried.
3. Jamee Huber requested permission to use the activity room the 2nd Wednesday night of each month for a Cub Scout pack meeting. Motion by Finn, second by Lindsey to grant the request. All votes aye, motion carried.
4. A. Mr. Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor spoke concerning the approval of a preapplication for a grant from the USDA Rural Development program. This is for rural water line expansion. There is a loan of \$100,000.00 and a grant for \$318,000.00. This money is out of the federal budget for fiscal 1999. The mayor signed the necessary papers and there will be a meeting of all agencies involved on Friday October 16th at 1 P.M.  
  
B. On the present work completed northeast of the village, 5% (1,500.97) has been withheld pending final completion of work (seeding in the spring, etc.). Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell to pay Munson Construction \$28,518.43. Rollcall: all votes aye, motion carried.  
  
C. Motion by Waldrop, second by Kidwell to extend the Munson contract for the northeast rural waterline to May 15, 1999. All votes aye, motion carried.  
  
D. Motion by Kidwell, second by Waldrop to pay crop damage of \$275.05 (total) to 5 parties. Rollcall: all votes aye, motion carried.  
  
E. Motion by Lindsey, second by Kidwell to pay 2 bills of \$54.28 and \$2,816.69 to Connor & Connor. Rollcall: all votes aye, motion carried.
5. Mrs. Brenda Harris addressed the board concerning the Children And Parents Program. The C.A.P. program offered free to parents of children birth to 5 years of age and is provided by a grant through the Illinois State Board of Education and is available to parents of the Oblong and Robinson school districts. Mrs. Harris requested permission to use a room to meet with 10 children and parents every other Wednesday morning from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. Motion by Fielder, second by Finn to grant the request, using either the activity room or the Farley room. All votes aye, motion carried.
6. Mayor's comments:

A. Because they are detrimental to the lake, signs are to be erected stating: Please do not feed the ducks.

B. Due to the T.I.F. program and other reasons, we may want to consider changing village attorneys. The mayor will check with some others and report back.

C. Some trees in the park need cut and some need trimmed, all agreed to get it done.

D. The band stand at the park was discussed. All agreed that since it is our property the village should take care of it, with others donating if they please. Chairwoman Finn is to get some more bids.

E. Condemnation time on a trailer at 506 South Garfield has expired. If the matter is not resolved shortly, the village will take care of it and place a lein on the property.

7. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsey to pay the bills. Rollcall: all aye motion carried.

8. Treasurer's report: the siren has its own account. The treasurer presented a quote from Kemper Computer to cover updates on software. Rather than buying individually, we can purchase their package deal for \$360.00. for a year. If there is no software purchased, the fee is not paid. Motion by Fielder, second by Kidwell to purchase it. Rollcall: all votes aye, motion carried.

#### 9. Reports of Committees

A. Police: parade permit for Fall Follies is here, the Chief's monthly report.

#### B. Building & Park:

A. Carpet in the Water, Police and Township offices needs to be cleaned. All agreed to have it done.

B. 4 bar stools are needed for the activity room - building committee to get them.

C. A plaque from Midwest Living magazine needs to be mounted in the front hallway as well as a bulletin board.

U. A microwave oven for the kitchen is to be purchased.

E. "reservation" signs for the park shelters are being made.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Mostly completed, some pending, asphalt crossing to be installed at the railroad and South Adams street.

D. Street & Alley: Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to purchase a Power Broom for \$735.51. Rollcall: all votes aye, motion carried.

E. Water & Sewer: Received a letter from the E.P.A. commending our water supply. Recommendation to pay Gary Lanter \$250.00 for his extra work with water, sewer and preparing M.F.T. materials. Rollcall vote: all aye, motion carried.

F. Finance: Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to grant a Christmas bonus of \$100.00 to full time employees and \$75 to part time employees. Rollcall: all votes aye, motion carried.

Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsey to adopt Ordinance # 98-404: to increase the pay of the trustees to \$100.00 per meeting. This will apply to those elected in April of 1999 and then to those elected in 2001. Rollcall: Waldrop yes, Fielder yes, Kidwell yes, Finn yes, Mehler yes and Lindsey yes. All votes aye motion carried.

10. Other items of business: some cable TV work is being done and should be completed by the end of the month.

11. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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October 7, 1998

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 98-404

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-3-1  
OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois this 7th day of October, 1998.

EXHIBIT "A"

ARTICLE III - SALARIES

1-3-1 SALARIES OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS. The following salaries are hereby established for elected Village Officials:

(A) Mayor. The Mayor shall receive Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month. [This salary shall apply from and after the Municipal election in the year 2001.]

(B) Trustees. The Village Trustees shall receive One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month. [This salary shall apply to all Trustees elected in the 1999 and 2001 Municipal elections.]

(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5; 5/3.1-50-10; 5/3.1-50-15)

[ED. NOTE: The salaries of elected officials who hold elective office for a definite term shall neither be increased nor diminished during that term and shall be fixed at least six (6) months before to a general municipal election in which voting is held for those offices.]

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG )

I, Jim Russell, Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees was duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this ordinance is a true and perfect copy of the ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 7th day of October, 1998.

JIM RUSSELL VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

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ORDINANCE NO. 98-404

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1 - ADMINISTRATION (SECTION 1-3-1) OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

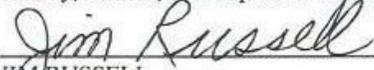
**SECTION 1:** The following exhibit shall amend Section 1-3-1 of Chapter 1 - Administration of the "Revised Code of Ordinances" of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois shall be as follows:

[SEE EXHIBIT "A" FOLLOWING]

**SECTION 2: Severability of Provisions.** Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

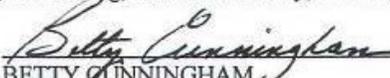
**SECTION 3:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

**SECTION 4:** Passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1998 by the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, and deposited and filed in the office of the Village Clerk in said Village on that date.

  
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JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	CONFLICT
M. Lindsey	X				
J. Kidwell	X				
T. Fielder	X				
K. Waldrop	X				
M. Lindsey	X				
B. Finn	X				

Approved by the Village President of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1998.

  
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BETTY CUNNINGHAM  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:  
  
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JIM RUSSELL  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

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## November 4, 1998

Preceding the November 4th meeting a public hearing was held regarding the USDA Loan/Grant pre-application for the rural water line expansion.

November 4, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 4, 1998.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Ed Mehler, Bonnie Finn, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Richard Bernardoni, Jack Piper, Joey Mohn, Teresa Wilson (Daily News), Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix Shannon Woodard and Larry Fear.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 P. M.
2. One addition was made to the agenda: executive session.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to approve the minutes of the October 7th meeting. All votes aye, motion carried.
4. Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor presented an agreement (copy supplied by USDA) engaging Connor & Connor as our engineers for the Loan/Grant rural waterline expansion project. Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to adopt this agreement. All votes aye, motion carried. The Mayor and Clerk signed it and the Clerk applied the Village Seal.
5. Motion by Kidwell, second by Fielder to hire Kurt Froehlich as Bond Counsel for the USDA Loan/Grant rural waterline expansion project. All votes aye, motion carried.
6. Mr. Jack Piper spoke about the T.I.F. project. The budget is too low and needs to be addressed. This may necessitate another public hearing, and a meeting of the Board of Joint Review. Discussion followed. Everyone agreed that we should contact Mr. Eric White of Economic Development Resources and let him guide us from this point.
7. The Mayor's Comments dealt with the following items:
  - A. A letter from Attorney Richard Bernardoni was presented. It stated his terms to be hired as our new village attorney. Motion by Kidwell, second by Waldrop to hire Mr.

Bernardoni. All votes aye, motion carried. Mr. Bernardoni will prepare an ordinance to amend our code book to match his terms.

B. Mr. Bernardoni then presented an agreement for the board to approve him as the attorney to work on the USDA Loan/Grant pre—application agreement. All votes aye, motion carried.

C. A request for approval of a mobile home permit was submitted from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Dennis for 501 South Range St. Motion by Fielder to approve it, second by Finn. All votes aye, motion carried.

D. The mayor explained that the installation of the flashing light at Main & Range Streets is probably 6 weeks off yet.

8. Motion by Lindsey, second by Fielder to pay the bills. All votes aye, motion carried.

9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to move deputy Larry Fear up to the rank of Sargent. All votes aye, motion carried. Chief Van Praag spoke about the automatic renewal of the deputation agreement with the Sheriff's Department: If any of the Oblong Police department is called out in the county to assist in any matter, they are automatically deputized.

B. Building & Park: Forks have been purchased for the kitchen, bar stools are being ordered.  
Park: Joey Mohn was present and requested pedal bike trail with dirt jumps in the park. The matter was discussed briefly. Mr. Rick Rodell from the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association will be in town Friday to assist in the plans. Motion by Finn, second by Waldrop to procede with the matter. All votes aye, motion carried. The village crew will help with the dirt, and Joey stated that he would help also. Several positive comments on the new park sign. No other bids were received on the bandstand. Motion by Finn to accept Krick's bid (and then withdrawn) of \$19,278.54. Ed Mehier had submitted a bid of \$14,247.00. before he was on the board. Since he plans to move out of town and will go off the board there was discussion on whether on not his bid could be accepted. The only conclusion of the matter was for chairwoman Finn to keep trying.

C. Sidewalks & Lights: No Report

D. Street & Alley: No Report

E. Water & Sewer: Some ordinances are being rewritten and should be ready to adopt at the next meeting. New forms for billing are being made, to eliminate the "second letter" regarding unpaid bills.

F. Finance: No Report

10. Other business: The matter of the T.I.F. agreement being back & forth between our bond counsel Kurt Froehlich and developer Piper’s attorney was discussed. After some further discussion there was a motion by Kidwell second by Waldrop to hire Eric White of Economic Development Resources to guide us in the amending of the T.I.F. policy. All votes aye, motion carried.

11. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to enter executive session to discuss over-time of part time employees. All votes aye, motion carried, entered executive session at 8:02 P.M.

12. Returned to regular session at 8:50 P.M. Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn that as of November 9th all part time employees will work only designated hours. No overtime unless approved by the Mayor of Mayor Pro—Tem. All votes aye, motion carried.

13. Motion by Lindsey, second by Waldrop to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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## December 2, 1998

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 2, 1998.

Members Present: Max Lindsey, Bonnie Finn, Jerry Kidwell, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop.

Absent: The Mayor and Ed Mehler.

Others present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Dale Davis and Leah Chiddix.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Mayor Pro—tern Max Lindsey.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Finn to approve the minutes of the November 4th meeting. All votes aye, motion carried.
4. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to adopt Ordinance #98—405: Utilities revision. By rollcall: 5 ayes, no nays, Mehler absent, motion carried.

5. Motion by Finn, second by Fielder to adopt Ordinance #98—406: Revision of the Code Book to be worded properly for the hiring of Richard Bernardoni as our Village Attorney. By roll call: 5 ayes, no nays, Mehler absent, motion carried.
6. The Treasurer's report was presented and explained. Mrs. Miller spoke briefly about an investment policy that the village needs to adopt in the future.
7. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to pay the bills. All votes aye, motion carried.
8. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: A grant has been received from the Mary Heath Morris Foundation for \$5,000.00 to purchase a new computer and software.
  - B. Building and Park: Bar stools are here but are being returned because they are not constructed heavily enough. 2 trees are to be cut out of the park but we do not have a price yet. Construction of a new bandstand was again discussed.
  - C. Sidewalks & Lights: Still some work to do on South Range, work by the Randy Rich residence is completed.
  - D. Street & Alley: Linda Rowe at 701 West Main St. wanted a tree topped. The village does not top trees. If she is interested in removal, the village will pay one half of the cost.
  - E. Water & Sewer: The new computer is installed and working fine in the office, one small glitch on Jason's side to be worked out.
  - F. Finance: No report.
9. Other items of business: Mayor Pro—tern Lindsey read a letter from Trustee Jerry Kidwell stating that he was resigning effective midnight tonight, December 2, 1998. Everyone thanked Jerry for his service to the village.
10. A request was read from Mrs. Janis Christian for the Village Tap to stay open one additional hour on New Year's Eve. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to grant both taverns the extra hour on New Year's Eve. Waldrop, Fielder and Finn: Aye. Kidwell and Lindsey nay. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Fielder, second by Finn to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Russell, Village Clerk

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## January 6, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 6, 1999.

Members Present: Max Lindsey, Bonnie Finn, Teresa Fielder, Ed Mehler, and Keith Waldrop.

Absent: The Mayor.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Bob Loeschner, and Leah Chiddix.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Mayor Pro—tern Max Lindsey.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Finn, second by Fielder to approve the minutes of the December 2 and 9th meeting. All votes aye, motion carried.
4. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to adopt Ordinance # 99—407: Authorization of bond issuance, by rollcall 5 ayes, no nays, motion carried.
5. Motion by Fielder, seconded by Finn to honor the dates of March 13 and 14, and November 6 and 7, by Heartland Independent Veteran's Inc. to hold fund raising events.
6. The Treasurer's report was given.
7. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder to pay the bills. All votes aye, motion carried.
8. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Police computer is up and running, made possible with the Mary Heath Morris Foundation grant of \$5,000.00 that the department received.

James Benton has resigned. Cops Grant was discussed. Keith made a motion for Greg to advertise in the necessary newspapers. Finn seconded the motion. All votes aye, motion carried.

B. Building and Park: Motion by Finn; seconded by Fielder, giving Leah Chiddix permission to purchase a hand push vacuum locally, and to continue her receipt system for the Activity Center as she has done in the past years.

Bonnie Finn and Gary Lanter are to put a notice in the newspaper seeking bids for the building at the park. Sealed bids requested.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Finn commented that the lights at the dedication wall were nice.

D. Streets and Alley: Discussion of a multiple stop sign.

E. Water and Sewer: At the December 15th Water committee meeting between members and Tom Moore it was discussed and decided that the bonds was the best way to go.

Gary met today with Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor. Everything is coming along ahead of schedule with the water expansion.

F. Finance: No Report.

9. Other items of business: Deputy Clerk Miller read a Thank You note from

Max and Bettye Lindsey for funeral flowers sent to Max's brothers funeral.

Max Lindsey turned in Jim Russell's letter of resignation. Fielder made the motion to accept, Finn seconded. All ayes. Motion accepted.

Jan Miller is to fill in as Deputy Clerk. There will be a special meeting January 12, at 7 pm to discuss some possibilities of filling the position.

10. Motion by Fielder, second by Finn to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Miller, Deputy Clerk

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January 12, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in a special session on January 12, 1999.

Members Present; Betty Cunningham, Max Lindsey, Keith Waldrop, Teresa Fielder, Bonnie Finn, and Ed Mehler.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, and Becky Cunningham.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Mayor Betty Cunningham.
2. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the position of Village Clerk.
3. A resolution was proposed that the treasurer is already Deputy Clerk, so her signature will suffice on all correspondence. Keith Waldrop moved to accept the resolution, second by Bonnie Finn. All votes aye. Motion carried.
4. Advertising for a clerk was discussed with it decided that the new clerk would work four hours a day, twenty hours a week, have computer skills, must live in the village city limits, full benefits would be offered, and the salary would depend upon the applicant's qualifications. (Probably starting at \$7.00, or between \$7.50 and \$9.00 an hour).
5. It was decided that the current treasurer would be put on salary with one week vacation, 10 sick days, 2 personal days, and would be paid \$11.90 for four and one—half hours, and \$9.40 for two and one—half hours, the clerk's hourly rate. Hours would be 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., one hour for lunch from 11:30 to 12:30, when the Municipal Building is closed.  
  
The treasurer will work these hours until the new clerk is trained and then her hours will return to her previous hours of 45 every two weeks, but she will still retain all benefits. Motion by Teresa Fielder, second by Ed Mehler. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Fielder, second by Lindsay to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Miller  
Deputy Clerk

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# February 3, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 3, 1999.

Mayor Betty Cunningham, Ed Mehler, Bonnie Finn, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop.

Absent: Max Lindsay.

Others Present: Linda Cravens, Greg Bilbrey, Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix and Kate Knight.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to approve the minutes of January 6th and 12th meetings. All voted aye, motion carried.
4. Kate Knight requested an extension on her water bill until Saturday. It was granted.
5. Ladora Boyd was appointed as Village Clerk with afternoon hours. Salary was set at \$8/hr. Fielder accepted the appointment, second by Finn. All ayes. Six month trial. Motion carried.
6. Mayor stated that it is very important that all houses are counted for the 2000 census. Betty will start putting up posters and get names and phone numbers for recruits, if they call in. Pay will be \$8.25/hr.
7. A special meeting will be called February 11th for purpose of adopting the amended TIF ordinance.
8. The employee guidelines were approved with some questions being raised as to maximum number of sick days added on to an employee's retirement. A question as to why 240 days is suggested was raised. Jan will call IMRF. Motion by Finn, second by Fielder. All ayes.
9. They adopted the new investment policy with the ordinance number to be assigned when it is received from the attorney, Richard Bernardoni. Motion by Waldrop, second by Fielder. Motion carried.
10. Trustees were reminded to bring code books in to be updated.
11. The treasurer's report was given.

12. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to pay the bills. All voted aye, motion carried.
13. Reports of Committees:
- A. Police: Several applications for the full time police officer have been received. They are to do interviews at the March meeting. Possibly three.
  - B. Buildings and Park: Bonnie made a motion that she and Gary go to the Fair Board and discuss splitting the cost of a building costing approximately \$33,000. Fielder second. All ayes, motion carried.
  - C. Sidewalks and Lights: David Krick finished Project B across from the municipal building. (The concrete was desecrated before drying.)
  - D. Street and Alley: There was a request for a handicapped parking space in front of IGA. This has to be cleared thru IDOT and put in ordinance form.
  - F. Water and Sewer: Gary is researching ways to fund a water tower. He has a pre application form done by Connor & Connor through EPA Public Supply Loan Program. Gary and his workers attended a JULIE meeting on Safety.
  - F. Finance: No Report.
14. Motion by Mehler, second by Fielder to adjourn. All voted aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted. Jan Miller, Deputy Clerk

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### VILLAGE OF OBLONG'S INVESTMENT POLICY

#### Scope of investment Policy

This investment policy applies to the investment activities of all funds of the Village of Oblong, and all funds under the control of the Treasurer. This investment policy would also apply for any new funds or temporary funds that are placed under the jurisdiction of the Treasurer or those mentioned above.

#### Objectives of Investment Policy

The purpose of the Investment policy is to establish cash management and

investment guidelines for the stewardship of public funds. Specific objectives include:

1. Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the Investment Policy.
2. The Treasurer and Finance Committee may diversify investments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks.
3. The Treasurer's investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements which may be reasonably anticipated.
4. The Treasurer shall maintain a policy of receiving the highest interest rate possible per investment on any given day.
5. In managing its interest investment portfolio the Treasurer shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the government; for the Village of Oblong.

#### Responsibility for the Investment Program

All investment of funds under the control of the Treasurer is the direct responsibility of the Treasurer. She shall be responsible for all transactions taken and she shall establish a system of controls of the activities of any subordinates who are directly involved in the assistance of such investment activities.

#### Cash Management

The Treasurer realizes there is a time value to money, therefore, idle cash may be invested for a period on one day or in excess of a year, depending on when the money is needed. The main objective of the Treasurer's cash management procedure is to comply with Illinois Revised Statutes. When deposits of monies become collected funds and are not needed for immediate disbursement, they shall be invested at prevailing rates or better in accordance with state law.

#### Accounting

All investment transactions shall be recorded by (lie Treasurer. A report will be generated, at least monthly, listing all active investments, location of investment, duration of investment, interest rate, and other deemed necessary by the Treasurer. This report will be made available to all members of the Board and a copy will be put on permanent file in the offices of the treasurer and the Village's Auditor. A copy of the investment report will also be mailed to all financial institutions who are currently a part of the Treasurer's investment portfolio.

Any or all of these reports will be available for inspection upon request by any individual in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## Financial Institutions

It will be the sole responsibility of the Board of Trustees to select which financial institution will receive funds under their jurisdiction. The Board will take into consideration size, location, state of condition, and service fees when making the choice of financial institutions when investing funds.

## Collateral

The Treasurer for the Village of Oblong will see that all investments are pledged with sufficient securities.

At all times the County Treasurer will comply with Illinois law regarding which institution in which she may or may not invest and at no time will she invest without requirement of 100 or 110% collateralizations.

## Investment Selection

Investments may be made in any type of security allowed under Illinois law and listed in the Illinois Revised Statutes.

All investments shall be selected on the basis of competitive bids whenever practice. Investments made outside the geographical boundaries of the Village of Oblong will always be made at a higher interest rate than could be received within those boundaries. All investments will be made within the boundaries of the State of Illinois with the exception of investing in U.S. Treasuries and Government Agencies or mutual funds consisting of U.S. Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds; if that is the boards desire.

## Internal Controls

Establish any Internal Controls deemed necessary to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions. One requirement of internal control is timely reconciliation of all investment and accounts under the jurisdiction of the Treasurer's Office. Reconciliation shall be performed on a monthly basis and shall be completed no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the monthly cycle.

### Indemnification

The standard of prudence to be used by the Village of Oblong's Treasurer shall be the "prudent person" standard which states:

"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 possible income derived."

The above standard is established as the standard for professional responsibility and shall be applied in the context of managing the Village's overall portfolio,

Amendment

This policy shall be reviewed from time to time and any changes deemed necessary shall be made by the Treasurer in accordance with the Village's Finance Committee.

Adoption

Whereas, pursuant to the Illinois Public Funds Investment Act, Illinois

municipalities are required to adopt a Public Funds investment Policy; and, Whereas, after careful consideration and investigation, the Village Board has determined it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Village of Oblong to adopt a Public Funds investment Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG THAT:

- I. That the Public Funds Investment Policy, is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully stated herein, is hereby adopted.

Presented, passed, and approved this 3 day of Feb, 1999.

- Trustee Lindsey:
Trustee Finn:
Trustee Kidwell:
Trustee Mehler:
Trustee Waldrop:
Betty Cunningham, Mayor
Jan Miller, Treasurer

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March 3, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 3, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Max Lindsay, Bonnie Finn, Teresa Fielder, Keith Waldrop, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Ed Mehler.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Lee Beckman (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Chief Van Praag, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Bill Cox Jr., Randy Harrison (Robinson Daily News), Bob Lowrance, Ryan Buehnerkemper and Kim Shook.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. Kim Shook requested an extension on her water bill until Friday. It was granted.
3. There were two additions to the agenda: Executive Session & Lee Beckman of Connor & Connor, Inc.
4. Bill Cox, Jr. was questioning why there were Indiana Railroad engines running all night on a side track with it doors left open.
5. Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to approve the minutes of February 3rd & 11th meetings. All voted aye, motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Waldrop, second by Lindsay to go into executive session. The board went into executive session at 7:15 pm until 7:40pm. Out of executive session a motion was made by Lindsay, seconded by Waldrop to hire Bob Lowrance as the new full-time patrol officer. All voted aye, motion carried.
7. Lee Beckman, of Connor & Connor, Inc., gave the Board of Trustees a estimated cost for a new water tower for the Village of Oblong that will be sent in with the Pre application for a EPA Loan with an interest rate of 2.62%.
8. The employee guidelines were amend to state that sick days are accumulative up to 90 days. Anything over 90 days is to go towards IMRF retirement. Motion by Fielder, second by Finn. All voted aye, motion carried.
9. The Mayor brought a letter to be signed by her and the Board of Trustees to be sent to Phil Boyd, a member of the Oil Field Museum Committee. The Board approved the letter. The Mayor also brought a suggestion to have a commemorative bench in memory of Police Chief Jack Fancil place in front of the municipal building. A committee of the Mayor, Waldrop and Finn were selected to look into the purchase of the bench. The mayor stated that the concrete will be poured March 15th and 3 days later the pole will be set for the flashing light at the 4-way stop. The question of insurance for the clerk and treasurer was tabled until the April board meeting, so that it can be researched.
10. Motion was made by Lindsay, seconded by Waldrop for the clerk and treasurer to go the a meeting in Casey on March 11th. All voted aye, motion carried.

11. The treasurer's report was given.
12. Motion by Lindsay, second by Fielder to pay the bills. All voted aye, motion carried.
13. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Waldrop stated that in the near future the Village may need a second full-time patrol officer with the new addition.
  - B. Buildings and Park: Bonnie stated that the fair board was putting out bids for a new bandstand. Gary said he was asked to go over the specs with the fair board.
  - C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report.
  - D. Street and Alley: Gary asked that a resolution be made for the Motor Fuel Tax with an amount of \$55,000, being asked for to repair the streets in the Village this year. Motion by Fielder, seconded by Waldrop to adopt Resolution 99-1: to establish the 1999 Motor Fuel Tax appropriation at \$55,000. All voted aye, motion carried.
  - F. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that Travis Smith and Jamee Huber would be attending a meeting in Decatur at the end of this month. He said that the only cost would be mileage.
  - F. Finance: Max requested that \$20,000 be taken from general checking and put in General Repo #373.
14. Waldrop volunteer to canvas the votes after the April election.
15. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to adjourn. All voted aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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March 3, 1999

**VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
300,000 GALLON, PEDESTAL WATER TOWER**

**PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE**

ITEM NO.	ITEM	UNIT	EST QTY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>					
1	300,000 GAL PEDESTAL WATER TOWER , INCLUDING FOUNDATION	LS	1	\$ 465,000.00	\$ 465,000.00
2	ACCESS ROAD	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
3	10" PVC WATER MAIN	LF	300	\$ 15.00	\$ 4,500.00
4	FITTINGS	EA	6	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00
5	VALVES	EA	4	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
6	ELECTRICAL & TELEMETRY	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
7	BOOSTER STATION	LS	1	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
<b>ALTERNATE #1</b>					
8	EXISTING 80,000 GAL TOWER DEMOLITION	LS	1	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
<b>ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					\$ 591,500.00
10% CONTINGENCIES (OF ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST)					\$ 59,150.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					<b>\$ 650,650.00</b>
<b>ENGINEERING</b>					
DESIGN					\$ 60,863.95
INSPECTION (2 MO. @ \$40.00/HR)					\$ 14,000.00
MISC. COST (P.E.REPORT, SITE SURVEYS)					\$ 6,000.00
<b>TOTAL ENGINEERING COSTS</b>					<b>\$ 80,863.95</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL PROJECT COSTS</b>					
ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY					\$ 3,000.00
LEGAL & BOND COUNCIL					\$ 7,000.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL PROJECT COST</b>					<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>					<b>\$ 741,513.95</b>

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April 7, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 7, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Max Lindsay, Bonnie Finn, Teresa Fielder, Keith Waldrop, Ed Mehler, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), and Randy Harrison (Robinson Daily News).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. There was one addition to the agenda: Hiring of Summer Help.
3. Motion by Lindsay, second by Fielder to approve the minutes of March 3rd meetings. All voted aye, motion carried.
4. There were no delinquent water bills discussed.
5. Motion by Lindsay, second by Waldrop to hire Nathan Herder, Tanner Holt and Darin Coulter for Summer help this year. All voted aye, motion carried.
6. Mayor Cunningham reported that Sharon Haley called to ask permission to use the park for the St. Jude's Bike-a-thon on May 1st. Mrs. Haley also requested the park for the Antique Tractor and Steam Engine show on August 13th, 14th and 15th. Mayor also stated that Habitat for Humanity wanted to hold a Walk-a-thon on May 15th. Motion by Fielder, second by Finn to approve these dates. All ayes, motion carried. The mayor also showed a notice to the board that will be sent out to all Oblong residents about house numbering.
7. The treasurer's report was given.
8. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsay to pay the bills. All voted aye, motion carried.
9. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Waldrop stated that Officer Rob Lowrance has been working since March 15th, and that, he is doing well, also that Officer Lowrance is enrolled for class in September. There will also be a firearms training for police employees on April 16th. Waldrop also stated that letters will be go out on April 12th for all ordinance violations.

B. Buildings and Park: Finn stated that the fair board accept a bid for a new bandstand. Motion by Finn, second by Waldrop to pay the Village portion of the bid which is \$8,975. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary is to draw up specs for sidewalk repairs on Main St. in front of the furniture store all the way down to in front of Tommy Town Mall.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Lee Beckman sent some guidelines to Gary that the Village needed to approve. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to approve the guidelines (see attachment). All ayes, motion carried. Gary wanted permission to get bids on a 3/4 ton pickup, a utility bed and a lawn mower (with at least 20hp, zero turn radius and 511 mowing deck). Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn for Gary to do this. All ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Max requested that \$20,000 be taken from water checking and put in Water Repo #3 84. Max also stated that the Village needs to get interest bids on General Repo #383 that is coming up due. Max brought the proposed budget figures before the board. The figures are as follows:

	General 2 total \$ 99,235.00 (Street & Alley)
	General 3 total 118,900.00 (Building)
Law	95,840.00
Park	33,895.00
Sewer	61,422.00
Water	290,311.00
Grand total	\$669,603.00

These figures include a 2% increase in salaries for the employees. Motion by Fielder, second by Waldrop to approve the proposed budget. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Lindsay, second by Fielder to adjourn. All voted aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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April 7, 1999

POLICY REGARDING PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT LAND RESOURCES AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT

As a condition for receiving Rural Utility Service financial assistance administered by USDA Rural Development the Village of Oblong agrees to comply with Federal, State and local laws and regulations regarding protection of productive agriculture land and other land resources (wetland and flood plains) and the orderly development of land for residential, commercial and industrial uses. When decisions concerning land use arise from requests for service from our utility system, the Village agrees to:

1. Avoid unwarranted conversion of farm and forest land, wetlands and unwarranted encroachment on flood plains.
2. Encourage development patterns which insure compact community development, contiguous development and infilling of development.
3. Encourage planning which emphasizes sound land use and development patterns.
4. To publicly announce the Village's position relative to providing service to new users.
5. To be guided by the local Soil and Water Conservation District and the results of the Land Evaluation Site Assessment System (LESA) with regard to service connection on prime and important farmland areas.
6. Not allow service connections for properties which may be constructed in flood plains.
7. To comply with the provisions of RUS Bulletin 1780-28, "Loan Resolution Security Agreement" with regard to avoiding or reducing any adverse environmental impacts of the facility's construction or operation.
8. To review service connection applications for properties which may be constructed in wetlands to verify that the potential users have obtained proper Section 404 permits.

ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 1999.

Mayor Betty Cunningham

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May 5, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 5, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Randy Rich, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorange, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Dale Davis, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), and Greg Bilbrey (Robinson Daily News).

1. The clerk, Ladora Boyd, swore in the newly elected trustees: Myrl Littlejohn, Randy Rich, Larry Lorange, Jack Gallion and Bonnie Finn.
2. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
4. Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to approve the minutes of April 7th meetings. All voted aye, motion carried.
5. There were no delinquent water bills discussed.
6. Mayor Cunningham hand out her recommendations for committees for approval. The were approved. The Mayor stated that she had spoke with Mr. Cross about the Oil field Museum. Mr. Cross said that he would speak to some of the Oil field Museum committee members. The Mayor also stated that the Village attorney called about the gift ban ordinance.
  - 7, The treasurer's report was given.
8. Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to pay the bills. All voted aye, motion carried.
9. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Waldrop stated that the police department has a new radar gun and that it is already in use. There had been a thank you letter sent to the police department for their assistant with a disabled car. It was stated that Officer Lowrance will be patrol by himself starting Thursday, May 6th, evening.
  - B. Buildings and Park: Finn stated that she had received a phone call ask for permission to use the park August 27th, 28th and 29th by a motorcycle club. Motion by Finn, second by Waldrop to permit the use. All ayes, motion carried. Gary brought the bids for the new lawn mower:

Russell's Spa and Mowers	\$8,294.00
Terre Haute Lawn and Garden	\$8,792.00
ZDE (Flat Rock)	\$7,078.00
Ambraw (St Marie)	\$9,425.00.

Motion by Finn, second by Waldrop, to have Gary to go ahead and have Ambrow in St. Marie to order the lawn mower.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary talked to the gentleman at IDOT and is to meet with him on .May 6th, 1999, regarding sidewalk repairs on Main St. in front of the furniture store all the way down to in front of Tommy Town Mall.

D. Street and Alley: The Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) meetings will be May 25th with bid letting that day. IDOT approve \$40,287.00 for the MFT.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary asked if any of the trustees had an objection to him advertising for bids on a new 3/4 ton pickup. The board had no objections.

F. Finance: The Village received bids on General Repo #383 from the following group:

- 1st National Bank of Oblong 5.250%
- 1st Crawford State Bank 3.520%
- 1st Robinson Savings Bank 3.740%
- Illinois Fund thru IL State Treasurer 4.729%

Motion by Waldrop, second by Finn to accept the bid from 1st National Bank of Oblong. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Rich, second by Lorange to adjourn. All voted aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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May 5, 1999

Recommendations  
for Committees

Police - Keith Waldrop (Chairperson), Jack Gallion, Larry Lorange

Finance - Larry Lorange (Chairperson), Keith Waldrop, Bonnie Finn

Water / Sewer - Bonnie Finn (Chairperson), Keith Waldrop, Randy Rich

Building / Park - Randy Rich (Chairperson), Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion

Street / Alley - Myrl Littlejohn (Chairperson), Randy Rich, Jack Gallion

Sidewalks / Lights - Jack Gallion (Chairperson), Bonnie Finn, Myrl Littlejohn

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## June 2, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 2nd, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Randy Rich, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorange, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Travis Smith, Chief Van Praag, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Randy Harrison (Robinson Daily News) and Lance Leckey (Freedom Gas Station).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. There were two additions to the agenda.
3. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lorange to approve the minutes of May 5th meetings. MI voted aye, motion carried.
4. Lance Leckey of Freedom requested 3 months of the Village's the! purchases. Littlejohn made the motion that the Village divide the fuel business between the 4 gas stations in Oblong. Waldrop second. 5 ayes & 1 abstain, motion carried.
5. Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor reported that Mike Munson had completed the final requirements on the water extension and that final payment can be made. Mr. Woodard stated that the final cost was about \$2,000 less than estimated cost. Waldrop made the motion to pay Mike Munson \$1,572.97. Gallion second. MI ayes, motion carried. Mr. Woodard also discussed the final items need for North Rural Water Extension that is going to done west of Oblong with a loan amount of \$100,000 and a grant amount of \$318,000. Waldrop made the motion to authorize the Village Mayor and Clerk to sign all necessary documents to secure both the grant and loan monies from Rural Development. Acting in the best interest of the Village. Finn second. 4 ayes & 2 abstains, motion carried.
6. There were no delinquent water bills discussed.
7. Ordinance #99-412 Gift Ban was brought before the board for approval. Waldrop made the motion to adopted the Ordinance. Finn second, 4 ayes & 2 abstains; motion

carried. Ordinance #99-413 Prevailing Wage was brought before the board for approval. Lorance made the motion to adopted the Ordinance. Littlejohn second. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Resolution #99-2 law firm for the water tower project was brought before the board for approval. Waldrop made the motion to accept the Resolution #99-2. Lorance second. MI ayes, motion carried. Resolution #99-3 appointing Jan Miller as Deputy Clerk as brought before the board for approval. Lorance made the motion. Gallion seconded. MI ayes, motion carried.

9. The treasurer's report was given.

10. Motion by Lorance, second by Waldrop to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any must pay bills or any bills that may incur late charges. MI voted aye, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Chief Van Praag updated the board of the condemnation procedures of the house at 302 W. Main own by Dr. and Mrs. Szigethy. There had been a thank you letter sent to the police department for their assistant with the Spring Fest from Shelly Henry.

B. Buildings and Park: Travis Smith reported that the new lawn mower was deliver Tuesday. Discussion about applying for Mary Heath Grant for a new pavilion out at the park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gallion stated the he was approached by Ron Westall about changing the street sign close to Westall. There are currently 3 street name signs on I post.

D. Street and Alley: Mayor Cunningham stated that Gary had received specifications for the repair of the sidewalk on B. Main from the State, with forms that needed to be signed and returned.

E. Water and Sewer: None.

F. Finance: Lorance (Chairman of Finance) gave Jan permission to ask for bids on the 2 repos that are maturing next month.

12. Other items of business: Mayor Cunningham report that Village had received a letter from MediaCom stating that they are buying Triax Cablevision. Lorance stated that the finance committee along with the Mayor and Travis Smith opened the bids for the new truck. Lorance made the motion, second by Waldrop to purchase a 2000 Chevy Pickup from Ickes Chevrolet for \$22,500. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Lorance, second by Waldrop to adjourn. All voted aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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June 2, 1999

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Oblong, Illinois is authorized pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-30-5 to retain the services of attorneys which are necessary to carry into effect the powers conferred upon municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois finds that it is necessary to retain the services of Taylor Law Offices, P.C. in order to represent the Village in certain matters related to the Water Tower Project, all as more fully described in a certain Agreement for Professional Services attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS THAT:

SECTION I: Taylor Law Offices, P.C., 122 B. Washington, Effingham, Illinois is hereby retained by the Village of Oblong, Illinois pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain Agreement for Professional Services, which is attached hereto. Said Agreement for Professional Services is hereby approved, and Mayor Betty Cunningham is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement for Professional Services on behalf of the Village of Oblong, Illinois.

Placed on file this 3rd day of June 1999

Presented, passed, and approved this 2nd day of June 1999

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

Betty Cunningham, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Village Clerk

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July 7, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 7th, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Randy Rich, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorange, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Randy Harrison (Robinson Daily News), Richard Wilkin, Sgt. Larry Fear, Tom Moore (Kemper CPA) and Sheriff Weger.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Cunningham. She also advised the Board that voting will be done by roll call.
2. There were two additions to the agenda. Sheriff Tom Weger presented the Village with a plaque for joining the Sheriffs Association. Richard Wilkin brought pictures of what his yard looks like when it comes a big rain storm due to insufficient drainage from the field across the street from him. The Street & Alley Committee (Myrl, Randy & Jack), Mr. Wilkin and Gary will have a meeting and investigate the problem.
3. The minutes of June 2nd meeting motion was inadvertently omitted.
4. There were no delinquent water bills discussed.
5. Tom Moore of Kemper CPA brought the audit report to the board and gave a brief summary of the financial status of the Village.
6. Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor reported that USDA has tentative approved the Village for the North Rural Water Extension that is going to be done west of Oblong with a loan amount of \$100,000 and a grant amount of \$318,000. Mr. Woodard brought both preliminary engineering report for the North Rural Water Extension and the Proposed Elevated Water Storage Structure and Booster Station so that the Board of Trustees can look over the plans. He also mention that there will be a meeting on July 19th at 3 pm for the public to discuss the new water tower and EPA loan.

7. Resolution #99-4 approving the transfer of the cable television franchise. Waldrop made the motion to accept the Resolution #99-4. Finn second. All ayes, motion carried.

8. The Mayor informed the Board that the Rumpke Contract was renewed May 17th, 1999, for a one year term. She also mentioned that there is a new Oilfield Museum Board appointed. The new Oilfield Museum Board will be having a meeting on July 19th at 7 pm. The Mayor made a suggestion about the hole on South Range by putting a fence to block the hole. She stated that Mr. Piper called to say that he is in the process of getting loans for the TIF project and that he has a new partner. Mr. Piper is getting back with the Mayor soon.

9. The treasurer's report was given. A motion was made by Lorance to accept the bid of 5.25% interest from First National Bank of Oblong for the renew of General Repo #373 and Water Repo #384. Littlejohn second. All ayes, motion carried. There were two other bids of 4.5% and 4%.

10. Motion by Waldrop, second by Gallion, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that may incur late charges. All voted aye, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Waldrop stated that there had been a Police Committee Meeting on July 6th at 6 pm. The Committee recommended that the Village hire another part-time police officer to cover vacations, training and hours as needed. Motion by Waldrop to hire Jean Ann Randolph as the new part-time officer. Ayes: Finn, Waldrop, Rich, Gallion. Nays: Littlejohn, Lorance. Motion carried.

B. Buildings and Park: Rich stated that the Lake Restoration Committee approached him about the Village purchasing 5 or 6 lights like the Committee is going to purchase for around the lake. The purchase price is \$189.00 each. The Lake Restoration Committee also asked if the Village would absorb the electric bill.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gallion opened the two sealed bids on the sidewalk repair. Motion by Gallion to accept the bid of \$13,797 from Consolidated Concrete. Littlejohn second. All ayes, motion carried. The other bid was for \$15,411.53.

D. Street and Alley: None , except what is stated in #2.

F. Water and Sewer: None.

F. Finance: Lorance (Chairman of Finance) stated that everything had been taken care of earlier in the meeting.

12. Other items of business: Mayor Cunningham apologized for the notices that went out about the 911 number on house ordinance in that it did not have a return address. Motion by Lorange to change the Board Meeting to the second Wednesday of each month. Rich second. Ayes: Finn, Rich, Waldrop, Lorange. Nays: Gallion, Littlejohn. Motion carried.

13. Motion by Finn, second by Lorange to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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July 7, 1999

RESOLUTION NO. 99-4

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF  
THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

WHEREAS, Traix Midwest Associates, LP. ("Franchisee") owns, operates, and maintains a cable television system ("System") in the Village of Oblong (the "Franchise Authority"), pursuant to a franchise (the "Franchise"), and Franchisee is the duly authorized holder of the Franchise; and

WHEREAS, Franchisee, and Mediacom LLC are parties to an Asset Purchase Agreement, pursuant to which the System and the Franchise will be transferred to Mediacom LLC, a New York Limited Liability Company or any of its affiliates (collectively the "Transferee") (the "Transfer"); and

WHEREAS, Franchisee and Transferee have requested consent by the Franchise Authority to the Transfer in accordance with the requirements of the Franchise and have filed an FCC Form 394 with the Franchise Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Franchise Authority has investigated the qualifications of Transferee and finds it to be a suitable transferee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANCHISE AUTHORITY AS

FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Franchise Authority hereby consents to the Transfer, all in accordance with the terms of the Franchise.

SECTION 2. The Franchise Authority confirms that (a) the Franchise was properly granted or transferred to Franchisee, (b) the Franchise is currently in full force and effect, and will expire on June 5th, 2011, subject to options in the Franchise, if any, to extend such term, (c) the Franchise supersedes all other agreements between the parties, (d) the Franchise represents the entire understanding of the parties and Franchisee has no obligations to the Franchise Authority other than those specifically stated in the Franchise, and (e) Franchisee is materially in compliance with the provisions of the Franchise and there exists no fact or circumstance known to the Franchise Authority which constitutes or which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both, would constitute a material default or breach under the Franchise or would allow the Franchise Authority to cancel or terminate the rights thereunder.

SECTION 3. Transferee may transfer the Franchise or control related thereto to any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with Transferee. The Franchise Authority acknowledges that any such transfer does not trigger any right it may have to exercise any first purchase right or other right to acquire the system.

SECTION 4. The Franchise Authority hereby consents to and approves the assignment, mortgage, pledge, or other encumbrance, if any, of the Franchise, the System, or assets relating thereto, as collateral for a loan.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be deemed effective upon the date of enactment.

SECTION 6. The Franchise Authority releases Franchisee, effective upon the Closing Date, from all obligations and liabilities under the Franchise that accrue on and after the Closing Date; provided that Transferee shall be responsible for any obligations and liabilities under the Franchise that accrue on and after the Closing Date.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall have the force of a continuing agreement with Franchisee and Transferee, and the Franchise Authority shall not amend or otherwise alter this Resolution without the consent of Franchisee and Transferee.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th. day of July, 1999

By: Betty Cunningham,  
Village President

ATTEST:  
Ladora C. Boyd, Village Clerk

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I, the undersigned, being the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Oblong, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 99-4 is a true, correct and accurate copy as duly and lawfully passed and adopted by the governing body of the Village of Oblong on the 7th day of July, 1999.

Ladora C. Boyd,  
Oblong Village Clerk

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July 7, 1999

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
1999-2000 BUDGET

General Fund - 1, Law, '99-'00 Budget

4940 Capital Outlay:2 Genesis I Mobile/Stationary Radar & Mobile		
Antenna Mounting Bracket	2,000.00	
2 Genesis Hand-Held Stationary Radar	1,700.00	
Shotgun	800.00	
Portable Radio (HT 100016 Channel W/Scan)		
Shoulder Mic / Speaker	1,000.00	
Battery Charger & Belt Loop with Case		1,000.00
6,500.00		

General Fund -2, Street & Alley, '99-'00 Budget

4940 Capital Outlay:Bicycle Rack	250.00	
20 ft. Extension Ladder	250.00	
Snow Plow Unit	3,500.00	
1/2 cost Riding Mower (Repo)	(5,500.00)	
Safety Signs and Traffic Cones	250.00	
Road Salt	1,100.00	
Yellow Strobe Mini Bar Light	275.00	

Building Renovation 3,500.00  
9,125.00

General Fund -3, Building, '99-'00 Budget

4940 Capital Outlay:Possible repair of air conditioner, or other  
interior expense 5,000.00

Sewer Fund, '99-'00 Budget

4940 Capital Outlay:Camera System (Repo) (5,000.00)  
Spincut Jet Nozzle 340.00  
Catch Bucket 175.00  
1/2 Cost of Truck, One Ton 4wd,  
Cab & Chassis Only(Repo) (12,500.00)  
Utility Bed for Truck (Repo) (5,000.00)  
Tool Box for Sewer Machine 200.00  
715.00

Water Fund, '99-'00 Budget

4940 Capital Outlay:Echo WP100, 1" Water Pump 265.00  
1/2 Cost of Truck, One Ton 4wd,  
Cab & Chassis Only (Repo)(12,500.00)  
Line Marking Post Name and  
Telephone Number (25) 500.00  
Fera-Magnetic Locator 800.00  
18 Volt Cordless Drill (DeWalt) 275.00  
3/3 "Air Ratchet 135.00  
Front Forks for Back Hoe 1,500.00  
Printer, Modem, Parallel Port for Computer 350.00  
3,825.00

Park Fund, '99-'00 Budget

4940 Capital Outlay:1/2 Cost of Riding Lawn Mower (Repo) 5,500.00  
2 Echo String Trimmers (Repo) 325.00  
Rock for Campsites and Road (Repo) 600.00  
New Dump Station for Campers (Repo) 1,000.00  
Light and Electrical Replacement

in Playground Area (Repo) 3,000.00  
Basketball 1/2 Court,  
(donated labor) (Repo) 2,000.00  
Lake Maintenance (Repo) 2,500.00  
Construction of Bandstand (Repo) 12,500.00  
(27,425.00)

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
General Fund  
Law Enforcement Department #1  
Budget  
1999-2000

End of Fiscal April 30, 1999  
Actual Revenues:

Property Tax - Law	5,486.73
Cops Grant	7,500
Miscellaneous	
Fines	11,009.
Total Revenues	23,995.73
Expenditures:	
Salaries and Wages	58,000
Contractor Expense	500
Utilities	1,800
Insurance	7,200
Education & Training	3,000
Publications	480
Dues	610
Major Projects	
Clothing Allowance	2,500
Supplies & Material	1,500
Operating Supplies	1,500
Gas, Oil & Vehicle	5,500
Office Expenses	450
Radio Fees	3,300
Capital Outlay	7,000
Miscellaneous	2,500
Total Expenditures	95,840

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
General Fund  
Street and Alley #2  
Budget  
1999-2000

End of Fiscal April 30, 1999

Actual Revenues:

Total Revenues 00

Expenditures:

Salaries And Wages 32,710  
Utilities 12,500  
Insurance 3,500  
Publication 25  
Dues 25  
Major Projects 7,000  
Clothing Allowance 250  
Contractor Expense 3,600  
Supplies & Material 7,500  
Gas, Oil & Vehicle 5,500  
Sidewalks 12,500  
Storm Sewer & Drainage 2,500  
D&A 500  
Capital Outlay 9,125  
Total Expenditures 97,235

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

General Fund  
Building #3  
Budget  
1999-2000

End of Fiscal April 30, 1999

Actual Revenues

Corp/Road & Bridge Tax 30,647.79  
Audit Tax 4,064.09  
Salvage  
Sales Tax 106,308.52  
Income Tax 113,440.65  
Use Tax 16,288.38  
Liquor License 3,000.00  
Vendor License 375.00  
Trailer Permit 10.00  
Infrastructure Fee 1,767.65  
Investment Earnings 35,221.93  
Foreign Fire Insurance  
Photo Tax 3,206.68  
A/C Rent 707.71  
Farm & Triax Rent 1,650.00  
Other 5,415.88  
Total Revenues 322,104.28

Expenditures:

Salaries And Wages	45,975	
Utilities	2,000	
Siren Expense	1,000	
TIF Expense	500	
Insurance	12,000	
Office Expense	5,000	
Dog catcher	500	
Education & Training	2,500	
Publications	750	
Dues	750	
Engineering/Clean Up	5,000	
Professional Expense	12,000	
Lake Project/Bench	12,000	
Contractor Expense	10,000	
Operations/Building	6,000	
Other Expenses	7,000	
Capital Outlay	5,000	
Total Expenditures		127,975

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Sewer Fund  
Budget  
1999-2000

End of Fiscal April 30, 1999

Actual Revenues:

Sewer Sales	99,924.86	
Other		
Property Tax	5,566.83	
Interest	2,118.05	
Total Revenues		107,609.74

Expenditures:

Salaries And Wages	27,107	
Utilities	3,700	
Insurance	8,000	
Office Expense	500	
Education & Training	500	
Publications	100	
Dues	100	
Engineering	1,200	
Professional Expense	1,500	
Major Projects	8,000	

Clothing	Allowance	250
Contractor	Expense	5,500
	Supplies & Materials	16,000
	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	650
Miscellaneous		600
Capital	Outlay	715
Total	Expenditures	69,422

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
Water Fund  
Budget  
1999-2000

End of Fiscal April 30, 1999  
Actual Revenues:

Water	Sales	279,999.92
Water	Salesman	2,632.35
Merchandise		1,313.51
Water	ReConnect	880.00
	Tap On Fee	7,250.00
Salvage		1,497.30
Interest		17,567.12
Total	Revenues	311,140.20

Expenditures:

	Salaries And Wages	61,546
Water	Purchases	148,000
Utilities		6,100
Insurance		11,000
Office	Expense	7,000
	Education & Training	750
Publications		250
Dues		250
Engineering		12,000
Professional	Expense	4,600
Major	Projects	5,000
Clothing	Allowance	500
Contractor	Expense	5,800
	Supplies & Material	18,000
	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	4,000
Miscellaneous		1,500
Capital	Outlay	3,825
Total	Expenses	300,121

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Park Fund  
Budget

1999-2000

End of Fiscal April 30, 1999

Actual Revenues:

Property Tax	7,330.74
Interest	334.15
Camping	895.00
Total Revenues	8,559.89

Expenditures:

Utilities	2,800
Contractor Expense	1,000
Supplies & Materials	1,500
Gas, Oil & Vehicle	850
Lake Maintenance	2,500
Capital Outlay	3,300
Total Expenditures	11,950

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Budget

1999-2000

End of Fiscal April 30, 1999

Actual Revenues:

Intergovernmental	38,583.28
Interest	2,052.17
Total Revenues	40,635.45

Expenditures

Maintenance-Streets	33,000
Supplies And Materials	6,500
Equipment Rental	1,748
Total Expenses	41,248

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July 21st, 1999

4PM

Water Committee Meeting

Present: Mayor, Keith, Randy and Bonnie

Employee: Gary and Dale

Meeting was called to discuss the effect changing the Board Meeting to the second Wednesday would have on Water Department.

Currently, Water Bills are due on the 20th of each month. Final notices are sent on the 21st. If Bills are not paid and they do not attend Board Meeting or make arrangement at the office, water is shut-off day after Board Meeting. Ordinance 38-2-1, Page 901-902, Code Book. This went into effect January, 1999.

If meeting is changed shut off would be a week later, which makes it closer to the time for another Bill being due.

Expense to change meeting approximately \$540--new notices would need to be ordered (\$290--just received an order) Ordinance change \$250.

It is this Committees recommendation to leave the Board Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Bonnie

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## August 4, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 4th, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Randy Rich.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Greg Bilbrey (Robinson Daily News), Dick Adams, Becky Adams, Sgt. Larry Fear, Bill Mikeworth and Loretta Mikeworth.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda

3. The minutes of June 2nd and July 7th were approved with the motion by Lorance, second by Finn. 5 ayes, motion carried.
4. The clerk's probational period ended August 4th. The Finance Committee recommended that the clerk receive a \$.25/hr. raise. Motion was made by Lorance, second by Gallion. 5 ayes, motion carried.
5. There were no delinquent water bills discussed.
6. Richard Adams requested a chance to speak to the Board about building a building to park his RV in. The building will be located at the corner of South Garfield Street and East Indiana Street. Gallion made the motion to grant the proposed building, second by Finn. 5 ayes, motion carried. It was also stated that this type of situation will have to be decided on a individual case by it merits.
7. Motion made by Waldrop to accept Ordinance #99-4 14 (Appropriation Ordinance) as printed, second by Lorance. 5 ayes, motion carried.
8. Ordinance #99-415 about changing the date of the regular Board Meeting was not voted on because Lorance rescinded his motion to change the meeting date from last Board Meeting.
9. The Shriner's requested to be able to stand at the 4-way stop on September 18th, from 8 am to noon. Waldrop made the motion, Littlejohn second. 5 ayes, motion carried.
10. The Mayor informed the Board that the change in the agreement with Development Coordination Corporation (DCC) would not be voted on at this time due to the fact that Kurt Froehlich had some reservations about the change. There will probably be a special meeting called to go over the change with Mr. Piper, Mr. Froehlich and Mr. Bernardoni (the Village's attorney).
11. The Mayor had received a letter form Ameren CIPS that the company had merged. The bills will now be coming from GENCO. The Mayor also stated that on Friday, August 6th, that she and the Chief of Police with our carpenter will be meeting with Dr. Szigethy and walk around the property at 302 West Main Street. The Mayor said that the walking path around the lake was finished.
12. The treasurer's report was given. A motion was made by Lorance to transfer \$20,000 from general checking to General Repo #373. Waldrop second. S ayes, motion carried.
13. Motion by Lorance, second by Finn to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills. S ayes, motion carried.
14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Waldrop read the minutes of the Police Committee Meeting held on August 3rd at 6 pm. Attached.

B. Buildings and Park: Littlejohn stated that the price for the lights that will be place around the lake and in the park will be \$12 more than what was given last month at the Board Meeting.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: None.

D. Street and Alley: None.

E. Water and Sewer: Finn read the minutes of the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting held on July 21st, which she mailed out to all the Board Members and gave a copy to the Mayor.

F. Finance: Lorance (Chairman of Finance) stated that everything had been taken care of earlier in the meeting.

15. Other items of business: None.

16. Motion by Finn, second by Waldrop to adjourn. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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August 4, 1999

VILLAGE OP OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 99-414

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING  
THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 4th day of August, 1999.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 99-4 14

An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 1999, and ending April 30th, 2000.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That the amount hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the municipality be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 1999, and ending April 30th, 2000.

SECTION 2: That the appropriation herein made for any purpose shall be regarded as the maximum amounts to be expended under the respective appropriation accounts and shall not be construed as a commitment, agreement, obligation or liability of the Village of Oblong, and such appropriation being subject to further approval as to expenditure thereof by the Village Board.

SECTION 3: That the amount appropriated for each object and purpose shall be as follows:

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

LAW ENFORCEMENT

GENERAL FUN) # 1

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 75,400.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

MAJOR PROJECTS 0.00

UTILITIES 2,340.00

INSURANCE AND BONDS 9,360.00

CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 650.00

PUBLICATION AND DUES 1,417.00

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 3,900.00

RADIO FEES 4,290.00

CLOTHING EXPENSE 3,250.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 3,900.00

GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 7,150.00

OFFICE EXPENSES 585.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 9,100.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

OTHER EXPENSES

3,250.00

TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT 124,592.00

GENERAL FUND #1

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

STREET AND ALLEY

GENERAL FUND #2

PERSONAL

SALARIES AND WAGES 42,523.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

PUBLICATION AND DUES 65.00

UTILITIES 16,250.00

CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 4,680.00

MAJOR PROJECTS 9,100.00

SIDEWALKS 16,250.00

DRUGS, NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOL TESTING 650.00

INSURANCE 4,550.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 9,750.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 7,150.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
EQUPTMENT 11,682.50

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE 3,250.00  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 325.00

TOTAL STREET AND ALLEY 126,405.50  
GENERAL FUND # 2

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

GENERAL FUND # 3

PERSONNEL  
SALARIES AND WAGES 59,767.50

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
INSURANCE AND BONDS 15,600.00  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 15,600.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 13,000.00  
UTILITIES 2,600.00  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 1,950.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 3,250.00  
DOG CATCHER 650.00  
SIREN 1,300.00  
TIF 650.00  
ENGINEERING 6,500.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 7,800.00  
OFFICE EXPENSES 6,500.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
EQUIPMENT 6,500.00  
LAKE PROJECT/BENCH 15,600.00  
OTHER EXPENDITURES  
OTHER EXPENSES 9,100.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND #3 166,367.50

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

WATER FUND

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 80,009.80

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 7,540.00

INSURANCE 14,300.00

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 975.00

ENGINEERING 15,600.00

MAJOR PROJECTS 19,500.00

WATER PURCHASE 192,400.00

UTILITIES 7,930.00

PROFESSIONAL FEES 5,980.00

PUBLICATION AND DUES 650.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 23,400.00

OFFICE EXPENSE 9,100.00

GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 5,200.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 4,972.50

OTHER EXPENDITURES

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 650.00

OTHER EXPENSE 1,950.00

TOTAL WATER FUND 390,157.30

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

SEWER FUND

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 35,239.10

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

CONTRACTOR EXPENSES 7,150.00

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 650.00

INSURANCE 10,400.00

UTILITIES 4,810.00

PROFESSIONAL FEES 1,950.00

ENGINEERING 1,560.00

MAJOR PROJECTS 3,900.00

PUBLICATION AND DUES 260.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 20,800.00

GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 845.00

OFFICE EXPENSE 650.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 929.50

OTHER EXPENDITURES

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 325.00

OTHER EXPENSE 780.00

TOTAL SEWER FUND 90,248.60

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

MAINTENANCE SERVICE - STREET 42,900.00

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS 8,450.00

EQUIPMENT RENTAL 2,272.40

53,622.40

TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND 53,622.40

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

PARK FUND

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

UTILITIES 3,640.00

CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 1,300.00

COMMODITIES

GAS AND OIL 1,105.00

SUPPLIES & MATERIALS 1,950.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 4,290.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
OTHER EXPENSE 3.250.00

TOTAL PARK FUND 15,535.00

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2000

LAW ENFORCEMENT (GENERAL FUND #1) 124,592.00  
STREET AND ALLEY (GENERAL FUND #2) 126,405.50  
GENERAL FUND #3 166,367.50  
WATER FUND 390,157.30  
SEWERFUND 90,248.60  
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND 53,622.40  
PARK FUND 15,535.00  
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 966,928.30

SECTION 4: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That a Certified Copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 1999, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong,, Crawford County, Illinois.

AYES		NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	X			
Jack Gallion	X			
Myrl Littlejohn	X			
Larry Lorange	X			
Randy Rich				X
Keith Waldrop	X			

Approved this 4th. day of August, 1999.

ATTEST:

LADORA BOYD VILLAGE CLERK

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# August 4, 1999

## POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Called at 6 pm - in the Farley Room.

Present: Chief Greg Van Praag, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Sgt. Larry Fear, Jack Gallion and Mayor Cunningham.

The pursuit that took place on July 24th, at 1:42 am was discussed in detail. The proper procedure was followed by the policemen involved and the Chief of Police turned the account over to Todd Fear, the Crawford County policeman on the scene.

The police car damage is covered by the owner of the truck involved with insurance. MI costs are covered. Ickes has the car for repair. The frame was not bent.

Harassment claims were discussed and dismissed.

One committeeman wanted all violations published in the media. This will take a change of policy. Not recommended by the committee,

Chief Van Praag was given permission to attend training on August 23rd, 24th and 25th.

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# August 19, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met for special session on August 19th, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Jack Piper, Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Jamee Huber, Travis Smith, Chief Van Praag, Rob Lorance and Jason Garrard.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. The board decided to have the finance committee to look into changing the percentage that the village and employees pay of insurance premiums.

3. The second meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mayor Cunningham.

Others Present: Jack Piper, Gary Lanter, and Chief Van Praag.

4. Jack Piper discussed the amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement. It was also discussed that there needed to be an ordinance authorizing Mayor Cunningham to be able to sign the Redevelopment Agreement. Mr. Piper answered questions from the board about the TIF district.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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September 1, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 1st, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Chief Van Praag, Sgt. Larry Fear, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor) and Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. There were two additions to the agenda.
3. The minutes of August 4th were approved with the motion by Finn, second by Lorance, All ayes, motion carried.
4. There were no delinquent water bills discussed.
5. Joey Mohn came before the Board wanting permission to put a sign up with some rules for the Bike Jump Area out at the park. The Mayor ask Joey to work with the Park Committee (Randy, Jack and Myrl). The Village will buy the supplies for the sign and Joey said he would do the painting.
6. Motion made by Lorance to accept Ordinance #99-416 (Tax Levy Ordinance) as printed, second by Waldrop. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion made by Gallion to accept Ordinance #99-417 (Authorizing the Mayor to sign Redevelopment Agreement) as printed, second by Littlejohn. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion made by Rich to approve the Redevelopment Agreement, second by Lorance. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion made by Lorance to accept Resolution #99-6 (Homecoming Parade permit) as printed, second by Rich. All ayes, motion carried.
10. Motion made by Waldrop to accept Resolution #99-7 (Halloween Parade permit) as printed, second by Gallion. All ayes, motion carried.
11. Shannon Woodard handed out a summary of both the Water Extension Project and the Water Tower Project. Then ask if there were any question, the board asked about the water rates to see if they were going to be sufficient or if the Village would have to raise the rates. Mr. Woodard said as of now that the rates are sufficient.
12. Motion made by Gallion to allow Dana Rich from CAP (Children and Parent) to use the Farley Room every Wednesday morning for the group meeting, second by Finn. All ayes, motion carried.
13. The treasurer's report was given. A motion was made by Lorance to transfer \$20,000 from water checking to Water Repo #384. Littlejohn second. All ayes, motion carried.
14. Motion by Lorance, second by Finn to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills. All ayes, motion carried,
15. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Waldrop stated the Officer Lowrance would be attending the Police Academy starting September 12th and will be there for twelve (12) weeks. Waldrop also stated that the Police Memorial Bench would be here on Friday to be set.
  - B. Buildings and Park: Rich ask that there be a notice in the paper about bikes riding and people walking their dogs on the path around the lake. He ask that the bikes yield to walkers on the path and that people pick up the waste product of their dog and properly dispose of it.
  - C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gallion stated that there had been an incorrect measurement from the State. The winning bidder stated that they would do the additional 4 feet for \$2,500. Lanter stated that he had met with Mr. Cummings about the crossing on South Adams and that there are no conflicts about the changes to the sidewalk.

D. Street and Alley: Lanter stated that the black top of the alley behind Harmon's was finished. The cost to the Village will be \$1,200.00. Virgil Yockey had contact Gary about a tree that is hanging over some of his buildings, the Street & Alley Committee (Myrl, Randy & Jack) along with Gary will go and look at the problem.

F. Water and Sewer: The Water & Sewer Committee along with Gary will be meeting with Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc.

F. Finance: Lorance (Chairman of Finance) made a motion that the Village will pay 100% of employees health insurance and 60% of the employee's family plan, second by Gallion. All ayes, motion carried. This also is to include the payment of Leah's health insurance through Marathon.

16. Other items of business: Chief Van Praag stated that there had been a report of solicitors that had stolen a purse and a box of check from an elderly couple here in the community. He ask that it be publish in the newspaper that anyone soliciting should have a permit from the Oblong Police Department.

16. Motion by Lorance, second by Rich to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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September 1, 1999

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 99-416

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, in the County of Crawford and the State of Illinois, did on the 4th day of August, 1999, pass the Annual Appropriation Bill for the Village for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of May, 1999, and ending the 30th day of April, 2000, the amount ascertained to be the aggregate pamphlet form on the 4th day of August, 1999.

NOW THEREFORE:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR:

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That there be and is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for general corporate purpose of said Village for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 1999, the sum of

Items of Appropriation and Levy	Appropriated	Levied
FOR GENERAL PURPOSES	292,773.00	27,100.00
FOR MAINTENANCE OF SEWAGE PLANT (voted by the people)	13,537.00	6,100.00
FOR MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE PARK (voted by the people)	15,535.00	8,100.00
FOR POLICE PROTECTION (Petitioned by the people and passed by the Village Board of Trustees, September 5th, 1970.)	124,592.00	6,100.00
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF SEWER SYSTEM	76,711.60	
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF WATER SYSTEM	390,157.30	
Respective Totals of Appropriation and Levy	913,305.90	47,400.00

SECTION 2: That there be, and is, hereby levied against all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for special purposes of said Village for the Fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 1999, the following amounts:

Items of Appropriation and Levy	Appropriation	Levied
FOR VILLAGE AUDIT	4,200.00	4,200.00
FOR PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS MUMCIPAL RETIREMENT FUND	11,800.00	11,800.00
FOR PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ON EMPLOYEES	20,000.00	20,000.00
FOR PURCHASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	800.00	800.00
Respective Totals of Appropriation & Levy	36,800.00	36,800.00

SECTION 3: The Clerk of said Village is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of said County, a duly certified copy of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.  
Upon roll call vote, as follows:

AYES		NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	X			
Jack Gallion	X			
Myrl Littlejohn	X			
Larry Lorance	X			
Randy Rich	X			
Keith Waldrop	X			

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, this 1st day of September, 1999.

Approved:  
Betty Cunningham, Mayor

ATTEST:

LADORA BOYD, VILLAGE CLERK

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WHEREAS, Section 5/8-9-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1, (the 'Bidding Statute") requires that certain contracts for public improvements be let to the lowest responsible bidder after advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, the Bidding Statute authorizes municipalities to enter into contracts for public improvements without first advertising for bids by two-thirds vote of the corporate authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agreement requires the Developer to construct improvements which may be deemed to be public improvements within the meaning of the Bidding Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to waive the bidding requirements and to enter into the Redevelopment Agreement without first advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this meeting the form of the Redevelopment Agreement to be entered into between the Village and the Developer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals to this Ordinance are incorporated in this Ordinance as if set out in full by this reference.

SECTION 2. The Redevelopment Agreement is approved in substantially the form presented to this meeting and attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, and the President of the Village is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Redevelopment Agreement, attested by the Village Clerk, with such changes and modification as shall be approved by the President. Execution and delivery of the Redevelopment Agreement shall be deemed to constitute approval of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of such changes and modifications, and the Village Clerk is authorized to impress upon the Redevelopment Agreement the seal of the Village. The President, Village Clerk, Village Treasurer, and any other officer or employee of the Village authorized in writing by the President, is authorized to execute and deliver the various documents and to do such other things as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the Redevelopment Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Redevelopment Agreement.

SECTION 3. The bidding requirements described in Section 5/8-9-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1, are hereby waived.

SECTION 4. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such Section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining terms of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. All resolutions, motions, orders or prior ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong on the 1st day of September, 1999.

Betty Cunningham, Village President

ATTEST:  
Ladora C. Boyd, Village Clerk

Upon Roll Call Vote, as follows

AYES		NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	X			
Jack Gallion	X			
Myrl Littlejohn	X			
Larry Lorange	X			
Randy Rich	X			
Keith Waldrop	X			

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September 1, 1999

Resoultion 99-6

WHEREAS, the OBLONG HIGH SCHOOL is sponsoring a HOMECOMING PARADE in the Village of Oblong which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this Homecoming Parade will require the temporary closure of Illinois Route 33 , a State Highway in the Village of Oblong from Grant Street to Jefferson Street

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 if the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong that permission to close off Route 33 from Grant Street to Jefferson Street as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM on October 15th, 1999.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of a Homecoming Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)\*

The detour route shall be as follows: North Grant Street to Ohio Street to North Jefferson Street back to Route 33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

\*To be used appropriate.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong this 1st. day of September 1999, A.D.

Ladora C. Boyd, ~3blong Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Village Board President of the Village of Oblong this 1st. day of September, 1999, A.D.

Betty Cunningham, President

ATTEST: Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

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September 1, 1999

WHEREAS, the Oblong Community Club is sponsoring a Halloween Parade in the Village of Oblong which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this Halloween Parade will require the temporary closure of Illinois Route 33, a State Highway in the Village of Oblong from Legion Parkway to North Farley Road

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong that permission to close off Route 33 from West Legion Parkway to North Farley Road as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time between 6:30 PM and 9:30 PM on October 30th, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of a Halloween Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)\*

The detour route shall be as follows: From Route 33 east of Oblong south on 300 E, west on 950 N continuing west on 935 N to 100 E, northward to Route 33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Oblong assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

\*To be used appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the Village be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all debris shall be removed by the Oblong Community Club prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Village Police as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the Village of Oblong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above. (Note: This paragraph is applicable when the Resolution pertains to a Parade or when no detour is required.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000.00 per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which as the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents as insured and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong this 1st. day of September 1999, A.D

Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Village Board President of the Village of Oblong this 1st day of September, 1999, A.D.

Betty Cunningham, President

ATTEST: Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

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September 1, 1999

Dale's  
Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$271 .93/month

Jason's  
Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$103.90/month  
Spouse's \$162 .85/month \$108 .58/month

The employee's portion, that was being taken out of their paychecks, was \$62.84/per pay period and will be decreased by \$8.55 to \$54.29/per pay period.

Jamee's  
Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$103.90/month

Gary's  
Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$157 .27/month  
Family \$239.17/month \$159 .46/month

The employee's portion, that was being taken out of their paychecks, was \$92.75/per pay period and will be decreased by \$13.02 to \$79.73/per pay period.

Travis'  
Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$120.12/month  
Family \$255.15/month \$170.10/month

The employee's portion, that was being taken out of their paychecks, was \$95.55/per pay period and will be decreased by \$10.50 to \$85.05/per pay period.

Greg's  
Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$189.96/month

Jan's

Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$220.73/month

Ladora's  
Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$220.82/month

Rob's  
Insurance premium deductible  
Village pays \$103.90/month  
Family 262.15/month 174.78/month

The employee's portion, that was being taken out of their paychecks,  
was \$97.29/per pay period and will be decreased by \$9.90 to \$87.39/per pay period.

Leah's  
AFLAC insurance premium  
Hospitalization \$24.45/per pay period  
Cancer \$9.25/per pay period  
I Care \$4.06/per pay period

NCPRES insurance premium

Life \$4.50/per pay period

	Insurance	Reimbursements for Sept and
Jack	88.80	General 3
Ludora	44.16	"
Dale	54.38	Water
Jason	47.92	"
James	20.78	"
Gary	71.32	General 2
Rob	64.46	Law
Jan	44.14	General 3
Travis	33.27	Sewer
Breg	38.00	Law

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## September 7th, 1999

Water Committee Meeting

September 7th, 1999

3:30 PM

Present: Mayor Cunningham, Keith Waldrop, Randy Rich, Bonnie Finn, Gary Lanter and Shannon Woodard

Water Committee met with Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc., to discuss the new water tower. It will be a 25,000 gallon mushroom type with a building on the outside on to house gauges, etc. A connection at Knollenberg Corner will be installed on Hardinville line for back-up in emergencies.

This will not exceed the estimated cost (Loan) of \$741,513.95. Shannon will be at the next board meeting, to enter an engineer agreement with the Village. Gary is to meet with the Fair Board for an area at the fairground and lease terms for it.

Also, Gary asked permission to order the Ferromagnetic locator and connect the Water Office on the internet. Both of these were line items in the Budget and already approved and does not need further Board approval.

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## October 6, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 6th, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Chief Van Praag, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor), Edna Sewer, 1'om Hammond, Paris Mayor Frank Clinton, Phil Mendenhall (Oblong Fire Chief), Sheriff Tom Weger, Della Workmen (Illinois Oil Field Museum Board), Wilfred Cross (IOFMB), Rick Musgrave, Juanita Schlosser (IOFMB), Richard Wesley (IOFMB), Faith Haworth and Judy Jones.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. The Mayor introduced the Mayor from Paris.
3. There were six additions to the agenda.
4. Mr. Mendenhall asked the board for approval to have the County Wide Repeater Antenna attached to the Water Tower. The company that is to install the antenna will come and move the antenna to our new water tower when it is completed. Motion by Lorance, second by Waldrop to give permission for the antenna. All ayes, motion carried.
5. The minutes of September 1st were approved with the motion by Finn, second by Waldrop. All ayes, motion carried.
6. There were no delinquent water bills discussed.
7. Mrs. Jones asked that there be a sign posted at the corner of E. Alabama and S. Grant that the railroad crossing is closed. The Mayor ask that the Street & Alley Committee look into the problem. The Street & Alley Committee is also looking into the problem of parking for Mrs. Haworth by her neighbors.

8. Mrs. Sewer complained about the water run-off on her property. The Mayor stated that the Street & Alley Committee with Gary will come and look at the problem the next time it rains.

9. Trick or Treat Night in Oblong will be October 29th from 6pm to 9pm with an age limit of 12 and under. The Trick or Treaters are only to visit house with their porch light on.

10. Mr. Hammond brought a petition stating that there are 14 property owners that would like for the village to expand the existing water mains to make water available to their properties. If there is money left over from the current expansion, the board will consider the request. If not, the board will consider it next summer.

11. It was brought to the boards attention, by the clerk, that the village was not receiving the same benefits that they had previously been receiving from JPB Service Station. It was the boards feeling that if we cannot receive the same benefits, we would discontinue services with Freedom. The Mayor will contact the manager of Freedom to straighten out the problem.

12. Shannon Woodard asked the Village to enter into an engineering agreement. Motion made by Rich to approve the presented engineering agreement, with the project consisting of the components as listed in the agreement, pursuant to the acquisition of an IEPA loan. Send by Finn. Mi ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Lorance, second by Finn to issue five TIF reimbursement notes to DCC. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Rich, second by Waldrop that the Village of Oblong Trustees give their full support as a local government agency for the future application for programs and grants to build, expand and maintain the oil field museum at Oblong. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Finn, second by Rich to set up a saving account with First Robinson Savings Bank in Oblong of \$50. The Village will then put in an amount to cover the fee of internet thru the bank for the Public Works Superintendent. All ayes, motion carried.

16. The treasurer's report was given. A motion was made by Lorance to transfer \$20,000 from water checking to Water Repo #384. Oalhon second. Mi ayes, motion carried.

17. Motion by Lorance, second by Waldrop to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills. All ayes, motion carried.

18. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Waldrop mention the bench dedication and that Tim Attaway would like to plant a tree at his cost. It was also decided to use stepping stones up to the memorial bench instead of running a concrete sidewalk. Waldrop also stated that the Homecoming parade would be October 15th and the Halloween paraded would be October 30th. Waldrop let it be known that the Police Chief would be in MDA jail on October 21st unless he could raise \$1000 Bail. It was also stated that the Village Clerk Ladora Boyd will also be in the Jail/Bail.

B. Buildings and Park: Rich made a motion, second by Littlejohn to put signs at the entrances to the walk way state the ordinances concern dogs and that walkers have the right of way. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Gallion, second Waldrop to replace the door on the North Building of the old museum and repair the leakage of the roof. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Littlejohn made a motion, second by Waldrop to pay IDOT \$8,000, half of the cost to resurface the parking lane along Route 33. All ayes, motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: Finn read the minute of the Water & Sewer Committee meeting with Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc., from September 7th. Motion by Finn, second by Rich to have Gary purchase a reciprocal saw. Motion by Waldrop, second by Gallion to have the new truck bed lined for not more than \$650. Gary stated that Travis and him will be attending a training on Wastewater Technical Session in Evansville, Indiana, sponsor by Illinois Rural Water Association. Gary also hand out a copy to each trustee and the mayor of the first Consumer Confidence Report.

F. Finance: None.

19. Other items of business: The Mayor stated that on September 29th, 2000, there will be an all school reunion with the class of 1950 being honored Mr. Musgrave stated to the board that he felt there was to many people throwing litter down on the streets of the Village. He said that there should be someone to give tickets to the litterers and may be they would stop and think to put the litter in the containers provided.

20. Motion by Gallion, second by Rich to adjourn at 8:45 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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# November 3, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 3rd, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Chief Van Praag, Edna Seward, Larry & Charlotte Sackrider, Kim Priest, Randy Harrison (Robinson Daily News), Robert Brown (Church Cluster), Sgt. Fear and Esther Fear.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. There were two additions to the agenda.
3. The minutes of October 6th were approved with the motion by Rich, second by Finn. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Kim Priest asked for a extension on her delinquent water bill and it was granted.
5. Charlotte Sackrider read a letter to the board stating her feeling about an incident involving her.
6. Mrs. Seward complained about the water run-off on her property. The Street & Alley Committee will come and look at the problem the next time it rains.
7. Robert Brown asked permission for the Church Cluster to have a live nativity screne and some other screne around the lake this holiday season. The Board was in favor of it.
8. The Mayor stated that we are ahead on our EPA Loan Requirements.
9. The Board went into executive session at 7:29 pm, motion by Rich, second by Lorance. All ayes, motion carried, The Board came out of executive session at 8:20 pm. Motion by Myrl Littlejohn, second by Waldrop to continue with litigation against Dr & Maria Szigethy's rental property at 302 W. Main Street. 5 ayes and 1 nay, motion carried.
10. The treasurer's report was given.
11. Motion by Lorance, second by Finn to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.
12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Troy Erton has handed in his notice of resignation, his last day will be November 20th. Officer Lowrance will graduate from the Police Academy on December 3rd.

B. Buildings and Park: Rich had contacted a gentleman to do the repairs on the old oil field museum building. The lake restoration committee is talking about maybe putting up Christmas Lights around the lake.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: The Mayor ask Mr. Gallion, chairman of the committee, about the stepping stones leading to the memorial bench. He stated that he had not yet looked into the matter.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

Water and Sewer: Gary stated that the breaks were fixed and that he had taken water samples to Charleston For analysis. He stated that the boil order should be lifted by morning.

F. Finance: None.

13. No other business. A motion to adjourn was made by Lorance, second by Gallion. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora. Boyd, Clerk

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## November 3, 1999

Board Members and Friends,

I would like to take a minute of your time to tell you I think I have been treated very unfairly by our police chief, and that are tax dollars are being spent very unwisely. On October 8, 1999, a warrant for my arrest was issued. The alleged offense had occurred on August 19, 1999. On October 12, 1999, my grandson called us at Charleston, IL when we were at a volleyball game to say that there was a warrant out for my arrest. So, I called the sheriff's office and they told me that when I got back to town to come to the jail with \$50.00 bail. I went to the jail on my return home. I was fmger printed, had my picture taken (mug shot), and posted my bail money. Then I was free to go home. When I got home, I found my notes that I'd kept this summer to see what had happened two months ago because I couldn't remember. I knew that I hadn't talked to Audie. My notes said, "Audie at work at Pizza and More. Go by house, Trenton and other kids. playing in yard.

Stop on street and talked to him for maybe 30 seconds” in my car on street. This is what I was arrested for.

I’ve been proud to call Oblong my home for 57 years and have tried the best way I know how to be a law-abiding citizen and to make Oblong a better place to live. But, if loving my grandkids and wanting what is best for them makes me a criminal then I may spend the rest of my life in prison because I will continue to do everything in my power to see that my grandkids are properly cared for, and I think that most of you would do the same thing in my position. I hope airing my feelings will keep someone else in our community from being treated the way I have and our tax dollars from being used so foolishly. The judge has dropped the charges against me, but the damage has already been done.

Thank you for your time,

Charlotte Sackrider

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## December 1, 1999

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session, on December 1st, 1999.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Randy Rich.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Chief Van Praag, Randy Harrison (Robinson Daily News), and Rick Menacher.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cunningham.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. The minutes of November 3rd were approved with the motion by Waldrop, second by Finn. 5 ayes, motion carried.
4. There were no delinquent water bills discussed.
5. The Board of Trustees decided to allow the two taverns in Oblong to stay open an hour later on New Year’s Eve. Motion by Finn, second by Gallion. 5 ayes, motion carried.
6. The Village Clerk handed out some samples of Freedom of Information Act forms to the Board of Trustees to look over.

7. The Mayor stated that the Joint Review Board would have a meeting on Friday, December 3rd, at 5:30 pm in the Farley Room. She, also, informed the Board that the 2000 Census would be done in April.

8. The treasurer's report was given.

9. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lorange to pay the bills that were on the voucher miss the bill from United Life Care Ambulance Service and any utility bills or any that will incur a late charge. 5 ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Officer Lowrance will graduate from the Police Academy on December 3rd. Sgt. Fear will be going to Florida for 3 to 4 months.

B. Buildings and Park: No Report.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary will look into putting a streetlight at the parking area near Jaycee Pavilion and on Legion Parkway.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: No Report.

F. Finance: Waldrop made a motion to pay the full-time employees \$110 and part-time employees \$85 for Christmas Bonus. Second by Finn. 5 ayes, motion carried.

11. In other business, Gary asked the Board if he could purchase a bed mat and running boards for the new water truck.

12. A motion to adjourn was made by Gallion, second by Waldrop. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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January 5, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 5th, 2000.

Members Present: Randy Rich, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Mayor Betty Cunningham.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Chief Van Praag, Greg Bilbrey (Robinson Daily News), David Harrison, Edna Seward and Gene Beals.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Lorance.
2. There two additions to the agenda.
3. The minutes of December 1st were approved with the motion by Waldrop, second by Gallion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Mrs. Seward still having trouble with the water in her yard. Street/Alley Committee Chairperson Littlejohn did go and check the problem out. Mayor Pro Tem Lorance stated that it would probably be next spring before the problem will be taken care of.
5. Mr. Beals want a copy of the Mobile Home Ordinance. He reported that his deed stated that the Watts addition, in which he lives, that there was to be no mobile homes in that addition.
6. There was one delinquent water bill discussed. The board granted David Harrison some time to get the money for his bills. He is to pay \$50 by Friday, January 7th and then \$108 pay by January 21st. He will then owe \$38.59 by the 20th of January.
7. Motion by Finn, second by Rich to renew the ACCPAC SupportPlus contract for 3 years at \$1,147.50, which is a savings of \$202.50.
8. Judy Dix requested permission to use the Activity Center on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm for her Boy Scout meetings. The board granted Mrs. Dix permission.
9. The treasurer's report was given. After some discussion, it was determined not to transfer any funds from checking accounts to repo accounts.
10. Motion by Finn, second by Gallion to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.
11. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Recommendation for two new stop signs to be place at the intersection of E.

Oklahoma and S. Garfield streets, which would stop traffic going north and south; and change the direction of two stop sign at the intersection of E. Kentucky and S. Taylor streets to stop the traffic going east and west instead of north and south.

Motion by Gallion, second by Waldrop to processed with this change. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Buildings and Park: Rich stated that he would give Holts one last chance to fix the door on the old oil field museum building. If Holts did not get it done, Rich would make sure it got done before spring rains started.

C. Sidewalks and Lights; It was mention that there were at least two street lights out and needed to be replaced.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

F. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that there were to meeting coining up that he and Travis Smith would be attending. One will be held January 19th at no cost. The other was the 19th Annual IRWA Technical Conference on February 23rd and 24th, at Effingham at a cost of \$60/per person.

F. Finance: No Report.

12. In other business, the board opened 4 bids for a 1993 Dodge Ram pickup. The bids are as follows:

	Meese Farms	\$3,126.00
Ron	Finn	\$3,510.00
Max	Groff	\$4,278.00
David	Knutson	\$4,280.00

Motion by Rich, second by Gallion to reject all bids and to place an advertisement to sale the pickup for \$5,800.00, first come first served. All ayes, motion carried.

13. A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Finn, second by Rich. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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# February 2, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 2th, 2000.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Randy Rich, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorange, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Leah Chiddix, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Chief Van Praag, Greg Bilbrey (Robinson Daily News), Jerry McDaniel, Shannon Woodard and Cory Utterback (both of Connor & Connor, Inc.).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor.
2. There one addition and one deletion to the agenda. The deletion to the agenda was the discussion of removing Section 23-2-4 of the Mobile Home Ordinance.
3. The addition to the agenda was a letter of resignation from Leah Chiddix, which the clerk read to the board.
4. The minutes of January 5th were approved with the motion by Waldrop, second by Finn. All ayes, motion carried.
5. There was one delinquent water bill discussed. The board granted Jerry McDaniel to be able to pay his delinquent water bill as follow: he paid \$60 at the board meeting and then he is pay \$20.60 for the next six months plus his normal water bill,
6. The board discussed the mobile home that was moved on to the lot at the corner of South Washington and West Indiana. The board discuss having the Police Chief follow through in writing a ticket for the ordinance violation. The board also stated that a letter should be sent to Mr. Harvey and the Catholic parish, also need to notify the parish of the ordinance for mobile homes and the need to comply. It was also stated that the trailer courts in Oblong need to comply with the mobile home application when a new mobile home is brought into the Village. A \$10 application fee needs to be submitted with the application.
7. Motion by Lorange, second by Rich to adopt the Drug-Free Workplace Program for Village employees to sign. All ayes, motion carried,
8. Shannon Woodard brought over permits that the Mayor had to sign for the Rural Water Development. He also stated that by March 1st our attorney should be done with the right of ways for the North Water Extension. He gave Gary a sample letter that will need to be sent out to the prospective water users stating that they will need to sign the right of way and finish paying the tap-on fee. Shannon and Gary were at the last Fair Board meeting and stated that the Fair Board had no objection to the site of the new water tower. The site will be east of the rest rooms.

9. The mayor stated that there is testing for census takers on Tuesdays and that the board would be discussing the litigation on the property at 302 West Main.

10. The treasurer's report was given. Jan stated that the board needed to approve the 143 sick days that Leak has accumulated to add to her IMRF retirement. Finn made the motion, second by Rich. All ayes, motion carried. After some discussion, it was determined to transfer \$25,000 from water checking to water repo.

11. Motion by Lorange, second by Waldrop to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Levi Slater is to ride with the Police Chief for 8 hours For the Shadow Program for Tech Prep. The chief had just finished a bicycle safety class with Mrs. French's fifth grade class.

B. Buildings and Park: Rich stated that the committee needed to have a meeting to go over the duties of custodian and then they will decide whether the job is full-time or part-time. Waldrop asked that the Oil Field Museum Board be permitted to use the Farley Room on the 3rd Monday of each month. He also asked that the Ruritans be permitted to use the Farley Room (Officers Meeting) on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and the Activity Room on the 4th Monday. Lorange asked that the 4-H Clovers be permitted to use the Activity Room on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All requests were granted.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Littlejohn made a motion to check into get someone to take care of the banners on Main Street, second by Finn. All ayes, motion carried.

D. Street and Alley: They discussed improvement that need to be done in various places.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary asked that the board send Travis to a wastewater treatment meeting at Rend Lake March 27th at a cost of \$75. Motion by Finn, second by Gallion. All ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Lorange stated that the department heads should start working next fiscal budgets.

12. The board went into executive session at 8 pm to discuss litigation on the property 302 West Main Street. The board came out of executive session at 8:15 pm.

13. A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Lorange, second by Finn. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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February 2, 2000

Dear Betty & Village Board of Trustees,

I am writing this note to inform you all that I am retiring.

My plans are to retire on April 14th, 2000, with my last working day being March 17th and taking my 4 weeks of paid vacation.

I have enjoyed my job and have tried my best to please everybody.

I feel very fortunate to have worked for tile Village. I thank the Village Board of Trustees for hiring mc 17 years ago.

Sincerely,

Leah Chiddix

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March 1, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 1st, 2000.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Randy Rich, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Chief Van Praag, Greg Bilbrey (Robinson Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, inc.), Edna Seward, Larry Dix & Mike Garrard (both from The Antique Tractor and Engine Club), Rick Rodell (IM.L - Risk Management), Howard Wine (Christmas Decor System), and Treva Beals.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor.
2. There were two additions to the agenda.
3. The minutes of January 5th were approved with the motion by Finn, second by Gallion. All ayes, motion carried.

4. The first addition to the agenda was The Antique Tractor and Engine Club asking for permission to have the rest rooms open on April 15th for use during their wiener roast. The Club also asked to use the park on August 11th, 12th and 13th for their show. The another addition to the agenda was Treva Beals asking that the rest rooms be left open thru the winter for people walking around the walking path. A motion by Lorance that the Antique Tractor and Engine Club be granted their request with the a second by Littlejohn. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Shannon Woodard stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation has stated that the Village will have to relocate either the water lines or the sewer lines along West Main Street from North Wilson to Washington Street. Shannon stated that it would be best if the Village relocate the water lines instead of the sewer lines. Waldrop made the motion to relocate the water lines on the north side of Main Street with a second by Finn. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon also stated that it sounded like Bernardoni is about done with the easements for water extension be ready to have signatures soon.
6. Rick Rodell from Illinois Municipal League - Risk Management Association, came before the Board of Trustees to go over the Village's insurance thru IML-RMA. He stated that IML-RMA is not an insurance company. He asked if the board had some questions. Littlejohn asked about liability insurance. The mayor thank Mr. Rodell for coming. Mr. Rodell said that he will come anytime that the Village would need him to.
7. The mayor handed out a proposal from Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company for a new phone system for the Village offices. She stated that in the near future the phone system is going to need updated.
8. Littlejohn made a motion that the Village's Motor Fuel Resolution #2000-1 be set at \$55,000.00, with a second by Lorance. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Howard Wine from Christmas Decor Systems, came to talk to the board about a 3 year lease for his company to come and hang up decoration from there company and then take them down after the season and store them. The board agreed to have the mayor make a list of people for a Decoration Committee consisting of someone from the board, someone from the Chamber of Commerce and someone from the Community Club.
10. Motion by Lorance, second by Waldrop to issue Notes 6-9 for the requests from Jack Piper of Development Coordinator Corporation. All ayes, motion carried.
11. The mayor stated that Gary Lanter would be advertising for summer help. At the next Board meeting, the summer help would be hired. She mention that there had been some legislation brought up that IML felt that we so oppose.
12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

13. Motion by Lorance, second by Waldrop to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: There will be a committee meeting on March 15th at 6pm.

B. Buildings and Park: Lanter asked permission to use the building for a future JULIE meeting. The board grant permission. Mrs. Beals suggested about having dog waste disposal bags out at the park along the walking path for those who walk with their dogs.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report.

D. Street and Alley: Littlejohn stated that the committee will be looking into contract with Ambrow Asphalt on paving some of the Village's streets in the future. There will be some ditching and installation of tin horns to alleviate the problem of water standing in the yard of Mrs. Seward.

E. Water and Sewer: The committee had a meeting on February 25th with IDOT & their engineers which is discussed in #5. The committee had another meeting on February 29th, Gary mention that before price increases he would like to order Line Marking Post for \$500, Pipe locator for \$800 and Forks for Backhoe at \$1,500. Committee asked that \$100 of the Salvage Fund be use to set up a digitized logo to be used on shirts, jackets and caps - with an additional cost of \$10 for each item. (Limit 3 items) If anymore were to be ordered - employee would pay that. The board agreed.

F. Finance: No report.

15. The board went into executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss employment of custodian for the Village and renewal contract with Richard Bernardoni, Village Attorney. The board came out of executive session at 9:44 pm. Rich made the motion with second by Gallion to hire Byron

Sanders. 5 ayes and 1 nay, motion carried. Waldrop made the motion with second by Finn to renew the contract with Richard Bernardoni, Village Attorney. All ayes, motion carried.

16. A motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm was made by Gallion, second by Lorance. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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## April 5, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 5th, 2000.

Members Present: Mayor Betty Cunningham, Randy Rich, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Myrl Littlejohn, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Chief Van Praag, Greg Bilbrey (Robinson Daily News), Mike Garrard (from The Antique Tractor and Engine Club), Byron Sanders, Sgt. Larry Fear, Reva Myers (Rumpke), Steve Atkinson (Rumpke), Bob Habish (Rumpke) and Rick Musgrave.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor.
2. There were three additions to the agenda.
3. The minutes of March 1st were approved with the motion by Gallion, second by Waldrop. All ayes, motion carried.
4. There were no delinquent water bills customer that came before the Board.
5. The first addition to the agenda was Mrs. Myers from Rumpke who came before the board to present a new contract for the Villages garbage pickup. Mr. Atkinson stated that the rate stated in the contract is guaranteed for 12 months. The contract is for a 5 year term. Motion by Waldrop with a second by Rich to accept the contract. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Finn, with a second by Gallion to grant the St. Jude's Bike-a-thon to use the park on May 20th. All ayes, motion carried.
7. The second addition to the agenda was The Antique Tractor and Engine Club asking that the ramp be built a week before The Antique Tractor and Engine show in August. The Public Works Superintendent stated that his department would help with the understanding that the AT & E Club members would help. The Club has received permission from the fair board to build a new loading ramp on fair grounds.
8. Lorance made a motion that the Village's Working Budget be approved, with a second by Finn. All ayes, motion carried. (See Attachment)

9. The third addition to the agenda was Mr. Musgrave asked about doing a fund raiser for Corporate Angel Network. The Mayor suggested he ask some of the local organization such as the Ruritan's. Mr. Musgrave also read a poem that he had written.
10. The clerk and treasurer was given permission to attend a Judy Barr Topeka Treasurers' Symposium on April 10th and 11th.
11. The mayor stated her appreciation of everyone that she has worked with during her terms in office. The board also approve to give Leah Chiddix a \$60.00 Gift Certificate from Weber Jewelry Store for her retirement present from the Village. The mayor donated sign in front of Municipal Building to the village. The sign is valued at \$600.00.
12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. It was decided to take \$15,000 from each Sewer and Water checking accounts and put in their respective repo accounts.
13. Motion by Lorance, second by Waldrop to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.
14. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: There was a request for a handicap parking space on South Jefferson on the east side of the Oblong Grade School. This request was made by the Oblong Grade School Principal Randy Smith on behalf of Tristan Lewis. A motion by Waldrop, with a second by Rich to have this done. All ayes, motion carried.
  - B. Buildings and Park: Gallion asked permission to let Joy Fitzmaurice use the park for pony rides on September 15th, 16th and 17th for the Route 33 Tourism Promotion. The board approved with the understand that the Public Works Superintendent will work with her. The also approved to let the Heart Walk on September 30th to use the park.
  - C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report.
  - D. Street and Alley: Public Works Superintendent stated that the Street Sweeper was needing some repair done on the hopper. The estimate for the repairs is between \$600 and \$2,000.
  - E. Water and Sewer: Gary asked permission to purchase a tiller for \$50 out of the Water Salvage Account. It was granted.
  - F. Finance: No report.
15. The board went into executive session at 8 pm to discuss hiring of summer help, salaries and the appointment of an acting Mayor. The board came out of executive session at 8:45 pm. Rich made the motion with a second by Littlejohn to hire the summer help of Darin Coulter, Tanner Holt and Loren Polley. 5 ayes 1 abstain, motion carried.

Lorance made the motion with a second by Waldrop to accept Plan B of the proposed salaries schedule. All ayes, motion carried. Due to the resignation of Mayor Cunningham, Lorance made a motion with a second by Gallion to appoint Myrl Littlejohn as Acting Mayor. 5 ayes 1 abstain, motion carried.

16. A motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Lorance, second by Gallion. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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April 5, 2000

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
General Fund  
Law Enforcement Department #1  
Proposed Budget  
2000-2001

End of Fiscal April 30, 2000  
Actual Revenues:

3015	Property Tax - Law	
3300	CopsGrant	
3920	Miscellaneous	
3950	Fines	
Total	Revenues	

Expenditures: 2000-2001

4010	Salaries And Wages	84,200.00
4122	ContractorExpense	700.00
4210	Utilities	1,900.00
4220	Insurance	1,850.00
4240	Education & And Training	3,500.00
4340	Publications	500.00
434!	Dues	400.00
4306	Major Projects	1,845.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	2,500.00
4550	Supplies & Material	1,600.00
4552	OperatingSupplies	1,000.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	6,500.00

4230	Office Expenses	600.00
4920	RadioFees	3,500.00
4940	CapitalOutlay	23,000.00
4910	Miscellaneous	\$,900.00
Total	Expenditures	147,495.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
 General Fund  
 Street and Alley #2  
 Proposed Budget  
 2000-2001

End of Fiscal April 30, 2000  
 Actual Revenues:

Total Revenues

Expenditures: 2000-2001

4010	Salaries And Wages	32,000.00
4210	Utilities	15,000.00
4220	Insurance	7,000.00
4340	Publication	75.00
4341	Dues	75.00
4306	Major Project	2,000.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	250.00
4122	Contractor Expense	9,500.00
4550	Supplies & Material	7,500.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	5,500.00
4565	Sidewalks	10,000.00
4570	Storm Sewer & Drainage	2,500.00
4910	D&A	500.00
4940	Capital Outlay	37,815.00
Total	Expenditures	129,715.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
 General Fund  
 Building #3  
 Proposed Budget  
 2000-2001

End of Fiscal April 30, 2000

Actual Revenues  
 Corp/Road & Bridge Tax  
 Audit Tax  
 Salvage  
 Sales Tax  
 income Tax  
 Use Tax  
 Liquor License  
 Vendor License  
 Trailer Permit  
 infrastructure Fee  
 Investment Earnings  
 Foreign Fire Insurance  
 Photo Tax  
 A/C Rent  
 Farm & Triax Rent  
 Other

Total Revenues  
 Expenditures: 2000-2001  
 4010 Salaries And Wages 48,183.00  
 4210 Utilities 5,500.00  
 4199 Siren Expense 1,000.00  
 4200 TIF Expense 5,000.00  
 4220 Insurance 16,000.00  
 4230 Office Expense 12,000.00  
 4239 Dog Catcher 0.00  
 4240 Education & Training 7,200.00  
 4340 Publications 1,500.00  
 4341 Dues 1,500.00  
 4300 Engineering/CleanUp 5,000.00  
 4301 Professional Expense 12,000.00  
 4306 Major Projects 12,000.00  
 4122 Contractor Expense 10,000.00  
 4552 Operations/Building 13,500.00  
 4910 Other Expense 10,000.00  
 4940 Capital Outlay 5,000.00  
 Total Expenditures 165,383.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
 Motor Fuel Tax Fund  
 Proposed Budget  
 2000-2001

End of Fiscal April 30, 2000  
 Actual Revenues:

Intergovernmental  
Interest

Total Revenues

Expenditures

Maintenance-Streets	38,500.00
Supplies And Materials	6,500.00
Equipment Rental	1,850.00
Total Expenses	46,850.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Park Fund  
Proposed Budget  
2000-200

End of Fiscal April 30, 2000  
Actual Revenues:

Property Tax  
Interest  
Camping

Total Revenues

Expenditures: 2000-2001

4210	Utilities	7,500.00
4122	ContractorExpense	500.00
4550	Supplies & Materials	2,000.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	850.00
Lake	Maintenance	0.00
4940	CapitalOutlay	24,995.00

Total Expenditures 38,345.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Sewer Fund  
Proposed Budget  
2000-2001

End of Fiscal April 30, 2000  
Actual Revenues:

Sewer Sales  
Other  
Property Tax  
Interest

Total Revenues

Expenditures: 2000-2001

4010	Salaries And Wages	26,880.00
4210	Utilities	3,700.00
4220	Insurance	11,000.00
4230	Office Expense	500.00
4240	Education & Training	500.00
4340	Publications	100.00
4341	Dues	100.00
4300	Engineering	1,200.00
4301	Professional Expense	500.00
4302	Lab, Testing & UPS (New Account)	1,200.00
4306	Major Projects	10,000.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	250.00
4122	Contractor Expense	5,500.00
4550	Supplies & Materials	16,000.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	650.00
4910	Miscellaneous	50.00
4940	Capital Outlay	33,480.00
Total	Expenditures	115,390.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Water Fund  
Proposed Budget  
2000-2001

End of Fiscal April 30, 2000  
Actual Revenues:

Water Sales  
Water Salesman  
Merchandise  
Water Reconnect  
Tap On Fee  
Salvage  
Interest  
Total Revenues

Expenditures: 2000-2001

4010	Salaries And Wages	59,590.00
4700	Water Purchases	148,000.00
4210	Utilities	6,100.00
4220	Insurance	16,500.00
4230	Office Expense	7,000.00
4240	Education & Training	750.00
4340	Publications	500.00
4341	Dues	500.00
4300	Engineering	12,000.00
4301	Professional Expense	3,500.00
4302	Lab, testing & UPS (New Account)	1,100.00
4306	Major Projects	15,000.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	500.00
4122	Contractor Expense	5,500.00
4550	Supplies & Material	18,000.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	4,000.00
4910	Miscellaneous	2,000.00
4940	Capital Outlay	34,150.00
Total	Expenses	334,690.00

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	Base 99/00	Hourly 99/00	Base Inc.	Base 00/01	Hourly 00/01
Gregg	\$26,083.20	\$12.54	\$870.00	\$26,953.20	\$12.96
Gary	\$28,974.40	\$13.93	\$870.00	\$29,844.40	\$14.35
Travis	\$23,628.80	\$11.36	\$870.00	\$24,498.80	\$11.78
Jamee	\$20,488.00	\$9.85	\$870.00	\$21,358.00	\$10.27
Jason	\$18,678.40	\$8.98	\$1,500.00	\$20,178.40	\$9.70
Dale	\$17,544.00	\$9.64	\$760.00	\$18,304.80	\$10.06
Rob	\$19,905.60	\$9.57	\$870.00	\$20,775.60	\$9.99
Larry		\$9.65			\$10.04
Scott		\$9.65			\$10.04
Jean		\$9.00			\$9.36
Jan				\$14,215.50	\$12.15

Ladora \$8,756.80 \$8.42

Total Inc. \$155,303.20 \$184885.50

Projected \$259,497.45 \$293367.34

Increase \$10,897.59

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### May 3, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 3rd, 2000.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Randy Rich.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Chief Van Praag, Greg Bilbrey (Robinson Daily News), Byron Sanders, and Norma Carder.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of April 5th were read and approved with the motion by Gallion, second by Lorance. 5 ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda. Norma Carder came to ask the Village Board to join in support of Crawford County joining the Regional Planning Commission with the others villages of the county. Motion by Lorance with a second by Gallion that the Village will pay an annual fee of per population (about \$500), if the Crawford County Board decided to join the Regional Planning Commission. 5 ayes, motion carried.
4. There were no delinquent water bills customer that came before the Board.
5. Motion by Waldrop, with a second by Finn to adopt Ordinance #00-419 (Payroll). 5 ayes, motion carried.
6. The Board approved to reappoint Greg Van Praag as Chief of Police and Gary Lanter as Public Works Superintendent.
7. Mayor Littlejohn stated that Crawford County Soil & Water office wanted permission to hold a fishing rodeo at the park. The board granted that request. Mayor

Littlejohn stated that he had talked to Allen Price, Oblong Schools Superintendent, and that the school will be placing the Handicap Parking Sign for Tristan Lewis on school property instead of on the South Jefferson Street.

8. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

9. Motion by Finn, second by Lorance to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. 5 ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: A thank you card was received from Robinson Clover Buds for the Chief coming to the library and talking to them. Waldrop stated that the week of May 15th is Police Remembrance Week for police officers killed in the line of duty. Waldrop stated that everyone had a copy of the Monthly Report.

B. Buildings and Park: Motion by Waldrop second by Gallion to get estimates on having the tile floors in the Municipal Building stripped. Lorance said he would get the phone # of Bestway and call to ask them. Lorance stated that Bestway has done some of the floors in Central United Methodist Church.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report.

D. Street and Alley: Motor Fuel Letting will be May 11th at 10 AM. There was a tree between South Taylor Street and South Roosevelt Street that had caught on fire and needed to be taken down due to ordinance. The village felt the bill for the tree removal was too high.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that the Consumer Letters will be going out in the next few days to all water costumers. Gary also stated that he had talked to Shannon (Connor & Connor) and that it will be a couple more weeks before the easements and right of ways will be done by the Village Attorney. Gary was pleased with the turn out at the JULIE Meeting held on April 28th. There was around 58 present and the meeting went real well.

F. Finance: No transfer of funds at this time.

IL Motion by Gallion with a second by Waldrop that any extra time put in will be considered overtime/extra hours. 5 ayes, motion carried.

12. Questions about the working budget -- Capital Outlay (anything over \$500 needs to have approval from the Village Board.) The Board approved to let Gary go ahead with getting the Public Works Logo on the trucks and the office door, a box scraper & quick hitch, collect prices on laser level and to proceed with sewer project by Beals property. The Finance Committee stated that they needed to meet with the clerk and treasurer to earmark what portion of the Capital Outlay will be coming out of the Repo accounts. The

Building & Park Committee need to met with Gary and decide what size of pavilion is needed on the North side of the Park and what size of restroom facility is needed.

13. A motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by Lorance, second by Finn. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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May 3, 2000

ORDINANCE NO. 00-4 19

AN ORDINANCE SETTING AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF PAYMENT FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2000, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2001.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Acting President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois:

Section 1. The rates of pay for the various employees in the following classifications shall be the base rate listed below:

CLASSIFICATION	NAME	BASE RATE PER HOUR
Village Treasurer	Jan Miller	\$12.15
Village Clerk	Ladora Boyd	8.42
Chief of Police	Greg Van Praag	12.96
Superintendent of Public Works	Gary Lanter	14.35
Utility Worker (A)	Travis Smith	11.78
Utility Worker (B)	Jamee Huber	10.27
Meter Reader	Jason Garrard	9.70
Water Office Administrator	Dale Davis	10.06
Patrolman	Rob Lowrance	9.99
Sergeant	Larry Fear	10.04
Patrolman (PT-A)	Scott Plummer	10.04
Patrolman (PT-B)	Jean Ann Randolph	9.36
Custodian	Byron Sander	8.00

In addition to the above base pay per hour the Village Treasurer and the Village Clerk shall also be paid \$50.00 per attended meeting of the Board of Trustees (with each employee allowed payment for two missed meeting per fiscal year).

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to May 1, 2000.

AYES	<u>          </u> NAYS	
	<u>ABSENT</u>	
Bonnie Finn	X	
Jack Gallion	X	
Myrl Littlejohn	X	
Larry Lorance	X	
Randy Rich		X
Keith Waldrop	X	

PASSED this 3rd day of May, 2000.

APPROVED this 3rd day of May, 2000.

Myrl E. Littlejohn

ACTING  
PRESIDENT

ATTESTED and filed in my office this 3rd day of May, 2000.

Ladora Boyd CLERK  
(SEAL)

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**June 7, 2000**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 7th, 2000.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Chief Van Praag, Greta Baker (Robinson Daily News), Byron Sanders, Mary Beth Robinson (Rumpke of Illinois), Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Nancy Polley and David Harrison.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.

2. The minutes of May 3rd were read by Jan and approved with the motion by Keith, second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Mary Beth Robinson, from Rumpke of Illinois, stated that Rumpke has a new residential trash truck. The new truck would make it easier to pick up the garbage all on one day instead of two days a week. This will begin on June 23rd. She ask if this would be alright with the Village Board. Motion by Keith with a second by Jack to grant this change. All ayes, motion carried. Mrs. Robinson also stated that all customers will need to bag their trash. All Rumpke customers were to get notices about the change in trash pickup dates.

4. There was one addition to the agenda. Nancy Polley came to ask the board why Best-Way was asked to strip the Municipal Building Floors. She was under the impression that when the Village hired the new custodian that the Village would not have to hire anything out. Mayor Littlejohn stated that at the present time the Village does not have the equipment need to do the job.

5. There was one delinquent water bill customer that came before the Board. David Harrison ask for an extension on \$113.96 bill. He is to pay \$30 on June 9th and then on June 23rd to pay the remainder.

6. Motion by Keith, with a second by Bonnie to adopt Ordinance #00-420 (Prevailing Wages). All ayes, motion carried.

7. Mayor Littlejohn stated that he would contact Mr. Jack Piper, Connie Russell and Gerald & Karen Jacobs about the TIF ground being mowed. The Village Board has decided that the Village will no longer be paying to have the TIF ground mowed.

8. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Finance Committee Chairman Lorance stated that there will be 3 CD's up for bid. Jan is to send out letters to all 3 financial institutions here in Oblong. Jan informed the Village Board that she would be gone June 25-27 to get her Certification certificate at Peoria.

9. Motion by Larry, second by Myrl to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Keith stated that there was a committee meeting on June 1st to discuss a request for signs on the corner of West Illinois and North Washington stating CHILDREN AT PLAY. There was a motion by Keith with a second by Larry to table this discuss until 30 days after the Nutrition Center moves to their new location. Keith stated that the committee proposes have bids on the 92 Ford Crown Victoria Police car from dealership and advertise it in the Robinson Daily News and Oblong Gem. All bids will have to be received by July 3rd. Waldrop stated that everyone had a copy of the Monthly Report.

B. Buildings and Park: The Board decided to pay \$75.19 worth of Supplies for the triangle out at the Village Park. The Board feelings, about having a non-denominational church meeting in the Activity Center, is that the Village will not let them book the Activity Center after June 11th. There was to be a committee meeting after the board meeting.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report.

D. Street and Alley: No report.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that 50% of the easements and right of ways were signed this afternoon. Gary also stated that after all easements and right of ways have been signed work should start 60 days later.

F. Finance: No transfer of funds at this time. Nothing else needed to be discussed.

11. Jan mentioned that the Village had received a disk from the Comptroller's Office on an Annual Audit for the TIF project. Tom Moore looked at it and said to send it to the Village Attorney. Jan will pay \$250 for the old computer out of the office after the new computer is in and programmed. The Village Board gave Gary permission to purchase a trailer with the Water Savage money.

12. A motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm was made by Jack, second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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June 7, 2000

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 00-420

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING  
THE PREVAILING WAGE

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 7th. day of June, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 00-420

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PREVAILING WAGE OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDANED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILUNOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1 The following exhibit shall adopt the Prevailing Wage of the "Revised Code of Ordinances" of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, shall be as follows:

SECTION 2: Severability of Provisions. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason. such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SEC'I'ION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 4: Passed this 7th day of June, 2000, by the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, and deposited and filed in the office of the Village Clerk in said Village on that date.

LADORA C. BOYD  
VILLAGE CLERK  
OBLONG, ILLINOIS

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN		ABSENT
B. Finn		X			

J. Gallion	X			
M. Littlejohn	X			
L. Lorance	X			
R Rich	X			
K. Waldrop	X			

Approved by the Village President of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois,  
 this 7th day of June, 2000.,  
 MYRL LITTLEJOHN, VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
 OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:  
 LADORA C. BOYD, VILLAGE CLERK  
 OBLONG, ILLINOIS

(SEAL)

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June 7, 2000

ORDINANCE No. 00-420

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, codified as amended, 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq. (1993), formerly Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 48, par. 39s-1 et seq. and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of said Village of Oblong, Crawford County employed in performing construction of public works, for said Village of Oblong.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG:

SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Village of Oblong is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Crawford County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June of the current

year, a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department's June determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by the Village of Oblong. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance which are also used in aforesaid Act shall be the same as in said Act.

SECTION 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works construction of the Village of Oblong to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.

SECTION 3: The Oblong Village Clerk shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the Village of Oblong this determination or any revisions of such prevailing rate wage. A copy of this determination or of the current revised determination of prevailing rate of wages then in effect shall be attached to all contract specifications.

SECTION 4: The Oblong Village Clerk shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.

SECTION 5: The Clerk of the Village of Oblong shall promptly file a certified copy of this Ordinance with both the Secretary of State Index Division and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 6: Clerk of the Village of Oblong shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this Ordinance, effective and that this is the determination of this public body.

PASSED THIS 7th. DAY OF June, 2000.

APPROVED:

Mayor, Village of Oblong

SEAL  
ATTEST:

Village Clerk

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June 7, 2000



Illinois Department of Labor  
 Division of Conciliation & Mediation  
 Prevailing Wages for June 2000

*Crawford County*

Trade Name	RGN	Trade Type	Trade Class	Base Wage	Frman Wage	OT M-F>8	OT Sat.	OT Sun/Hol	WLFR	Pension	Vac	Tng
ASBESTOS ABT-GEN		ALL		18.100	18.550	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.150	3.850	0.000	0.250
ASBESTOS ABT-MEC		BLD		20.800	0.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.000	2.980	0.000	0.000
BOILERMAKER		BLD		23.200	24.700	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.550	6.440	0.000	0.150
BRICK MASON		BLD		21.750	23.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.450	3.050	0.000	0.525
CARPENTER		BLD		23.540	25.290	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	4.320	0.000	0.250
CARPENTER		HWY		21.870	23.370	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	3.620	0.000	0.250
CEMENT MASON		BLD		22.630	23.630	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	4.000	0.000	0.200
CEMENT MASON		HWY		18.400	19.900	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	3.650	0.000	0.000
ELECTRICIAN		BLD		24.450	25.550	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.000	4.340	0.000	0.000
ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTOR		BLD		24.835	27.940	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.325	2.460	1.490	0.000
GLAZIER		BLD		19.610	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.250	2.000	0.000	0.000
HT/FROST INSULATOR		BLD		22.000	23.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	5.710	0.000	0.100
IRON WORKER		ALL		21.500	22.800	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.400	6.400	0.000	0.310
LABORER		ALL		18.100	18.550	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.150	3.850	0.000	0.250
LATHER		BLD		23.540	25.290	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	4.320	0.000	0.250
MACHINIST		BLD		28.250	30.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.150	1.900	1.950	0.000
MARBLE MASON		BLD		25.400	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	0.000	4.000	0.000	0.000
MILLWRIGHT		BLD		22.500	24.250	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.800	5.470	0.000	0.250
MILLWRIGHT		HWY		16.450	17.700	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.800	3.000	0.000	0.000
OPERATING ENGINEER		ALL	1	23.150	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.150	4.900	0.000	0.450
OPERATING ENGINEER		ALL	2	15.300	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.150	4.900	0.000	0.450
PAINTER		ALL		20.500	22.000	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.250	2.500	0.000	0.050
PILEDRIIVER		BLD		24.040	25.790	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	4.320	0.000	0.250
PILEDRIIVER		HWY		22.370	23.870	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	3.620	0.000	0.000
PIPEFITTER		ALL		24.220	25.970	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.700	4.250	0.000	0.400
PLASTERER		BLD		21.890	22.890	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	4.000	0.000	0.200
PLUMBER		ALL		24.220	25.970	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.700	4.250	0.000	0.400
ROOFER		BLD		19.100	21.600	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.750	3.000	0.000	0.000
SHEETMETAL WORKER		BLD		23.890	25.080	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.300	3.360	0.000	0.370
SPRINKLER FITTER		BLD		26.040	27.540	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.400	3.850	0.000	0.000
STONE MASON		BLD		21.750	23.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.450	3.050	0.000	0.525
TELECOM WORKER		BLD		21.900	23.400	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.000	2.650	1.430	0.000
TELECOM WORKER		BLD	1	17.950	19.750	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.300	0.540	0.000	0.000
TERRAZZO MASON		BLD		25.400	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	0.000	4.000	0.000	0.000
TILE LAYER		BLD		21.650	23.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	3.020	0.000	0.000
TILE MASON		BLD		25.400	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	0.000	4.000	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER		ALL	1	21.440	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER		ALL	2	21.840	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER		ALL	3	22.040	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER		ALL	4	22.290	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER		ALL	5	23.040	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TUCKPOINTER		BLD		21.750	23.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.450	3.050	0.000	0.525



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Prevailing Wages for Year 2000

Explanation Sheet for Crawford County

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

The following list is considered as those days for which holiday rates of wages for work performed apply: New Years Day, Memorial/Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. Generally, any of these holidays which fall on a Sunday is celebrated on the following Monday. This then makes work performed on that Monday payable at the appropriate overtime rate for holiday pay. Common practice in a given local may alter certain days of celebration such as the day after Thanksgiving for Veterans Day. If in doubt, please check with IDOL.

**EXPLANATION OF CLASSES**

**ASBESTOS - GENERAL** - removal of asbestos material from any place in a building, including mechanical systems where those mechanical systems are to be removed. This includes the removal of asbestos materials from ductwork or pipes in a building when the building is to be demolished at the time or at some close future date.

**ASBESTOS - MECHANICAL** - removal of asbestos material from mechanical systems, such as pipes, ducts, and boilers, where the mechanical systems are to remain.

**TELECOM WORKER**

Class 1. Installation, operation, inspection, maintenance, repair, and service of radio, television, recording, voice sound and vision production and reproduction apparatus, equipment and appliances used for domestic, commercial, education, entertainment and private telephone systems.

**TRUCK DRIVER - BUILDING, HEAVY AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION**

Class 1. Drivers on 2 axle trucks hauling less than 9 ton. Air compressor and welding machines and brooms, including those pulled by separate units, truck driver helpers, warehouse employees, mechanic helpers, greasers and tiremen, pickup trucks when hauling materials, tools, or workers to and from and on-the-job site, and fork lifts up to 6,000 lb. capacity.

Class 2. Two or three axle trucks hauling more than 9 ton but hauling less than 16 ton. A-frame winch trucks, hydrolift trucks, vactor trucks or similar equipment when used for transportation purposes. Fork lifts over 6,000 lb. capacity, winch trucks, four axle combination units, and ticket writers.

Class 3. Two, three or four axle trucks hauling 16 ton or more. Drivers on water pulls, articulated dump trucks, mechanics and working forepersons, and dispatchers. Five axle or more combination units.

Class 4. Low Boy and Oil Distributors.

Class 5. Drivers who require special protective clothing while employed on hazardous waste work.

**OPERATING ENGINEERS - BUILDING, HEAVY AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION**

Class 1. Power Cranes, Draglines, Derricks, Shovels, Gradalls, Mechanics, Tractor Highlift, Tournadozer, Concrete Mixers with Skip, Tournamixer, Two Drum Machine, One Drum Hoist with Tower or Boom, Cableways, Tower Machines, Motor Patrol, Boom Tractor, Boom or Winch Truck, Winch or Hydraulic Boom Truck, Truck Crane, Tournapull, Tractor Operating Scoops, Bulldozer, Push Tractor, Asphalt Planer, Finishing Machine on Asphalt, Large Rollers on Earth, Rollers on Asphalt Mix, Ross Carrier or similar Machine, Gravel Processing Machine, Asphalt Plant Engineer, Paver Operator, Dredging Equipment, or Dredge Engineer, or Dredge Operator, Central Mix Plant Engineer, CMI or similar type machine, Concrete Pump, Truck or Skid Mounted, Tower Crane, Engineer or Rock Crusher Plant, Concrete Plant Engineer, Ditching Machine with dual attachment, Tractor Mounted Loaders, Cherry Picker, Hydro Crane, Standard or Dinkey Locomotives, Scoopmobiles, Euclid Loader, Soil Cement Machine, Back



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Filler, Elevating Machine, Power Blade, Drilling Machine, including Well Testing, Caissons, Shaft or any similar type drilling machines, Motor Driven Paint Machine, Pipe Cleaning Machine, Pipe Wrapping Machine, Pipe Bending Machine, Apsco Paver, Boring Machine, (Head Equipment Greaser), Barber-Greene Loaders, Formless Paver, (Well Point System), Concrete Spreader, Hydra Ax, Span Saw, Marine Scoops, Brush Mulcher, Brush Burner, Mesh Placer, Tree Mover, Helicopter Crew (3), Piledriver-Skid or Crawler, Stump Remover, Root Rake, Tug Boat Operator, Refrigerating Machine, Freezing Operator, Chair Cart- Self-Propelled, Hydra Seeder, Straw Blower, Power Sub Grader, Bull Float, Finishing Machine, Self-Propelled Pavement Breaker, Lull (or similar type Machine), Two Air Compressors, Compressors hooked in Manifold, Overhead Crane, Chip Spreader, Mud Cat, Sull-Air, Fork Lifes (except when used for landscaping work), Soil Stabilizer (Seaman Tiller, Bo Mag, Rago Gator, and similar types of equipment), Tube Float, Spray Machine, Curing Machine, Concrete or Asphalt Milling Machine, Snooper Truck-Operator, Backhoe, Farm Tractors (with attachments), 4 Point Lift System (Power Lift or similar type), Skid-Steer (Bob Cat or similar type), Wrecking Shears, Water Blaster.

Class 2. Concrete Mixers without Skips, Rock Crusher, Ditching Machine under 6', Curbing Machine, One Drum Machines without Tower or Boom, Air Tugger, Self-Propelled Concrete Saw, Machine Mounted Post Hole Digger, two to four Generators, Water Pumps or Welding Machines, within 400 feet, Air Compressor 600 cu. ft. and under, Rollers on Aggregate and Seal Coat Surfaces, Fork Lift (when used for landscaping work), Concrete and Blacktop Curb Machine, One Water Pump, Oilers, Air Valves or Steam Valves, One Welding Machine, Truck Jack, Mud Jack, Gunnite Machine, House Elevators when used for hoisting material, Engine Tenders, Fireman, Wagon Drill, Flex Plane, Conveyor, Siphons and Pulsometer, Switchman, Fireman on Paint Pots, Fireman on Asphalt Plants, Distributor Operator on Trucks, Tampers, Self-Propelled Power Broom, Striping Machine (motor driven), Form Tamper, Bulk Cement Plant, Equipment Greaser, Deck Hands, Truck Crane Oiler-Driver, Cement Blimps, Form Grader, Temporary Heat, Throttle Valve, Super Sucker (and similar type of equipment). Other

Classifications of Work:

For definitions of classifications not otherwise set out, the Department generally has on file such definitions which are available. If there is no such definition on file, the Bureau of Labor Statistics SIC list will be used. If a task to be performed is not subject to one of the classifications of pay set out, the Department will upon being contacted state which neighboring county has such a classification and provide such rate, such rate being deemed to exist by reference in this document. Further, if no such neighboring county rate applies to the task, the Department shall undertake a special determination, such special determination being then deemed to have existed under this determination. If a project requires these, or any classification not listed, please contact IDOL at 618/993-7271 for wage rates or clarifications.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping work falls under the existing classifications for laborer, operating engineer and truck driver. The work performed by landscape plantsman and landscape laborer is covered by the existing classification of laborer. The work performed by landscape operators (regardless of equipment used or its size) is covered by the classifications of operating engineer. The work performed by landscape truck drivers (regardless of size of truck driven) is covered by the classifications of truck driver.

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July 5, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 5th, 2000.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Greta Baker (Robinson Daily News), Byron Sanders, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Tom Moore (Kemper CPA), Tim Farley (Farley Insurance Agency), Sgt. Fear and David Harrison.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of June 7th were read by Jan and approved with the motion by Bonnie, second by Randy. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda. Tim Farley (Farley Insurance Agency) came before the Village Board to ask if his agency could give the Village a bid on Property & Casualty. The Village Board said that they would get back to him.
4. There was one delinquent water bill customer that came before the Board. David Harrison asked for an extension on a past due bill. He is to pay half on July 7th and then on July 21st pay the remainder. Motion by Jack, second by Bonnie to grant Mr. Harrison the extension. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Tom Moore (Kemper CPA) met with the Finance Committee and the Mayor at 6 pm to go over the complete audit. He summarized the audit at the Board Village Meeting. He stated that the Village is in good standing.
6. Motion by Larry, with a second by Keith to renew the Village's membership with Illinois Tax Increment Association. All ayes, motion carried.
7. The Village Board decided that the Village will not fill out the survey received from Illinois Municipal League.
8. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Finance Committee Chairman Lorance opened the bids received on the 3 CD's that need to be renewed. Bids were received from the following financial institutions:

Old National	7.03%(12 mons)	7.15%(18 mons)	7.28%(24 mons)
1st Crawford (General)	6.77%	6.92%	7.08%
(Water)	6.77%	6.92%	7.08%
(Sewer)	6.41%	6.52%	6.67%

1st Robinson Savings Bank 6.52% (Flat)  
Illinois Funds 5.99% (Flat)

Motion by Larry, second by Randy to award the CDs to Old National for 12 months at 7.03%. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Keith, second by Jack to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Keith stated that Chief Van Praag will be purchasing some Stop Sticks at the end of this month or first part of August. Keith stated that everyone had a copy of the Monthly Report. It was brought to the attention of the Board that Dr. Szigethy has not complied with the Court order that stated he had to repair the outside of the house located at 302 W. Main Street by July 1st. The Board feels that they should pursue this matter by having Chief Van Praag take pictures of the house and send them to the Village Attorney and also contact the attorney. The attorney is to generate a letter to be sent to Dr. Szigethy's attorney that the Village is will to give an extension of no more than 30 days. There were four bids on the '92 Ford Crown Victoria. They are as follows:

Mr. Sidigi, from Palatine, IL \$1,255  
Mr. Sanders, from Oblong, IL \$1,200  
Mr. Naviwala, from Chicago, IL \$1,089  
Mr. Dabbagh, from Chicago, IL \$ 856

Motion by Keith, second by Randy that the highest bidder received the bid. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Buildings and Park: Randy stated that there is a spider problem at the old oil field museum building out at the Park. He said that he had contacted Henry Pest Control to take care of the problem. Randy also brought before the board the estimate for a 24' x 30' Pavilion to be built on the North side of the Park. The estimate was for \$4,800. They are still waiting for estimates on the restroom on the North side of the Park and Village Maintenance Building.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: The Village Board decided to have all the sidewalks repaired that Gary brought before the board. Gary is to get specs and put them out for bid. (See attachment)

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that it would save the Village and customers, that have to dig across the street to fix a leak or lay new lines, if the Village workers were to do the sawing across the street. Motion by Jack, second by Larry to charge \$0.75/ft with a minimum of \$15. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Water and Sewer: Water & Sewer Committee Chairman Finn stated that the committee had met to discuss the problem of some of the Water Extension customers not paying. Motion by Bonnie, second by Randy to send letters to the outstanding water extension customers that if they did not have their connect fee of \$500 by August 15th the customer will be charged \$750. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Bonnie, second by Jack to let Gary hire out the Sewer Camera with an employee using it to help customers find the sewer leaks; the fee was set at \$50. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Keith, second by Jack to have Gary get bids on moving the line that has to be moved due to Route 33 expansion. All ayes, motion carried. Gary will be getting bids on 4" line instead of the 2" line for North of the Stoy crossroad. The Board gave Gary permission to sell a saw that is no longer used for \$50.

F. Finance: The board decided to get rid of the credit cards. Motion by Jack, second by Larry to transfer \$25,000 from Water checking and \$10,000 from Sewer checking to their respected Repos. All ayes, motion carried. Jan is to send out letters for bids on the Sewer Revenue Bond Repo that comes up on August 21st.

11. A motion to adjourn at 9 pm was made by Bonnie, second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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July 5, 2000

Proposed 2000 Sidewalk Replacement Program

400 Block North Garfield St. (Jerry McDaniel) 165 ft.  
(20' at alley to be spec. 6")

300 Block N. Garfield (West Side)(314) 20 ft.

300 Block N. Garfield (East Side) (Mrs. Floyd) 121 ft.

200 Block E. Wisconsin (North Side) (Wheeler Rental) 12 ft.

600 Block N. Range St. (East Side) (Betty Veach) 302 ft.

600 Block N. Range St. (West Side) (Mrs. Lackey) 114 ft.

500 Block N. Range(West Side) (Jim Dees) 16 ft.

100 Block N. Grant (West Side) (McGee New Home) 125 ft.

Corner of S. Garfield & E. Missouri (Mrs. Mikeworth) 81 ft.

300 Block S. Grant (West Side) (Davis / Musgrave) 228 ft.

200 Block W. Alabama (North Side) (Bernadine Ridlen) 152 ft.

5344 sq. ft.

Total Estimated Cost @ \$3.00 sq. ft. \$16,032.00

00/01 Sidewalk Budget \$10,000.00

1998 Bid price was \$2.80 sq. ft.

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## August 2, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 2nd. 2000.

### Members Present:

Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance. Jack Gallion. Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

### Others Present :

Gary Lamer, Chief Van Praag, Greta Baker (Robinson Daily News), Byron Sanders, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Della Workmen and David Krick, Sr.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of July 5th were read by Ladora and approved with the motion by Larry, second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda Della Workman, from the Oil Field Museum Board, came to the Board and stated that on August 14th. a meeting with John Veverka of John Veverka & Associates. The meeting will be held in the Farley Room for people to come and give their opinion of what they want. He will be helping the Museum Board work on the T21 grant. She also stated that there will be a whole hog roast on August 26th. Starting at 3 pm with entertainment to follow.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. A motion by Larry, with a second by Keith to adopt Ordinance #00—421 (Appropriation Ordinance). All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Randy, with a second by Bonnie to write Tim Farley, of Farley Insurance Agency, that the Board of Trustees are not interested at this time in getting a bid of the Village's Property & Casualty. 5 ayes, 1 abstained, motion carried.
7. Motion by Keith, with a second by Jack to rehire Kemper CPA to do the Village's annual audits for the next three years. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack to let Rumpke start trash pick up at 4 am which is two hours earlier. All ayes, motion carried.
9. The Mayor mentioned that the Robinson Western Saddle Club will be moving their horse shows to the arena at the Park.
10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Finance Committee Chairman Lorance opened the bids received on the Sewer Bond Reserve that needed to be renewed. Bids were received from the following financial institutions:

Old National	7.23% (12 months)
1st Crawford	5.90%
1st Robinson Savings Bank	7.15%

Motion by Randy, second by Larry to award the CD to Old National for 12 months at 7.23%. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Keith, second by Bonnie to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees

- A. Police: Keith stated that everyone had a copy of the Monthly Report
- B. Buildings and Park: Randy stated that there had only been one estimate on the restroom on the North side of the Park for \$14,730.53 from Krick's Construction. Motion by Jack, with a second by Keith to have Krick's go ahead and build the restroom. All ayes motion carried. The Board of Trustees asked Gary to put signs up in both camp sites stating that there is a drop box for camping fees in the center between the restroom doors. The board also decided to leave the restrooms unlock while there are campers out at the park camping.
- C. Sidewalks and Lights: There were only 2 bids on the sidewalk project. One bid was from Krick's Construction for \$15,972.00 and the other was from Consolidated Concrete for \$26,620.00. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Randy to give the bid to Krick for the sidewalk project. All ayes, motion carried.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that there are still 11 easements still outstanding of the water extension project. \*\*

F. Finance : No Report

13, Motion by Jack, second by Bonnie to have the Mayor contact Mr. Piper for permission to treat the two ponds in the TIF ground with Sonar A.S. for the duck weed problem and also to ask him to pay at least half of \$920. All ayes, motion carried.

14. A motion to adjourn at 8: 15 pm was made by Larry, second by Myrl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

\*\*There was an amendment to the minutes. The Board of Trustees discussed that the people who have paid their tap-on fee that were not included on the original water extension plan will have the tap-on fee return to them if they don't get city water. The tap-on fee was \$500.

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August 2, 2000

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 00-421

An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2000, and ending April 30th, 200!.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That the amount hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the municipality be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2000, and ending April 30th, 2001.

SECTION 2: That the appropriation herein made for any purpose shall be regarded as the maximum amounts to be expended under the respective appropriation accounts and shall not be construed as a commitment, agreement, obligation or liability of the Village of Oblong, and such appropriation being subject to further approval as to expenditure thereof by the Village Board.

SECTION 3: That the amount appropriated for each object and purpose shall be as follows:

AYES		NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	X			
Jack Gallion	X			
Myrl Littlejohn	X			
Larry Lorange	X			
Randy Rich	X			
Keith Waldrop	X			

Approved this 2nd day of August, 2000.  
 Myrl Littlejohn, PRESIDENT  
 (Acting)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LADORA BOYD VILLAGE CLERK

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August 2, 2000

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
 GENERAL FUND # 1

PERSONNEL  
 SALARIES AND WAGES 109,460.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
 MAJOR PROJECTS 2,398.50  
 UTILITIES 2,470.00

INSURANCE AND BONDS 15,405.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 910.00  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 1,170.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 4,550.00  
RADIO FEES 4,550.00  
CLOTHING EXPENSE 3,250.00

COMMODITIES  
OPERATING SUPPLIES 1,300.00  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 2,080.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 8,450.00  
OFFICE EXPENSES 780.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
VEHICLE 29,900.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
OTHER EXPENSES 5,070.00

TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT 191,743.50  
GENERAL FUND #1

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

STREET AND ALLEY  
GENERAL FUND # 2

PERSONAL  
SALARIES AND WAGES 41,600.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 195.00  
UTILITIES 19,500.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 12,350.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 2,600.00  
SIDEWALKS 13,000.00  
DRUGS, NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOL TESTING 650.00  
INSURANCE 9,100.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 9,750.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 7,150.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT 49,159.50

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE 3,250.00  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 325.00

TOTAL STREET AND ALLEY 168,629.50  
GENERAL FUND # 2

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

GENERAL FUND # 3

PERSONNEL  
SALARIES AND WAGES 62,637.90

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
INSURANCE AND BONDS 20,800.00  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 15,600.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 15,600.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 13,000.00  
UTILITIES 7,150.00  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 3,900.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 9,360.00  
SIREN 1,300.00  
TIF 6,500.00  
ENGINEERING 6,500.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 17,550.00  
OFFICE EXPENSES 15,600.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
EQUIPMENT 6,500.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
OTHER EXPENSES 13,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND #3 214,997.90

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

WATER FUND

PERSONNEL  
SALARIES AND WAGES 77,467.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 7,150.00  
INSURANCE 21,450.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 975.00  
ENGINEERING 15,600.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 19,500.00  
WATER PURCHASE 192,400.00  
UTILITIES 7,930.00  
PROFESSIONAL FEES 4,550.00  
LAB TESTING & UPS 1,430.00  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 1,300.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 23,400.00  
OFFICE EXPENSE 9,100.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 5,200.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT 44,395.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 650.00  
OTHER EXPENSE 1600.00

TOTAL WATER FUND 435,097.00  
AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

#### SEWER FUND

PERSONNEL  
SALARIES AND WAGES 34,944.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSES 7,150.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 650.00  
INSURANCE 14,300.00  
UTILITIES 4,810.00  
PROFESSIONAL FEES 650.00  
ENGINEERING 1,560.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 13,000.00  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 260.00

COMMODITIES  
SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 20,800.00  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 845.00  
OFFICE EXPENSE 650.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT 43,524.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 325.00  
OTHER EXPENSE 455.00

TOTAL SEWER FUND 145,483.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

MAINTENANCE	SERVICE- STREET
50,050.00	
SUPPLIES	AND MATERIALS
8,450.00	
EQUIPMENT	RENTAL
2,405.00	

TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND  
60,905.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

IMRF	FUND
14,000.00	
FICA	
22,000.00	
UNEMPLOYMENT	FUND
2,000.00	

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

PARK FUND

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
UTILITIES 9,750.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 650.00

COMMODITIES  
GAS AND OIL 1,105.00  
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS 2,600.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT 31493.50

TOTAL PARK FUND 46,598.50

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2001

LAW ENFORCEMENT (GENERAL FUND #1) 191,743.50  
STREET AND ALLEY (GENERAL FUND #2) 168,629.50  
GENERAL FUND #3 214,997.90  
WATER FUND 435,097.00  
SEWER FUND 145,483.00  
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND 60,905.00  
IMRF FUND 14,000.00  
FICA FUND 22,000.00  
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND 2,000.00  
PARK FUND 46,598.50  
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 1,301,454.40

SECTION 4: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That a Certified Copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of August, 2000, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong,, Crawford County, Illinois.

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September 6. 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 6th, 2000,

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance. Jack Gallion. Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Greta Baker (Robinson Daily News). Byron Sanders, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Della Workmen, Sgt. Larry Fear, Esther Fear, Martha Waldrop, Mike Fleck. Clyde Carter, Kim Carter, Karen Yager, Suzanne Menacher, Ross Vertia, Jennifer Sheridan, Nora Snider, Tim Attaway, Herb Jones, Carole Jones, Mike Garrard, Ilob Shields, Ed Shields. Kevin D. Maus, Christi Neeley, Joyce Lawhead, Kim Priest, Carolyn Songer, Mrs. Jack Shields and Sheriffs Deputy Todd Fear.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of August 2nd were read by Ladora, there was an amendment to the minutes stating that the Board of Trustees discussed that the people, who have paid their tap-on fee (\$500), that were not included on the original water extension plan will have the tap-on fee return to them if they don't get city water. Approval the minutes with the amendment motion by Bonnie, second by Keith. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Additions to the agenda, were some concerned citizens and business owners expressing their support of the Police Department and the Police Chief. Tim Attaway want to know what was going to be done about the bird problem in the North East part of town. He also want to know if the Board could speak with MediaCom about the cable reception of certain stations. Mr. Attaway stated he had received some calls about rumors of controversy between the Board and the police department. The Mayor stated that the bird problem will be discussed later in the meeting. Mayor stated that he would contact MediaCom about the cable reception. The Mayor also stated that at this time the board is not prepared to address the situation at this time. Suzanne Menacher ask the Police Chief if he was planning to resign. Chief Van Praag stated that he was not planning to quit.
4. There were two delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Carolyn Songer was grant an extension on her delinquent water bill. Kim Priest was grant an extension on her delinquent water bill until September 15th.
5. Motion by Keith, with a second by Jack to adopt Resolution #00-1 (Homecoming Parade Permit). All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to adopt Resolution #00-2 (Halloween Parade Permit). All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Larry, with a second by Myrl to pass Ordinance #00-422 (Tax Levy). All ayes, motion carried.
8. The Mayor mentioned that there will be a street dance on September 15th sponsored by Ridgeview Care Center. The music will be 50's & 60's with some Classic cars for people to look at.

9. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to give Travis Smith and Jason Garrard their extra week of Vacation. All ayes, motion carried.

10. The treasurers report was given by Jan. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack to allow Jan and Ladora to purchase train tickets to go Chicago (for IML Conference) on October 6th and return on October 7th. All ayes, motion carried. Finance Committee Chairman Lorance suggested that \$10,000.00 from the Sewer checking account and \$15,000.00 from the Water checking account to be put in their respective Repos. Motion by Larry, with a second by Keith to move the amounts to the Repo accounts. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Larry, second by Keith to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Keith asked for the Shriners to be able to distribute their hospital literature at the 4-way stop on September 23rd from 8 am to 12 (Noon), Motion by Bonnie, second by Randy to give the Shriners that permission. 5 ayes, 1 abstain; motion carried. Keith stated that the owner of the motorhome on the corner of East Indiana and South Garfield streets still has not start the project to enclose the motorhome in a building. The Mayor said that he would personally talk to the owner. Motion by Keith, with a second by Bonnie to have Mr. Bernardoni village attorney, to contact the judge about the ruling against Dr. Szigethy's property on West Main. 5 ayes, 1 nay; motion carried. Keith read 3 thank you letters to the police department. Keith stated that there would be a training session on September 21st in Robinson. The session is about Sexual abuse response. Keith stated that everyone had a copy of the Monthly Report. The bird problem will be back up at the next board meeting with some suggestion on how to handle the problem.

B. Buildings and Park: Randy had received specs on the new Maintenance Building out at the Park. There will be advertising for bid on the building to be open at the next board meeting. Motion by Randy, with a second by Larry to advertise for bids on the New Maintenance building. All ayes, motion carried. The board decided to have Byron to get estimates on a new buffer machine.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Krick has started the sidewalk project. Motion by Keith, with a second Randy by to give the Oblong Chamber of Commerce \$4,000 in January to purchase 15 new banners and brackets to use all year around. All ayes, motion carried. \*

D. Street and Alley: Gary asked the boards permission to go ahead and purchase the leaf vacuum for \$3,739. The board gave their permission. Gary also asked to be allowed to attend a meeting on Public Purchasing Officials on October 4th in Springfield. The board gave their permission. Motion by Randy, with a second by Jack to table the telephone discussion to a later date. All ayes, motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that there will be a committee meeting with Shannon Woodard on Monday, September 11th at 7:30 am. Gary got the plans for the water project out at the Stoy crossroads.

F. Finance: Committee had a meeting on Tuesday, August 29th, at 6 pm with Tom Moore of Kemper CPA to discuss the Tax Levy. Also discuss a recommendation on salary of the employee that will be finishing a 6 month probationary period.

13. The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 8:50 pm and came out at 10:05 pm. Motion by Randy, with a second by Jack to give Byron Sanders a \$70 raise upon the ending of his 6 month probation period (September 13th). All ayes, motion carried. It was also decided that the Police Committee along with the Police Chief will have a meeting on September 20th at 5 pm to discuss policy guidelines.

14. Motion by Myrl. with a second by Bonnie to permit the Village Clerk to attend Clerk's Institute in Springfield from October 22 to October 27. All ayes, motion carried. Bonnie also mention as food for thought about an ordinance governing Tattoo Parlors.

15. A motion to adjourn at 10:20 pm was made by Larry, second by Myrl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

\*The Oblong Chamber of Commerce stated that they will be responsible in putting up and taking down of the Christmas Lights up town.

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September 6. 2000

Resolution 00-1

WHEREAS, the OBLONG HIGH SCHOOL is sponsoring a HOMECOMING PARADE in the Village of Oblong which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this Homecoming Parade will require the temporary closure of Illinois Route 33 , a State Highway in the Village of Oblong from Garfield Street to Washington Street

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong that permission to close off Route 33 from Grant Street to Jefferson Street as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM on September 29th, 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of a Homecoming Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)\*

The detour route shall be as follows: North Giant Street to Ohio Street to North Jefferson Street back to Route 33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

\*To be used appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the Village be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all debris shall be removed by the Oblong High School prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Village Police as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the Village

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above. (Note: This paragraph is applicable when the Resolution pertains to a Parade or when no detour is required.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000.00 per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which as the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents as insured and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong this 6th day of September, 2000 , AD.

Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Village Board President of the Village of Oblong this 6th day of September, 2000 , A.D.

Myrl Littlejohn, President

ATTEST: Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

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September 6, 2000

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 00-422

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, in the County of Crawford and the State of Illinois, did on the 2nd day of August, 2000, pass the Annual Appropriation 13111 for the Village for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of May, 2000, and ending the 30th day of April, 2001, the amount ascertained to be the aggregate amount on the 2nd day of August, 2000.

NOW THEREFORE:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR:

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That there be and is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for general corporate purpose of said Village for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 2000, the sum of

Items of Appropriation and Levy		Appropriated	Levied
FOR GENERAL PURPOSES	383,627.40	28,100.00	
FOR MAINTENANCE OF SEWAGE PLANT (voted by the people)	21,822.00	6,300.00	
FOR MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE PARK (voted by the people)	46,598.50	8,500.00	
FOR POLICE PROTECTION (Petitioned by the people and passed by the Village Board of Trustees, September 5th, 1970.)	191,743.50	6,300.00	
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF SEWER SYSTEM	123,661.00		
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF WATER SYSTEM	435,097.00		
Respective Totals of Appropriation and Levy	1,202,549.40	49,200.00	

SECTION 2: That there be, and is, hereby levied against all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for special purposes of said Village for the Fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 2000, the following amounts:

Items of Appropriation and Levy  
 Appropriation Levied  
 4,400.00 4,400.00

FOR PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS 14,000.00  
 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

FOR PAYMENT OF SOCIAL 22,000.00 17,000.00  
 SECURITY TAXES ON EMPLOYEES

FOR PURCHASE OF 2,000.00 1,400.00  
 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Respective Totals of Appropriation & Levy 42,200.00 22,800.00

SECTION 3: The Clerk of said Village is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of said County, a duly certified copy of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

Upon roll call vote, as follows:

AYES		NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	X			
Jack Gallion	X			
Myrl Littlejohn	X			
Larry Lorance	X			
Randy Rich	X			
Keith Waldrop	X			

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, this 6th day of September, 2000.

Approved: Myrl E. Littlejohn, Mayor

LADORA BOYD, VILLAGE CLERK

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September 6, 2000

TRUTH IN TAXATION

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of Village of Oblong, and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is attached, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 through 7 of the "Truth in Taxation Act."

The notice and hearing requirements of Section 6 of the Act are (applicable or inapplicable).

The notice requirement of Section 7 is (applicable or inapplicable). This certificate applies to the 2000 Levy.

Date: September 6, 2000

Presiding Officer: Myrl E. Littlejohn

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October 4. 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 4th. 2000

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Greta Baker (Robinson Daily News), Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem). Dale Davis, Sgt. Larry Fear, Martha Waldrop. Kendra Carter, Kim Carter, Tim Attaway, Herb Jones, Carole Jones, Les Lake, Leslie Lake Sr., Richard Newbold, Joe Randolph, Jean Ann Randolph, David Harrison, Treva Beals, Village Attorney Richard Beinardoiiii, Warren Yockey and Marcella Johnson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7.00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of September 6th were read by Ladora. Approval the minutes motion by Jack, with second by Larry All ayes, motion carried.
3. Additions to the agenda, was Dale asking permission to use the Activity Room for the Morning Glories Home Extension Group on the Second Monday of each month in the evening unless the room is rented. The board gave permission. Tim Attaway also want permission to use the Activity Room for the Oblong Chamber of Commerce monthly

general membership meeting which are held on the Second Thursday of the month in the morning. The board gave permission. He also asked permission for a group of people from the Lake Committee and Chamber of Commerce to decorate out at the Park for Christmas, The board gave permission.

4. There was one delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. David Harrison was grant an extension on his delinquent water bill. He is going to pay \$20 on tenth of this month and the remainder on October 16th. which is \$37.73. The motion was made by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Randy to set Trick or Treat Night for October 31st from 5 pm to 8 pm, for age 12 and under and children are only to visit houses with their porch light on. Second by Bonnie, All ayes, motion carried.

6. The Mayor mentioned that MediaCom is working on the cable reception problem. The Mayor talked with Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams stated that he is still drawing up plans and is still planning to build. The Mayor stated that he was asked if the Village would he interested in selling a lot or part of a lot out by the Park next to the old oilfield museum. Motion by Keith to no sell any lots that the Village owes at this time. Second by Randy. 5 ayes and 1 abstain, motion carried. The Mayor turn a problem about the TIF taxing over to Mr. Bernardoni, Village Attorney. Mayor asked Gary to put the 15 minute parking sign back up in front of the Municipal Building. Mayor commended Gary and the boys on a job well done on the Street work and the enforcement wall out at the Park on the New Pavilion. Keith suggested a change Article III, Section 1 – 3 - 1 (B) from \$100 a meeting to \$125 a meeting Second by Bonnie. 3 Ayes and 3 Nays, motion did not pass due to tie.

7. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan will send out, at the end of October, bid letters to the financial institution for the two CD's that are up on November 6th

8. Motion by Keith, second by Jack to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried

9. Reports of Committees;

B. Buildings and Park: Randy and Byron will take care of contacting, some other pest control service to take care of the ant problem over in the kitchen and activity room. The board decided to table purchasing a new buffer machine until next meeting. Bids on the New Maintenance building were open by Building Committee Chairman Rich. They are as to follows:

Les Lake Construction	\$75,267
Jesse B. Holt	\$47,700
EC I Construction	\$65,379

The board decided to table any decision until Randy found out an answer about a question concerning Prevailing Wages.

C. Sidewalks and Lights. Committee Chairman Gallion stated that the sidewalk project has been completed by Krick. He also stated that Krick did a good job of clean up afterwards.

D. Street and Alley: Committee Chairman Littlejohn stated that he had covered what he had previously. Joy Fitzmaurice contacted Bonnie asking if it would be all right to let some organization or individuals to decorate the light poles in front of the businesses for Halloween. The Board gave their permission. Randy asked about doing something about the lots where the two buildings were demolished. He suggested a chain—link fence, he will look into it.

F. Water and Sewer: Gary read a letter from Shannon Woodard stated that Shannon had a meeting with Phil Gibson on October 4th. Shannon stated that the Village will be receiving a State Occupational Permit. Shannon also has spoke with Vicky Middleton from Rural Development and that she is uncomfortable advertising for bids on the Water Extension at this time due to Right of Way document not being complete. A motion by Larry, with a second by Bonnie to authorize advertising the Water Extension Project contingent upon Rural Development approval of the Right of Way Docket. All ayes motion carried.

F. Finance: Finance Committee Chairman Lorange suggested that \$5,000 from the Sewer and Water checking account to be put in their respective Repos. Motion by Larry, with a second by Keith to move the amounts to the Repo accounts. All ayes, motion carried.

10. A motion by Myrl, with a second by Larry for the Board of Trustees to go into executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss Police Policy Guidelines. All ayes, motion carried. A motion by Jack, with a second by Randy for the Board of Trustees to come out of executive session at 9:55 pm All

ayes, motion earned. Motion by Randy, with a second by Larry to have the Village Board accept the Police Guidelines as typed and attached to the minutes. (Sec Attachment). All ayes, motion carried.

#### 11. Reports of Committees

A. Police. Keith asked that the police officers be allowed to attend upcoming meeting on the following dates. October 12th. at Mattoon for procedures on Search & Seizure. October 16th. IVC. October 27th. for Firearm training at the Firing Range. Keith read a thank you letters to Greg front Joan and Duane Musgrave.

12. The Board table the bird problem solution until Spring.

13. Motion by Larry, with a second by Jack that the Village Board feels that Dr Szigethy has satisfy the court order. All ayes, motion carried. The Board is satisfy with what Dr. Szigethy has done with the house in the 300 block of West Main that he own.

14. A motion to adjourn at 10:15 pm was made by Larry, second by Randy. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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October 4, 2000

Police Guidelines

October 2000

1. The following rules and regulations shall be followed by all full-time and part-time officers. An in fraction of these rules and regulations will be considered insubordination and will carry a penalty of up to (30) thirty days suspension without pay.
2. All officers will radio central when they go 10-41 and again when t hey go 10-42.
3. Officers will be granted (2) two (15 ) fifteen minute breaks per shift.
4. A log sheet will be kept each officer and will he on file in the office at the end of each shift.
5. All officers will make at least one foot-Patrol through the business district each shift (except in inclement weather). The remainder of the shift he will remain on patrol and visible to the public.
6. Officers will not leave the city limits unless requested by the county or another office or officer, or in pursue. Assist other Emergency Organizations in the area as requested. (Fire Dept. - Ambulance Service - E.S.D.A.)
7. All shifts and vacations will be done by the Chief or his designated officer with the approval of the police committee.
8. Any overtime shall be documented with Time, Date, Hours and situation involved.

9. If the part-time officers work shift for the full-time officer the part-time officer will be paid by the Village and the full-time officer will be deducted (8) eight hours pay, unless vacation, personal day or sick day is used.
10. Schedule changes will be arranged to meet the needs of the Village.
11. Chief will keep the Mayor and the Police Committee informed on all activities that may warrant such attention.
12. It will be the responsibility of the Chief to stay within the budget as set by the finance committee.
13. Supply police committee and Mayor with work schedule and advise if any changes are made in the schedule.
14. DO NOT exhibit loss of temper or use profanity/foul language while representing the Village.
15. Provide assistance to Crawford County Fair, Antique Tractor & Engine Show and other community activities as requested.
16. When an Officer on duty needs assistance request same from Sheriffs Patrol. If not available call off-duty Village Officers as needed.

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## November 1, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 1st, 2000, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance. Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Leslie Lake Sr., David Harrison, Dana Harrison & little boy, Byron Sanders and Linda Walton (Representing Betty Jenkins).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.

2. The minutes of October 4th were read by Ladora. Approval of the minutes with a motion by Keith, and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no addition or deletion from the agenda.

4. There were two delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Linda Walton brought a letter from Betty Jenkins request an extension on her delinquent water bill of \$50.08 until Monday, November 6th. The motion was made by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to grant the extension. All ayes, motion carried. David Harrison was grant an extension on his delinquent water bill of \$57.93. He is going to pay half on 10th of November (due to the Village Offices being closed on the tenth, Mr. Harrison will pay on November 13th) and the remainder on November 17th. The motion was made by Larry, with a second by Randy to grant the extension. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Larry, with a second by Myrl, accept the Mobile Home Application from Ruth A. Boyd and Duane H. Centers. All ayes, motion carried.

6. The Mayor mentioned that there was a good crowd for the Fall Follies.

7. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Finance Committee Chairman Lorance read the bids for the General Repo #487083 19 and MFT Repo #48710115 that come due November 6th. The bids are as follows:

1st Crawford State Bank MFT 6.3 1%

General 6.66%

Old National Bank MFT 6.91%

General 6.91%

Motion by Larry, with a second by Myrl, to award the bid to Old National Bank at a rate of 6.9 1%. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Bonnie, second by Myrl to pay the bills that were on the voucher, the IMLRMA insurance bill and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried,

9. Reports of Committees.

A Police: Keith asked that the police officers be allow to attend up coming meeting on the following dates November 8th at Springfield for Central Illinois Chief Association meeting and November 29th for Police Response to Alzheimer Patients at Olney. The board granted permission for the meetings. Keith stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report.

B. Buildings and Park: Motion by Randy, with a second by Keith to award the contract to build the New Maintenance Building to Les Lake Construction for \$75,267.5 Ayes and I Nay, motion carried. Randy stated that the bid from Jesse 13. 1-blit did not included prevailing wages. Motion by Keith, with a second by Jack to purchase a new vacuum at Ablinger & Kirts, Inc. for \$129. All ayes, motion carried. Randy stated that there is still an ant problem, but that it is being worked on. Randy also stated that the sinks in the restrooms are needing to be replaced.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: The Village has purchased a new leaf vacuum, but at this time there is no set schedule for leaf pick up in the Village. The residents can call the Public Works Office at 592-3122 to have their leaf pick up by the leaf vacuum. The Public Works Department will also pick up bagged or boxed leaf also. Poppy Day is November 4th at the 4-way stop in the Village.

F. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that advertisement for the Water Extension Project has been done with bid letting being on November 27th at 2 pm. Gary asked for permission for him and the guys to attend Hands on Training of valves and hydrants repairs put on by the Mueller Corporation in Decatur on November 14th & 15th. Two will go on the 14th and the other two on the 15th.

F. Finance: Finance Committee Chairman Lorange suggested that the Village will no longer purchase items at Wal-Mart on credit due to the changes made to Wal-Mart credit program.

10. Bonnie stated that she had talked to the Mayor of Rantoul about their bird problems, he stated that the solution recommended by the EPA does work.

11. A motion to adjourn at 8 pm was made by Larry, second by Myrl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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December 6, 2000

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 6th, 2000, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorange, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Greta Baker (Robinson Daily News), Byron Sanders, Norma Carder (Crawford County Development Association), Richard Bernardoni (Village Attorney), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.) and Rick Menacher (Still Floyd's Place).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.

2. The minutes of November 1st were approved with a motion by Larry, and a second by Keith. All ayes, motion carried,

3. There were no additions or deletions from the agenda.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Norma Carder came before the Village Board of Trustees to ask for a 2 year extension on the current contract that the Village has with Crawford County Development Association. Motion by Larry, with a second by Jack to extent the contract for 2 years. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Keith to reject all bids on the Rural Water Extension Project and to readvertise with the bids letting being in 30 to 35 days. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Larry, with a second by Randy to adopt Ordinance # 00-423 "Locally imposed and Administered Tax Rights and Responsibilities Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried,
8. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Keith to allow both taverns in Oblong to stay open an extra hour on Saturday, December 30th, with last drinks being served at 12:30 am and closing at 1 am. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Keith, with a second by Bonnie to issue TIF Reimbursement Notes #10-16. All ayes. motion carried.
10. Motion by Jack, with a second by Keith to allow Heartland Veteran's Association to collect donation at the 4-way stop on Friday, December 1 5th, only. All ayes, motion carried.
11. The mayor stated that the decorations at the park was very nice. He said that he hoped the decoration would get better each year.
12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she had open the new checking account require for the Rural Water Extension Project.
13. Motion by Larry, with a second by Bonnie to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.
14. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Keith staled that the Chief would be on vacation from December 9th thru December 12th. Keith stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report.

B. Buildings and Park: Randy stated that the new sink have been installed in the restrooms at the municipal building, Gary stated that Les Lake had come over and said he would be back on Monday, December 1 ith, weather permitting.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Bob Fairow of the School Advisory Committee approached Gary about changing the direction of South Jefferson Street and putting in angle parking. The Board decided to hold off until after the construction of the addition to the Grade School.

E. Water and Sever: Bonnie ask that the Board allow Gary to attend a Regulatory Update Meeting in Effingham on January 4th, 2000. The board had no objection.

F. Finance: Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Randy to give full-time (Permanent) employees \$115 and to give part-time employees \$85 for Christmas bonus. All ayes, motion carried.

15. A motion to adjourn al 7:55 pm was made by Larry, second by Myrl. All ayes, motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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December 6, 2000

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 00-423

AN ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO LOCALLY IMPOSED AND ADMINISTERED TAXES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 6th day of December, 2000.

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AN ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
RELATED TO LOCALLY IMPOSED AND ADMINISTERED TAXES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois pursuant to the Local Government Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Act, 50 ILCS 45/1 et seq., has determined it is reasonable and necessary to create the Local Government Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Act requires that a municipality adopt tax processes and procedures to provide all necessary due process rights to a taxpayer in the collection and enforcement of local tax laws; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oblong, Illinois (the "Village") has determined it reasonable and necessary to establish certain procedures in regard to locally imposed and administered taxes.

NOW THEREFO BE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Acting President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances, Village of Oblong, Illinois is hereby amended by adding an ordinance, which ordinance shall read as follows:

Locally Imposed and Administered Tax Rights and Responsibility Ordinance\*

SEC. 1. TITLE This ordinance shall be known as, and may be cited as, the "Locally Imposed and Administered Tax Rights and Responsibility Ordinance."

SEC. 2. SCOPE. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the Village's procedures in connection with all of the Village's locally imposed and administered taxes.

Sec. 3. Definitions. Certain words or terms herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them as follows:

"Act" means the "Local Government Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Act."

"Corporate Authorities" means the Village's President and Board of Trustees.

"Locally imposed and administered tax" or "tax" means each tax imposed by the Village that is collected or administered by the Village and not an agency or department of the State. It does not include any taxes imposed upon real property under the Property Tax Code or fees collected by the Village other than infrastructure maintenance fees.

\*State law reference - Local Government Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Act, 50 ILCS 45/1 et seq.

"Local tax administrator," the Village's Treasurer is charged with the administration and collection of the locally imposed and administered taxes, including staff, employees or agents to the extent they are authorized by the local tax administrator to act in the local tax administrator's stead. The local tax administrator shall have the authority to implement the terms of this ordinance to give full effect to this ordinance. The exercise of such authority by the local tax administrator shall not be inconsistent with this ordinance and the Act.

"Notice" means each audit notice, collection notice or other similar notice or communication in connection with each of the Village's locally imposed and administered taxes.

"Tax Ordinance" means each ordinance adopted by the Village that imposes any locally imposed and administered tax.

"Taxpayer" means any person required to pay any locally imposed and administered tax and generally includes the person upon whom the legal incidence of such tax is placed and with respect to consumer taxes includes the business or entity required to collect and pay the locally imposed and administered tax to the Village.

"Village" means the Village of Oblong, Illinois.

SEC. 4. NOTICES. Unless otherwise provided, whenever notice is required to be given, the notice is to be in writing mailed not less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date fixed for any applicable hearing, audit or other scheduled act of the local tax administrator. The notice shall be sent by the local tax administrator as follows:

- (1) First class or express mail, or overnight mail, addressed to the persons concerned at the persons' last known address, or
- (2) Personal service or delivery.

SEC. 5. LATE PAYMENT. Any notice, payment remittance or other filing required to be made to the Village pursuant to any tax ordinance shall be considered late unless it is (a) physically received by the Village on or before the due date, or (b) received in an envelope or other container displaying a valid, readable U.S. Postmark dated on or before the due date, properly addressed to the Village, with adequate postage prepaid.

SEC. 6. PAYMENT. Any payment or remittance received for a tax period shall be applied in the following order: (1) first to the tax due for the applicable period; (2) second to the interest due

for the applicable period; and (3) third to the penalty for the applicable period.

SEC. 7. CERTAIN CREDITS AND REFUNDS.

(a) The Village shall not refund or credit any taxes voluntarily paid without written protest at the time of payment in the event that a locally imposed and administered tax is declared invalidly enacted or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction. However, a taxpayer shall not be deemed to have paid the tax voluntarily if the taxpayer lacked knowledge of the facts upon which to protest the taxes at the time of payment or if the taxpayer paid the taxes under duress.

(b) The statute of limitations on a claim for credit or refund shall be four (4) years after the end of the calendar year in which payment in error was made. The Village shall not grant a credit or refund of locally imposed and administered taxes, interest, or penalties to a person who has not paid the amounts directly to the Village.

(c) The procedure for claiming a credit or refund of locally imposed and administered taxes, interest or penalties paid in error shall be as follows:

(A) The taxpayer shall submit to the local tax administrator in writing a claim for credit or refund together with a statement specifying:

- (i) the name of the locally imposed and administered tax subject to the claim;
- (ii) the tax period for the locally imposed and administered tax subject to the claim;
- (iii) the date of tax payment subject to the claim and the cancelled check or receipt for the payment;
- (iv) the taxpayer's recalculation, accompanied by an amended or revised tax return, in connection with the claim; and
- (v) a request for either a refund or credit in connection with the claim to be applied to the amount of tax, interest and penalties overpaid, and, as applicable, related interest on the amount overpaid; provided, however, that there shall be no refund and only a credit given in the event the taxpayer owes any monies of the Village.

(B) Within ten (10) days of the receipt by the local tax administrator of any claim for a refund or credit, the local tax administrator shall either:

- (i) grant the claim; or

(ii) deny the claim, in whole or in part, together with a statement as to the reason for the denial or the partial grant and denial.

(C) In the event the local tax administrator grants, in whole or in part, a claim for refund or credit, the amount of the grant for refund or credit shall bear interest at the rate of six (6) percent per annum, based on a year of 365 days and the number of days elapsed, from the date of the overpayment to the date of mailing of a refund check or the grant of a credit.

SEC. 8. AUDIT PROCEDURE. Any request for proposed audit pursuant to any local administered tax shall comply with the notice requirements of this ordinance.

(a) Each notice of audit shall contain the following information:

(i) the tax;

(ii) the time period of the audit; and

(iii) a brief description of the books and records to be made available for the auditor.

(b) Any audit shall be conducted during normal business hours and if the date and time selected by the local tax administrator is not agreeable to the taxpayer, another date and time may be requested by the taxpayer within thirty (30) days after the originally designated audit and during normal business hours.

(c) The taxpayer may request an extension of time to have an audit conducted. The audit shall be conducted not less than seven (7) days nor more than thirty (30) days from the date the notice is given, unless the taxpayer and local tax administrator agreed to some other convenient time. In the event taxpayer is unable to comply with the audit on the date in question, the taxpayer may request another date within the thirty (30) days, approved in writing, that is convenient to the taxpayer and the local tax administrator.

(d) Every taxpayer shall keep accurate books and records of the taxpayer's business or activities, including original source documents and books of entry denoting the transactions which had given rise or may have given rise to any tax liability, exemption or deduction. All books shall be kept in the English language and shall be subject to and available for inspection by the Village.

(e) It is the duty and responsibility of every taxpayer to make available its books and records for inspection by the Village. If the taxpayer fails to provide the documents necessary for

audit within the time provided, the local tax administrator may issue a tax determination and assessment based on the tax administrator's determination of the best estimate of the taxpayer's tax liability.

(f) If an audit determines there has been an overpayment of a locally imposed and administered tax as a result of the audit, written notice of the amount of overpayment shall be given to the taxpayer within thirty (30) days of the Village's determination of the amount of overpayment.

(g) In the event a tax payment was submitted to the incorrect local government entity, the local tax administrator shall notify the local governmental entity imposing such tax.

#### SEC. 9. APPEAL.

(a) The local tax administrator shall send written notice to a taxpayer upon the local tax administrator's issuance of a protestable notice of tax due, a bill, a claim denial, or a notice of claim reduction regarding any tax. The notice shall include the following information:

- (i) the reason for the assessment;
- (ii) the amount of the tax liability proposed;
- (iii) the procedure for appealing the assessment; and
- (iv) the obligation of the Village during the audit, appeal, refund and collection process.

(b) A taxpayer who receives written notice from the local tax administrator of a determination of tax due or assessment may file with the local tax administrator a written protest and petition for hearing, setting forth the basis of the taxpayers' request for a hearing. The written protest and petition for hearing must be filed with the local tax administrator within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the written notice of the tax determination and assessment.

(c) If a timely written notice and petition for hearing is filed, the local tax administrator shall fix the time and place for hearing and shall give written notice to the taxpayer. The hearing shall be scheduled for a date within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the written protest and petition for hearing, unless the taxpayer requests a later date convenient to all parties.

(d) If a written protest and petition for hearing is not filed within the forty-five (45) day period, the tax determination, audit or assessment shall become a final bill due and owing without further notice.

(e) Upon the showing of reasonable cause by the taxpayer and the full payment of the

contested tax liability along with interest accrued as of the due date of the tax, the local tax administrator may reopen or extend the time for filing a written protest and petition for hearing. In no event shall the time for filing a written protest and petition for hearing be reopened or extended for more than ninety (90) days after the expiration of the forty-five day period.

#### SEC. 10. HEARING.

- (a) Whenever a taxpayer has filed a timely written protest and petition for hearing under section nine, above, the local tax administrator shall conduct a hearing regarding any appeal.
- (b) No continuances shall be granted except in cases where a continuance is absolutely necessary to protect the rights of the taxpayer. Lack of preparation shall not be grounds for a continuance. Any continuance granted shall not exceed fourteen (14) days.
- (c) At the hearing the local tax administrator shall preside and shall hear testimony and accept any evidence relevant to the tax determination, audit or assessment. The strict rules of evidence applicable to judicial proceedings shall not apply.
- (d) At the conclusion of the hearing, the local tax administrator shall make a written determination on the basis of the evidence presented at the hearing. The taxpayer shall be provided with a copy of the written decision.

SEC. 11. INTEREST AND PENALTIES. In the event a determination has been made that a tax is due and owing, through audit, assessment or other bill sent, the tax must be paid within the time frame otherwise indicated.

- (a) Interest. The Village hereby provides for the amount of interest to be assessed on a late payment, underpayment, or nonpayment of the tax, to be 9.0% per annum, based on a year of 365 days and the number of days elapsed.
- (b) Late Filing and Payment Penalties. If a tax return is not filed within the time and manner provided by the controlling tax ordinance, a late filing penalty, of five (5) percent of the amount of tax required to be shown as due on a return shall be imposed; and a late payment penalty of five (5) percent of the tax due shall be imposed. If no return is filed within the time or manner provided by the controlling tax ordinance and prior to the Village issuing a notice of tax delinquency or notice of tax liability, then a failure to file penalty shall be assessed equal to twenty-five (25) percent of the total tax due for the applicable reporting period for which the return was required to be filed. A late filing or payment penalty shall not apply if a failure to file penalty is imposed by

the controlling ordinance.

SEC. 12. ABATEMENT. The local tax administrator shall have the authority to waive or abate any late filing penalty, late payment penalty or failure to file penalty if the local tax administrator shall determine reasonable cause exists for delay or failure to make a filing.

SEC. 13. INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS. The Village may enter into an installment contract with the taxpayer for the payment of taxes under the controlling tax ordinance. The local tax administrator may not cancel any installment contract so entered unless the taxpayer fails to pay any amount due and owing. Upon written notice by the local tax administrator that the payment is twenty (20) days delinquent, the taxpayer shall have fourteen (14) working days to cure any delinquency. If the taxpayer fails to cure the delinquency within the fourteen (14) day period or fails to demonstrate good faith ~I restructuring the installment contract with the local administrator, the installment contract shall be canceled without further notice to the taxpayer.

SEC. 14. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. The Village, through the local tax administrator, shall review all tax returns in a prompt and timely manner and inform taxpayers of any amounts due and owing. The taxpayer shall have forty-five (45) days after receiving notice of the reviewed tax returns to make any request for refund or provide any tax still due and owing.

(a) No determination of tax due and owing may be issued more than 4 years after the end of the calendar year for which the return for the applicable period was filed or for the calendar year in which the return for the applicable period was due, whichever occurs later.

(b) If any tax return is not filed or if during any 4-year period for which a notice of tax determination or assessment may be issued by the Village, the tax paid was less than 75% of the tax due, the statute of limitations shall be six (6) years maximum after the end of the calendar year in which return for the applicable period was due or end of the calendar year in which the return for the applicable period was filed.

(c) No statute of limitations shall not apply if a fraudulent tax return was filed by the taxpayer.

SEC. 15. VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE. For any locally imposed and administered tax for which a taxpayer has not received a written notice of an audit, investigation, or assessment from the local tax administrator, a taxpayer is entitled to file an application with the local tax

administrator for a voluntary disclosure of the tax due. A taxpayer filing a voluntary disclosure application must agree to pay the amount of tax due, along with interest of one percent (1%) per month, for all periods prior to the filing of the application but not more than four (4) years before the date of filing the application. A taxpayer filing a valid voluntary disclosure application may not be liable for any additional tax, interest or penalty for any period before the date of application was filed. However, if the taxpayer incorrectly determined and underpaid the amount of tax due, the taxpayer is liable for the underpaid tax along with applicable interest on the underpaid tax, unless the underpayment was the result of fraud on the part of the taxpayer, in which case the application shall be deemed invalid and void. The payment of tax and interest must be made by no later than ninety (90) days after the filing of the voluntary disclosure application or the date agreed to by the local tax administrator. However, any additional amounts owed as a result of an underpayment of tax and interest previously paid under this Section must be paid within ninety (90) days after a final determination and the exhaustion of all appeals of the additional amount owed or the date agreed to by the local tax administrator, whichever is longer.

SEC. 16. PUBLICATION OF TAX ORDINANCES. Any locally administered tax ordinance shall be published via normal or standard publishing requirements. The posting of a tax ordinance on the Internet shall satisfy the publication requirements. Copies of all tax ordinances shall be made available to the public upon request at the Village Clerk's Office.

SEC. 17. REVIEW OF LIENS. The local tax administrator shall establish an internal review procedure regarding any liens filed against any taxpayers for unpaid taxes. Upon a determination by the local tax administrator that the lien is valid, the lien shall remain in full force and effect. If the lien is determined to be improper, the local tax administrator shall:

- (i) timely remove the lien at the Village's expense;
- (ii) correct the taxpayer's credit record; and
- (iii) correct any public disclosure of the improperly imposed lien.

SEC. 18. APPLICATION. This ordinance shall be liberally construed and administered to supplement all of the Village's tax ordinances. To the extent that any tax ordinance is in conflict with or inconsistent with this ordinance, this ordinance shall be controlling.

Section 2. If any provision of this Ordinance, or application thereof is held invalid by

any Court, other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application shall not be affected, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, Village of Oblong, Illinois, and the sections of this Ordinance shall be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and shall take effect ten (10) days after publication as provided by law.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	X	
Jack Gallion	X	
Myrl Littlejohn		X
Larry Lorance	X	
Randy Rich	X	
Keith Waldrop		X

PASSED this 6th day of December, 2000.

APPROVED this 6th day of December, 2000.

Myrl E. Littlejohn  
PRESIDENT

ATTESTED, Filed in my office, and published in pamphlet form  
this 6th day of December, 2000.

Ladora C. Boyd  
CLERK

(SEAL)

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January 3, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 3rd, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Jan Miller.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Chief Van Praag, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Greta Baker (Robinson Daily News), Byron Sanders, Dana Harrison, William Walton, Jerry Price's tenant and Rick Menacher (Still Floyd's Place).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of December 6th were read and approved with a motion by Larry, and a second by Randy. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda.
4. There were three delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Mr. Walton asked for an extension of 30 days on his delinquent water bill and the next water bill; it was granted. Jerry Prices tenant said she would be in January 4th and pay her delinquent water bill. Mrs. Harrison ask if she could pay her delinquent water bill on the 12th of January; it was granted.
5. The mayor stated that he that Gary and the guys have done a good job on plowing and moving the snow. The mayor also stated that Gary and the guys have done a good job on fixing the water leaks. The mayor stated that the Village has receive a Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Loss Prevention Safety Award for 1999.
6. The treasurer's report was given by Larry.
7. Rick Menacher was the addition to the agenda. First, Rick wanted to thank the Village Board for the extension of the hour on December 30th. Secondly, Rick would like to have the tavern hours on Fridays and Saturdays extended an additional hour. He stated that this would help him out financially. If the Village Board decided to grant the extension of the tavern hours by 1 hour just on Fridays and Saturdays last call would be at 12:30 am and everybody out by 1 am. The Village Board stated that they would get back to him at the next board meeting after they did some discussion about it. Rick suggest may doing a trial period. Rick also stated that it probably would not be every weekend.

8. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Larry to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Keith stated that Officer Lowrance resigned effective December 30th, 2000. Officer Lowrance will still work for us as a part-time employee. Applications are being accepted until 5 pm on January 20th. The Village Board grant the Chief permission to go the CIPCA (Central Illinois Police Chiefs Association) meeting in Springfield on the 10th of January.

B. Buildings and Park: Randy stated that the new maintenance building Frame is up out at the Park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that bid letting will be January 12th at 2 pin. Shannon Woodard will be in attendance. Gary asked to be allowed to attend a breakfast meeting sponsored by JULIE and take the guys on 31st of January at 7:45 am, The Village Board granted permission. Gary stated that in the future the water bills may have to be estimated due to the snow.

F. Finance: No Report.

10. A motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm was made by Larry, second by Randy. All ayes, motion carried. Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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January 3, 2001

ORDINANCE NO. 01-424

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of up to \$108,000 waterworks revenue bonds of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, for the purpose of defraying costs of acquiring, constructing and installing improvements to its waterworks system.

## PREAMBLES

WHEREAS, the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois (the "Municipality"), operates its municipally-owned waterworks system (the "System") in accordance with the provisions of Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code [Section 5/11-129-1 et seq. of Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, as supplemented and amended, including by the Local Government Debt Reform Act (collectively, the "Act")]; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality's President and Board of Trustees (the "Corporate Authorities") has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the Municipality's public health, safety and welfare to undertake a project providing for the acquisition, construction and installation of water mains and line extensions (together with all required structures, equipment, appurtenances and fixtures, all electrical, mechanical or other work and the acquisition of land or rights in land necessary, useful or advisable in connection with such work, and as such work may progress in one or more phases, and other related costs, the "Project"), substantially in accordance with the related plans, specifications and cost estimate therefor prepared by the Municipality's Project engineers, Connor & Connor, Inc., Robinson, Illinois, and now on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of acquiring, constructing and installing the Project, and necessary interest during acquisition, construction and installation, reserves, engineering, legal, financial, bond discount, printing and publication costs and other expenses preliminary to and in connection with the Project and its financing is estimated and anticipated to be approximately \$426,000, of which up to \$108,000 is to be paid from proceeds of the hereinafter described Bonds; and

WHEREAS, costs of the Project, for which the Municipality has insufficient funds, are expected to be paid from funds on hand or already advanced therefor, a \$318,000 USDA/RD development grant and from proceeds of revenue bonds payable from the revenues of the System and issued pursuant to the Act, this ordinance and ordinances or other proceedings supplemental to this ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of such revenue bonds, prescribing the details thereof and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the Municipality's waterworks system, which revenue bonds are expected to be purchased by the United States of America, Department of Agriculture, presently acting through Rural Development (including any successor agency, the "Government").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles and Determination to issue Bonds. The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this ordinance are true, complete and correct and hereby incorporate them into this Section 1 of this ordinance by this reference thereto. It is necessary and in the best interests of the Municipality to acquire, construct and install the Project for the public health, safety and welfare, in accordance with the plans and specifications, as described above, that the System shall be operated as a separate waterworks system in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and that for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and installing the Project, there are hereby authorized to be issued and sold waterworks revenue bonds of the Municipality in an aggregate principal amount up to but in any event not to exceed \$108,000 (however styled, the "Bonds").

Section 2. Publication and Notice. Within ten (10) days after the adoption of this ordinance by the Corporate Authorities, this ordinance, preceded by a notice conforming to the requirements of the Act, shall be published in the Daily News, published in Robinson, Illinois, a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Municipality, and if no petition, signed by not less than the number of electors of the Municipality being equal to ten percent (10%) of the number of the registered voters in the Municipality, asking that the questions of so improving and extending the System by undertaking the Project and of issuing the Bonds to pay the cost thereof be submitted to the electors of the Municipality, is filed with the Village Clerk of the Municipality within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this ordinance, preceded by the notice herein described, then this ordinance shall be in full force and effect. If such a petition is filed, an election on the question shall be held as set forth in a form of notice as required by the Act. The Village Clerk shall have available and provide a form of petition to any person requesting one. The Village Clerk shall give notice of the foregoing provisions as set forth in a notice in substantially the form thereof presented at the meeting at which this ordinance is adopted, modified and completed to be in compliance with the Act.

Section 3. Additional Ordinances. The Corporate Authorities in accordance with and pursuant to the Act adopt additional ordinances or other proceedings supplemental to or amending this ordinance, providing for the sale of up to but in any event not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of its Bonds as set forth above, prescribing the details of such Bonds, and providing for the collection, segregation, application and distribution of the revenues of the System. Such additional or supplemental ordinances or other proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with applicable law; and this ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or other proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Bonds under applicable law. The Bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness of the Municipality within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or limitation, such obligations being payable solely from revenues of the System.

Section 4. Severability and Repealer. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause

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February 7, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 7th, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Byron Sanders, Anna Faye Bush, Jamee Huber and Rick Menacher (Still Floyd's Place).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of January 3rd and 16th were read and approved with a motion by Larry, and a second by Keith. All ayes, motion carried. Bonnie asked that the Minutes of September 6th, be amended to state that the Oblong Chamber of Commerce said they will be responsible in putting up and taking down the Christmas lights up town.
3. There was one addition to the agenda.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. The one addition to the agenda was Anna Faye Bush. Mrs. Bush was wanting to know if the Village would deduct more from her water bill that she received in January for the meter reading in December. When Jason read the meter, it showed an obsessive amount of water going thru the meter due to the fact of a water leak. The water department policy in cases of a water leak is to give a ten percent (10%) discount. The Board stated that with the discount, Mrs. Bush was paying close to the same rate as the Village pays Robinson-Palestine Water Commission.
6. Jamee Huber came before the Village Board to request a pay rate increase. He stated that he felt he was worth \$12/hour. The Finance Committee Chairman stated that the committee will be meeting to set pay rate increase for the next fiscal year and will take his request into consideration.
7. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to renumber four residents on Wisconsin Court from 500 series to 800 series. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Randy, with a second by Bonnie to extend Tavern hours by one hour with last call at 12:30 am and everybody out by 1 am. AYE: Keith, Bonnie and Randy. NAYS: Jack, Larry and Myrl. Motion failed due to tie.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

10. Motion by Keith, with a second by Jack to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Keith stated that the Chief would like to go to the Central Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives meeting in Springfield on the 14th of February and a MTU13 meeting about Proactive Policing in the 21st Century on the 19th of February in Mattoon. Keith also stated that the Police Committee will be conducting interviews the week of the 19th of February. The Board of Trustees gave the Chief the okay to contact Mr. Bernardoni, Village Attorney, to have an ordinance typed up so that the Village can recoup attorney's fee when a judgement of an ordinance violation is in the Village's favor. It was stated that Officer Lowrance is no longer working for the Village as of January 9th.

B. Buildings and Park: Randy stated that the new maintenance building is finished out at the Park except for one wall which can not be put up until after the concrete is poured. He also stated that the northside of the new restroom is usable to the public.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Myrl stated that he has received complaints from neighbors of the Post Office outside mailboxes about people driving in the neighbors' yards and also throwing gravel when taking off from the mailboxes. Myrl also stated that there is a problem in front of Fleek's with parked vehicles (bumpers sticking out over the sidewalks).

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie informed the Board that Gary and Travis will be attending the Illinois Rural Water Conference in Effingham on February 21st & 22nd, this will go towards their recertification.

F. Finance: Larry stated that the departments need to start working on their budget figure for the next fiscal.

12. The mayor stated that he was going on vacation. While he is out of town, Larry is in charge. If Larry goes out of town then Bonnie is in charge.

13. A motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm was made by Larry, second by Myrl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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March 7, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 7th, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Byron Sanders, Randy Stephens, Rex Gower, Richard Bernardoni (Village Attorney), Shelly Henry, Carole Jones, Sherry Catt, Darby Miller (Robinson Daily News), Debbie Miller, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Jean Ann Randolph and Joe Randolph.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of February 7th were read by Ladora Boyd. Motion by Jack, and a second by Randy, to accept the minutes as read. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy Stephens came before the board to ask permission to use the Oblong Lake for a Fishing Rodeo sponsor by the Eastern Illinois Sports Club, on June 23rd, from 9 am to 11:30 am for children 15 years of age and under. The club would police the area for trash after the event. There is no fee and there will be prizes for every participant. The club is a non-profit organization that has stocked both the Oblong Lake and the Lake at Washington Park in Robinson. Mr. Stephens stated that this event is a catch and release. Mr. Stephens also stated that the club would probably rotate back and forth between Robinson and Oblong for the Fishing Rodeo. Motion by Keith, with a second by Bonnie, to allow the Eastern Illinois Sports Club to hold the Fishing Rodeo on June 23rd. from 9 am to 11:30 am. All ayes, motion carried.
6. The one addition to the agenda was Shelley Henry of the Oblong Chamber of Commerce. She came to ask permission to use the fairground for SpringFest on May 11 & 12. Shelley also stated that there would be a larger fireworks display this year. The board granted the request.
7. Motion by Keith, with a second by Randy, to adopt Ordinance #01-425 "An ordinance authorizing and providing for an issuance of waterworks system revenue bonds". All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Randy, with a second by Larry, to adopt Resolution #01-2 "Loan Resolution", which is a requirement for USDA. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Randy, with a second by Larry, to adopt Resolution #01-3 "Opinion of Counsel Relative to Rights-of-Way". All ayes, motion carried.
10. Motion by Jack, with a second by Larry, to adopt Resolution #01-1 "Motor Fuel Resolution" for \$45,000.00. All ayes, motion carried.
11. Motion by Larry, with a second by Randy, to award the Rural Water Extension Contract to Wayne Lappington Excavating for \$305,311.75. All ayes, motion carried.
12. Shannon Woodard stated that a requirement of USDA is that the Village has to show that they will provide water to the system. Shannon advised the Board of Trustees to amend the current contract with Robinson-Palestine Water Commission for 41 years after the project is completed. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to amend the current contract with Robinson-Palestine Water Commission for an additional 41 years after the completion of the Rural Water Extension Project. All ayes, motion carried.
13. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Myrl, to approve Shannon Woodard, Cory Utterback and Chris Lashbrook (all from Connor & Connor) as resident inspectors on the Rural Water Extension Project. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon also stated that he had passed out a sheet with information on the closing date for the Rural Water Extension Project, it is schedule for March 27th at 10 am.
14. The mayor appointed Larry to be on the Canvassing the Vote Board Committee,
15. Larry stated that Bonnie, Keith and himself met with Lon Smith and Kevin Bilyeu from Ameren CIPS to discuss the Villages gas contract with Ameren C1PS which will expire in September of this year. Motion by Keith, with a second by Randy, to extend the Village's gas contract with Ameren CIPS for another 20 years. All ayes, motion carried.
16. The mayor brought before the Board that Connor & Connor and Jack Piper have discussed changing the off set of property border lines in the TIF District on non-Street border from Twenty-five (25) feet to Ten (10) feet. Motion by Jack. with a second by Bonnie, to approve the decision of changing the offset of property border lines from 25' to 10' on non-street facing side of the lots in the TIF District. All ayes, motion carried.
17. Motion by Jack, with a second by Larry, to deny Heartland Veterans the use of the 4-way stop uptown to collect donations for their causes. All ayes, motion carried.
18. Motion by Randy, with a second by Larry, to allow Laborer's Local 1280 to use the 4-way stop uptown to collect donations for their causes on May 19th. All ayes, motion carried.
19. The mayor stated that the Village will advertise for Spring Clean up on April 6th.

20. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Larry stated that a transfer of \$10,000.00 from General checking to General Repo will be made with the approval of the board. The board approved.

21. Motion by Keith, with a second by Bonnie, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

22. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Keith stated that the Chief would like to attend a meeting of the Central Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives meeting in Springfield on the 14th of March,

a Administrative Workshop on the 27th of March in Mattoon, a Firearm Training on the 29th of March at Robinson, and a Hazmat meeting on the 2nd of April in Newton. The last two meetings are for all the officers, while the first two are just for the Chief of Police. Keith also stated that the Chief will be speaking to a senior citizen group at the First Baptist Church of Oblong on the 30th of March. The Police Committee will have their budget meeting with the Chief on 22nd of March at 5 pm.

B. Buildings and Park: Randy stated that everything was going good.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: No Report.

F. Finance: Larry reminded the department head that their budget figure for the next fiscal year (2001-2002) need to be done this month and ready for board approval next board meeting.

23. Motion by Larry, with a second by Randy, to go into executive session at 8 pm to discuss hiring of a Full-Time Patrolman. All ayes, motion carried.

24. Motion by Randy, with a second by Jack, to come out of executive session at 10:30 pm. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Larry to hire Jean Ann Randolph as the new Full-Time Patrolman with a starting salary of \$23,000.00, and a \$500 increase after 6 months (September 8th, 2001) and an additional increase of \$500 after 12 months (March 8th, 2002). She will not receive a pay raise at the beginning of the Fiscal year in May, 2001. AYES: Myrl, Jack, Larry and Randy. NAYS: Keith and Bonnie. Motion carried.

25. A motion to adjourn at 10:35 pm was made by Jack, second by Larry. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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March 7, 2001

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 01-425

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING  
FOR AN ISSUANCE OF WATERWORKS SYSTEM  
REVENUE BONDS

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Published in pamphlet. form by authority of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 7th Day of March, 2001.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-425

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR  
AN ISSUE OF UP TO \$100,000 WATERWORKS SYSTEM  
REVENUE BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG,  
CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF PAYING A PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING,  
CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING AND OPERATING  
WATERWORXS FACILITIES IN SUCH MUNICIPALITY,  
PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT, SALE AND DELIVERY  
OF SUCH BONDS, AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS  
IN PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF THE  
WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND  
THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES TO BE DERIVED  
FROM THE OPERATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois (the "Municipality"), in order to protect, promote and safeguard the public health of the inhabitants of the Municipality to undertake a project providing for the acquisition, construction and installation of water mains and line extensions (together with all required structures, equipment, appurtenances and fixtures, all electrical, mechanical or other work and the acquisition of land or rights in land necessary, useful or advisable in connection with such work, and as such work may progress in one or more phases, and other related costs (the "Project," which shall include refunding of any interim financing for the foregoing purposes), as shown by the design plans and specifications prepared by the Municipality's consulting engineers, Connor & Connor, Inc., of Robinson, Illinois, and currently on file with the Village Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project contained in an engineering study and project proposal prepared by the hereinabove mentioned engineers for the Municipality employed for that purpose and heretofore approved by the Municipality's President and Board of Trustees (the "Corporate Authorities"), is approximately \$437,650, including legal, engineering costs and interest during construction and contingencies; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality will apply funds on hand to the Project and has been or is about to be approved for an approximate \$318,000 United States Department of Agriculture development grant, as such grant may be supplemented or amended, in connection with paying a part of the cost of the above-described construction, extension and improvements to the Municipality's separate waterworks system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code {Section 5/11-129-1 et seq. of Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, as supplemented and amended, and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, including the Registered Bond Act, the Local Government Debt Reform Act, the Bond Replacement Act, the Bond Authorization Act, Section 10 (Intergovernmental Cooperation) of Article VIII (Local Government) of the Constitution of Illinois and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, the Municipality is authorized to issue its Waterworks System Revenue Bonds in an amount sufficient to pay up to \$100,000 of the costs of the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project as above set forth; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, presently acting through the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (including any successor agency, the "Government"), has preliminarily agreed to purchase such bonds at par without premium at an interest rate for all bonds of 4.50% per annum and will purchase the bonds at such lower rate, at the Municipality's request, as is in effect for such Government loans at the time any bonds are issued hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Estimate. That the Municipality's Corporate Authorities has caused an estimate to be made of the cost of constructing, extending and improving the System facilities in and for the Municipality, as described hereinabove in the preambles to this ordinance, and all in accordance with the detailed plans and specifications therefor heretofore approved by the Corporate Authorities and now on file in the office of the Village Clerk for public inspection and has heretofore estimated and does hereby estimate that the total cost thereof is presently estimated to be approximately as set forth above in the preambles to this ordinance, of which up to \$100,000 is to be paid from the proceeds of the Waterworks System Revenue Bonds hereby authorized (as herein provided, and including in installment form and as one or more instruments, the "bonds").

Section 2. Useful Life. That the Corporate Authorities hereby determine the period of usefulness of the hereinabove-described Project to be at least forty (40) years from the date of completion of the construction, extension and improving thereof.

Section 3. Authorization. That the Municipality does not have sufficient funds available for the purpose of paying the costs of the Project and for the purpose of paying a part of the costs thereof it will require the issuance of up to \$100,000 aggregate principal amount Waterworks System Revenue Bonds of the Municipality as hereinafter provided for.

Section 4. Bond Terms. That for the purpose of defraying a part of the costs of the construction, extension and improvement of the Project in and for the Municipality, as described hereinabove in the preambles to this ordinance, there shall be issued and sold waterworks system revenue bonds of the Municipality in the principal amount of up to \$100,000, and each of which bonds shall be designated "Waterworks System Revenue Bond," and be dated as of the date or dates of delivery at one time or from time to time of such bonds to the purchaser or purchasers thereof and, as the case may be, endorsed with respect to each advance or draw thereon. Each bond shall be issued in fully registered form without coupons in

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accordance with the provisions hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall be numbered consecutively from 1 upwards, be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, and authorized integral multiples thereof, bear interest at the lower of 4.50%, or such other rate requested by the Municipality at the time the bonds are issued, as offered by the Government, as referred to in the preambles to this ordinance, due and payable on the unpaid principal balance thereof semiannually on May 1 and November 1 of each year commencing the later of: (i) on and after the first May 1 or November 1, as the case may be, after the date of the bonds; or, as the case may be, (ii) the date of each advance or draw, as the case may be.

The principal of the bonds shall mature on May 1, 2040 and come due in annual installments on May 1

of the years and in aggregate principal amount in each year, as follows:

Principal Year	Principal Amount(S)	Principal Year	Principal Amount(S)	Principal Year	Principal Amount(S)
2003	1,000	2016	2,000	2029	3,000
2004	1,000	2017	2,000	2030	3,000
2005	1,000	2018	2,000	2031	4,000
2006	1,000	2019	2,000	2032	4,000
2007	1,000	2020	2,000	2033	4,000
2008	1,000	2021	2,000	2034	4,000
2009	1,000	2022	2,000	2035	4,000
2010	1,000	2023	3,000	2036	5,000
2011	1,000	2024	3,000	2037	5,000
2012	2,000	2025	3,000	2038	5,000
2013	2,000	2026	3,000	2039	5,000
2014	2,000	2027	3,000	2040	5,000
2015	2,000	2028	3,000		

The bonds shall be subject to redemption and prepayment, as a whole or in part, at the option of the Municipality, in the inverse order of maturity or, as the case may be, the due date of an annual installment of principal (selected by lot by the Village Treasurer in the event of redemption of less than all principal of a maturity or installment) at any time in any integral multiple of \$1,000 at a price of par and accrued interest to the date of redemption; provided, however, that bonds not held by the Government shall not be subject to redemption and prepayment other than on May 1, 2005, or on any interest payment date thereafter. Written notice of its option to redeem any or all of the bonds shall be given by the Municipality in the manner, at the times and with the effect as directed in the bond form herein prescribed for the bonds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the bonds may not be defeased or advance refunded without the consent of the Government while it is the holder or insurer of all of the outstanding bonds.

The Village Treasurer or the Government's District Director, Assistant District Director, Rural or Community Development Specialist, Manager., Technician or other loan representative (including successors, each a "Government Representative") is authorized to

endorse any advance or draw against any bond and each payment or prepayment of principal of any bond in the manner set forth on the schedule therefor in the bond form.

Section 5. Registered Owners. That both the principal of and interest on the bonds shall be payable to the registered owners thereof in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft of the Municipality mailed to the registered owners thereof at the addresses of such registered owners as shown on the registration books of the Municipality.

The bonds shall be signed by the Village President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Municipality and attested by the Village Clerk. The use of the facsimile signatures of such officers, and a facsimile of the official seal of the Municipality, are hereby authorized in lieu of manual signatures and a manual seal impression. The signature of the bond registrar shall be a manual signature.

The bonds, together with the interest thereon, shall be payable solely from the revenues derived from the System, shall be a lien upon the revenues of the System in accordance herewith, but shall not, in any event, constitute an indebtedness of the Municipality within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation. All of the bonds issued hereunder shall be payable as they mature equally and ratably, without regard to the date when any bonds actually shall be delivered or advanced or drawn upon and shall enjoy parity of lien, one with the other (and with respect to advance or draw), upon the revenues of the System as provided herein.

The bonds shall be dated as of the date of their issuance, sale and delivery or advance or draw of principal from time to time, duly endorsed on the bond, as the case may be, to the original purchaser or purchasers thereof

Section 6. Bond Form. That the bonds shall be in substantially the form, with appropriate insertions and modifications not inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this ordinance, as follows:

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Section 7. System Fund. That upon the issuance of any of the revenue bonds herein provided for the System, for the purpose of this ordinance, shall be operated on a fiscal year basis commencing the first day of May and ending the last day of April of each calendar year. From and after the delivery of any bonds issued under the provisions of this ordinance and so long as any of the revenue bonds authorized to be issued under the terms of this ordinance remain outstanding and unpaid, the entire revenues from any source whatsoever derived from the operation of the System, including all future improvements and extensions thereof, shall be set aside as collected and be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the Municipality and deposited as a separate fund, which fund is hereby created and established, or as the case may be, shall be continued, as the "Waterworks Fund" (the "Fund"), which Fund shall be used and held only in paying the cost of operation and maintenance of such system, providing adequate depreciation and reserve funds, paying the principal of and interest upon all revenue bonds of the Municipality which by their terms are payable solely from the revenues derived from the

System, and for the creation, establishment and maintenance of and the expenditure from the respective accounts hereinafter provided for in Section 8 of this ordinance. In addition there shall be deposited into such Fund at the time of first delivery of any bonds hereunder, from advance connection fees received from users of the System, such amounts and in such accounts as set forth in the Government's conditions letter dated June 10, 2001, as supplemented and amended, and as hereinafter provided in Section 8 hereof.

Section 8. Accounts of the Fund. That there be and there are hereby created and established, or continued, as the case may be, separate accounts of the Fund to be designated severally the "Construction Account", "Operation and Maintenance Account", "Bond and Interest Account", "Reserve Account" and "Depreciation Account", into each of which such separate accounts there shall be paid on the first business day of each month without any further official action or direction and in the order in which such accounts are hereinafter mentioned, all moneys held in the Fund, in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) Construction Account. There shall be paid into the Construction Account (created in Section 15 below) all amounts as and when received and advanced in connection with the bonds herein authorized and issued to be applied to the acquisition, construction, extension and improvement of the System, as more fully described and referred to in the preambles hereto.

(b) Operation and Maintenance Account. There shall be paid into the Operation and Maintenance Account after the delivery of any bond (or draw or advance) hereunder on the first business day of each month an amount sufficient to pay the reasonable expenses of the operation, maintenance and repair of the System for the current month, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, salaries, wages, taxes, costs of materials and supplies, insurance, power, fuel, reasonable repairs and extensions necessary to render efficient service.

(c) Bond and Interest Account. There shall be paid into the Bond and Interest Account on the first business day of each month, after the required payment has been determined, a fractional amount of the interest becoming due on the next succeeding interest payment date on all outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the terms of

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this ordinance and including the interest to become due on all bonds as may be issued in the future on a parity with and to share ratably and equally in the earnings of the System with the bonds herein authorized and under the conditions hereinafter set out (such bonds to be issued in the future being hereinafter referred to as "bonds hereafter issued and on a parity with the bonds herein authorized"), and there shall be paid into such Bond and Interest Account on the first business day of each month not less than a fractional amount

of the principal and/or interest becoming due on the next succeeding principal maturity date and/or interest due date of all of the bonds issued under the terms of this ordinance and including the principal and/or interest to become due on all bonds as may be hereafter issued and on a parity with the bonds herein authorized until there shall have been accumulated in the Bond and Interest Account on or before the day preceding such current maturity or due date of interest or principal, or both, an amount sufficient to pay such principal or interest, or both, of all bonds issued hereunder and including the maturing or due principal or interest, or both, of all bonds hereafter issued and on a parity with the bonds herein authorized and maturing by their terms on such current maturity date.

In computing the fractional amount of the interest and principal requirements of the bonds herein authorized and to be set aside each month in the Bond and Interest Account for the payment thereof, the fraction shall be so computed that sufficient funds will be set aside in the Bond and Interest Account and be available for the prompt payment of such principal of and interest on the revenue bonds herein authorized as the same will become due.

Payments into the Bond and Interest Account may be suspended in any fiscal year at such time as there shall have been paid into such Account sufficient moneys to pay the total principal and interest for such pertinent fiscal year, but such payments shall again be resumed at the beginning of the new fiscal year. All moneys in such Account shall be used only for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the bonds hereby authorized as the same shall become due and including principal and interest on all bonds hereafter issued and on a parity with the bonds herein authorized.

At the time of initial delivery of the bonds, or as needed, there shall be transferred from the Construction Account to the Bond and Interest Account a sum sufficient to pay the interest estimated to accrue on the bonds during the estimated time necessary to complete the hereinabove described construction, extension and improvement of the Project.

(d) Reserve Account. There shall be paid into the Reserve Account after first delivery of any bonds hereunder the sum of \$45.00 on the first day of each month until the sum of \$5,400 has accumulated. After such amount has accumulated in such Reserve Account, no further deposits need be made therein except to replace withdrawals, at a monthly rate of \$45.00, and any excess shall be transferred to the Depreciation Account.

The moneys in such Reserve Account shall be used to the extent necessary to prevent or remedy a default in the payment of the interest on or principal of any bonds of

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the Municipality which by their terms are payable from the surplus revenues of the System and shall be transferred to the Bond and Interest Account, and whenever such an

amount is withdrawn from such Reserve Account and so transferred to the Bond and Interest Account, the amount so transferred shall be added to the amount to be next and thereafter paid into such Reserve Account to again be paid monthly at the foregoing rate until full reimbursement to such Reserve Account has been made.

(e) Depreciation Account. There shall be paid into the Depreciation Account the amounts as from time to time provided by resolution or other action of the Corporate Authorities. The moneys in such Depreciation Account shall be used to the extent necessary to make any needful repairs or replacements to the System and, although not reasonably expected, to prevent or remedy a default in the payment of the interest on or principal of any bonds or obligations of the Municipality which by their terms are payable from the revenues of such System.

(f) Surplus. After all the required payments into the accounts hereinabove described have been made, including the payments of any deficiencies, and when there is on deposit in the above-described Reserve Account the full maximum amount required to be accumulated in such Reserve Account, then all moneys remaining in the Fund may be used for the purpose of calling and redeeming and prepaying any outstanding bonds of the Municipality which by their terms are payable from the income and revenues of the System as such bonds become redeemable or prepayable according to their terms, or such moneys may to the extent permitted by law be used for the purpose of constructing extensions and improvements to the System or debt service in connection therewith.

(g) Investments. The moneys in any of the Accounts created by subparagraphs (a) through (e), as hereinabove created and set forth in this section may by resolution adopted by the Corporate Authorities be invested from time to time by the Treasurer of the Municipality in interest bearing bonds or other direct and general obligations of the United States Government maturing in not more than ten (10) years after the purchase date thereof and in certificates of deposit or time deposits constituting direct obligations of any savings and loan association or of any bank as defined in the Illinois Banking Act to the extent such certificates or deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor and mature in not more than ten (10) years after the purchase date thereof, and such investments shall be sold from time to time by such Treasurer pursuant to a resolution of the Corporate Authorities as funds may be needed for the purpose for which said Accounts have been created. All accrued interest received from any such investments shall be considered and treated as income and revenues of the System and be deposited as received in the Municipality's Fund.

Moneys in each of the several Accounts above described shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds and moneys of the Municipality and shall be deposited in Old National Bank, in Oblong, Illinois (the "Depository"), which bank is located and doing business in the State of Illinois, and whose deposits are insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, or its successor.

Section 9. Deposits. That it is hereby covenanted and agreed that the revenues of the System are to be paid into the various special Accounts hereinabove established and created in the order in which such Accounts have been listed, and if within any period of time the revenues are insufficient to place the required amounts in any of such Accounts, the deficiencies shall be made up during the following period or periods after payments into all the Accounts enjoying a prior claim of the revenues from the System have been made in full.

Section 10. Rates. That while the bonds authorized hereunder or any of them remain outstanding or unpaid, rates charged for the use and service of the System shall be sufficient at all times to pay the cost of its operation and maintenance and to provide, establish and maintain the Accounts referred to and described in Section 8 of this ordinance, to pay the interest on and principal of all bonds and other obligations which by their terms are payable from the revenues of such system, including the bonds authorized to be issued under the terms of this Bond Ordinance and including the principal of and interest on all bonds hereafter issued and on a parity with the bonds herein authorized, and to carry out the covenants of this ordinance. And there shall be charged against all users of the System, including the Municipality, such rates and amounts for the system's services as shall be adequate to meet the requirements of this section. Compensation for services rendered the Municipality shall be charged against the Municipality and payment for the same from general corporate funds shall be made monthly into the appropriate accounts of the Fund created or continued by this ordinance in the same manner as other revenues are required to be deposited. No free service of such system shall be supplied the Municipality or to any other person, firm, organization or corporation, public or private, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law.

Section 11. Actions. That the Municipality hereby covenants and agrees with the owners of the bonds hereby authorized that so long as such bonds or any of them remain outstanding and unpaid, either as to principal or interest, that any registered owner of a bond or bonds issued hereunder may, either in law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings enforce or compel performance by the officials of the Municipality of all duties required by law and by this ordinance, including the making and collecting of sufficient rates for System services and segregating the revenues of the System and the application thereof to the respective accounts created by this ordinance and in the time and manner and with the effect as herein provided.

Section 12. Additional Bonds. That it is hereby covenanted and agreed with the registered owners of the bonds herein authorized that the Municipality will not issue any other or additional bonds or other evidence of obligations of the Municipality payable from or in any way creating a charge upon the income and revenue to be derived from the operation of the System on an equal parity with or superior to the bonds authorized hereunder other than as herein provided:

(a) The Municipality reserves the right to issue additional bonds from time to time for the sole purpose of paying the cost of the completion of the acquisition, construction, extension and improving of the System to be made in accordance with the plans and specifications referred to in the preambles hereof for which the \$100,000 principal

amount of bonds are authorized hereunder, and any such additional bonds shall be  
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secured ratably and equally by the revenues of the System with the bonds authorized by this ordinance; provided, however, that the need of such financing shall be evidenced by a certificate of an independent consulting engineer in responsible charge of such construction, extension and improvement (i) giving a reasonably detailed description of the work remaining to be completed, an estimate of the cost thereof and the time of completion thereof and (ii) stating in reasonably itemized detail all expenditures made from the proceeds of the \$100,000 principal amount of bonds authorized hereunder as to the amount and purpose; and provided, further, however, that while the Government is the holder of any of the bonds herein authorized, written approval of such financing shall be obtained from the Government and evidence of such approval placed on file with the Village Clerk prior to the adoption of any proceedings authorizing the issuance of such additional bonds.

(b) The Municipality further reserves the right to issue additional bonds for the acquisition and construction of further necessary improvements, extensions, repairs and rehabilitations to the properties comprising the System, such additional bonds to share ratably and equally in the revenues of the System with the revenue bonds herein authorized, only whenever all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The net revenues derived from the operation of the System for the completed fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the adoption of any ordinance authorizing the issuance of additional System revenue bonds shall have been equal to at least 110% of the average annual principal and interest requirements for all succeeding fiscal years on all the System revenue bonds of the Municipality payable from the revenues to be derived from the operation of the System then outstanding and the additional System revenue bonds then proposed to be issued, and all the payments required to be made by the Municipality into the Accounts set forth in paragraphs (b) through (d), inclusive, of Section 8 hereof, shall have been made up to and including the date of the adoption of any such ordinance authorizing the issuance of additional System revenue bonds. For the purpose of this Section, net revenues shall be defined as the annual gross revenues of the System less the cost of the operation and maintenance of such system for such year and shall be certified to by an independent certified public accountant.

(2) Any such additional revenue bonds which may be issued in compliance with the provisions contained hereinabove shall be payable as to principal on May 1 and/or November 1 in each year in which principal falls due and shall be payable as to interest on May 1 and/or November 1 in each year in which interest falls due.

(c) In addition to the foregoing and notwithstanding the foregoing restrictions, additional parity bonds may be issued only upon the written approval of the Government if it shall then be the holder or insurer of all the bonds.

Section 13. Covenants. That the Municipality covenants and agrees with the registered owners of the bonds hereby authorized that so long as the bonds or any of them remain outstanding and unpaid, either as to principal or interest:

(a) That the Municipality will maintain the System and all improvements and extensions thereto in continuous, effective and efficient operation, will operate the same efficiently and faithfully and punctually perform all duties with respect thereto required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois, the United States and this ordinance.

(b) That the Municipality will establish and maintain at all times reasonable charges and rates for the use and service of the System and provide for the collection thereof, and the segregation and application of the revenues of the System in the manner provided by this ordinance and sufficient at all times to pay the cost of operation and maintenance, to pay the interest of and principal on all revenue bonds and other obligations of the Municipality which by their terms are payable from the revenues of the System, and to provide for the continuation and maintenance of the respective Accounts as described in Section 8 of this ordinance, and from time to time make all needful and proper replacements thereto so that it may at all times be operated properly, advantageously, continuously, effectively and efficiently, and when any equipment or facilities shall have been worn out, destroyed or otherwise become insufficient for proper use, it shall be promptly replaced or repaired so that the value and efficiency of the such system shall be at all times fully maintained.

(c) That the Municipality will establish such rules and regulations for the control and operation of the System necessary for the efficient, economical and continuous operation thereof, and rates and charges shall be fixed and revised from time to time as may be necessary to produce funds sufficient for all the purposes herein provided until all of the bonds authorized by this ordinance have been paid in full both as to principal and interest.

(d) That the Municipality will maintain and keep proper books of records and accounts (separate from all other records and accounts of the Municipality) in which complete entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the System, and hereby covenants that it will cause the books and accounts of the System to be audited by certified public accountants and within not more than sixty (60) days after the close of each annual fiscal period will file with the original purchaser of the bonds complete operating income statements of the System in reasonable detail covering such annual period and will furnish upon written request not more than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year copies of such operation and income statements to any holder of any of the bonds herein authorized and will permit any holder or holders or any purchaser of the bonds then outstanding to inspect at all reasonable times the System and all records and accounts and data relating thereto, and to furnish to the appropriate agency of the Government, if any of the bonds herein authorized may be held by such agency of the Government, and to any holder or holders or any purchaser of the bonds then outstanding all data and information relating to such system which may be reasonably requested. Each audit, in addition to whatever matters may be thought proper by the accountant to

be included therein, shall without limiting the generality of the foregoing, include the following:

- (1) A statement in detail of the income and revenue and expenditures of the System for such fiscal year.
- (2) The accountant's comments regarding the method in which the Municipality has carried out the requirements of this ordinance and the accountant's recommendations for any changes or improvements in the financial operation of the System.
- (3) A list of all the insurance policies in force at the end of the fiscal period, setting out as to each policy the amount of the policy, the risks covered, the name of the insurer and the expiration date of the policy.
- (4) Information concerning the number of customers served by the System at the end of the fiscal period, and, as available, the totals and quantities of water handled or treated by the System used by customers.

All expenses incurred in the making of such audit shall be regarded and paid as a maintenance and operation expense.

(e) That so long as any of the bonds authorized hereunder are outstanding the Municipality will not sell, lease, loan, mortgage or in any manner dispose of or encumber the System or any improvements and extensions thereto, and except for the issuance of additional bonds as provided for in Section 12 of this ordinance, until all of the bonds hereby authorized shall be paid in full, both principal and interest, or unless and until provision shall have been made for the payment thereof, the Municipality will take no action in relation to such system which would unfavorably affect the security of the bonds herein authorized or the prompt payment of the principal and interest thereon.

(1) That the Municipality will carry and maintain all risk insurance upon all of the properties forming a part of the System which may be of an insurable nature, such insurance to be of the type and kind and for such amount or amounts which are usually carried by other municipalities, special districts, private companies or operators of similar properties rendering services of a similar character in similar communities, and all moneys received for losses under such insurance policies shall be deposited in a separate subaccount of the Operation and Maintenance Account and used only in making good the loss or damage in respect of which they were paid either by repairing the property damaged or making replacements to the property destroyed. Provision for making good such loss or damage shall be made within ninety (90) days from date of the loss or damage or for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized to be issued under the terms of this ordinance and including the principal and interest on bonds hereafter issued and on a parity with the bonds herein authorized. The Municipality will also carry and maintain general liability coverage in the minimum amount required by

Government for any loss and shall cover all employees under Workmen's Compensation as required by Illinois law. The payment of premiums for all insurance policies required

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under the provisions of this covenant shall be considered a maintenance and operation expense.

The proceeds derived from any and all policies for general liability shall be paid into a separate subaccount of the Operation and Maintenance Account and used in paying the claims on account of which they were received.

(g) That the Municipality will require its Treasurer and other officers in connection with handling bond proceeds and System revenues to execute a fidelity bond in an amount not less than required by the Government or other applicable law, if greater, in each case with a surety company to be approved by the Government. The amount of such bond shall not be reduced without the prior written consent of the Government so long as the Government shall be the holder of any of the bonds herein authorized.

(h) That the Municipality, prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for the System while the bonds are outstanding, will prepare a proposed budget or appropriation ordinance in compliance with applicable law for its ensuing fiscal period covering the operation of the System, its anticipated revenues and operation and maintenance expenses and the payments to be made into the various funds and accounts as provided in this ordinance, and the Municipality covenants that a copy of such budget or appropriation ordinance will be forwarded promptly to the Government prior to its final adoption so long as the Government shall be the holder or insurer of any of the bonds hereby authorized.

Section 14. Contract. That the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a contract between the Municipality and the registered owners of the bonds hereby authorized to be issued and after the issuance of the bonds, and no changes, additions or alterations of any kind shall be made herein, except as herein provided, until such time as all of the bonds issued hereunder and the interest thereon shall be paid in full, or unless and until provision shall have been made for the payment of all such bonds and interest thereon in full; provided, however, that this ordinance may from time to time be modified or amended by a supplemental ordinance duly adopted by the Corporate Authorities with written consent of the Registered Owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the principal amount of all bonds authorized by this ordinance, and all bonds hereafter issued on a parity therewith then outstanding (excluding any of the bonds owned by or under the control of the Municipality) or by the Government, if it shall then be the holder or insurer of the principal of and interest of all of the bonds; and provided, however, that no such modification or amendment shall extend or change the maturity of, or date of redemption prior to maturity, or reduce the interest rate on, or otherwise alter or impair the obligation of the Municipality to pay the principal of and interest on any bonds herein

authorized at the time, place and at the rate and in the currency provided therein of any bond herein authorized then outstanding, without the express consent of the registered owners of all such bonds, nor shall any such modification or amendment permit the creation of a preference or priority of any bond or bonds over any other bond or bonds, nor reduce the percentages of the holders of outstanding bonds required for the written consent of such modification or amendment. Each such consent must be accompanied by proof of ownership of the bonds for which consent is given, which proof must be in a form approved by the Corporate Authorities;

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and each such consent and proof of ownership must be on file with the Village Clerk prior to the adoption of such modifying or amendatory ordinance.

Section 15. Sale. That the sale of the bonds herein authorized to the Government, at a price equal to the par value thereof and bearing interest at the rate or rates per annum herein provided is hereby approved and confirmed, and the bonds shall be delivered to the purchaser thereof.

The proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds hereby authorized shall be placed by the Village Treasurer in a special account to be designated the "Construction Account" which is hereby created (and referred to in subsection (a) of Section 8 hereof), which funds shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the Municipality and deposited in the bank described in the last paragraph of Section 8 hereof, which bank be, and is hereby designated as the Depository for the funds of such Construction Account. Subject to the last paragraph of this section, such funds shall be held and used, as the case may be, (i) to either refund or pay or prepay any interim financing or (ii) to acquire, construct, extend and improve the proposed Project as provided for by this ordinance, and shall be held for the benefit of the registered owner or owners of the bonds hereby authorized as their interests may appear, and such funds shall be withdrawn from the Depository from time to time by the Village Treasurer (i) either to pay or prepay such interim financing or (ii) otherwise only upon submission to such Treasurer of the following (payment or prepayment of interim financing, including particularly as may be provided by any State or federal agency shall not require compliance with (1) and (2) below, and is hereby authorized):

(1) A duplicate of the order signed by the Village President and Village Clerk of the Municipality (and countersigned by the appropriate Government Representative so long as the Government is the holder of any of the bonds herein authorized) stating specifically the purpose for which the order is issued and indicating that the payment for which the order is issued has been approved by the Corporate Authorities; and

(2) Each withdrawal of funds by the Treasurer for payment to a contractor or contractors for work done in connection with the Project shall also be accompanied by a certificate executed by the engineer in charge of the work stating the nature of the work completed and the amount due and payable thereon.

Within sixty (60) days after completion of the work in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, hereinabove referred to in this ordinance, and after all construction costs have been paid in connection therewith, the engineers shall certify to the Corporate Authorities the fact that the work described herein has been completed according to the plans and specifications therefor, and upon approval of the completion of the work based upon such engineer's certificate by the Corporate Authorities, and after all the costs have been paid, the Village President, Village Clerk and engineer of the Municipality shall execute a certificate and file it with the Corporate Authorities certifying that the work has been completed in accordance with such plans and specifications, that all costs have been paid, and if at any time any funds remain in the Construction Account the same shall be transmitted by the Depository to the

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Treasurer of the Municipality and be by the Treasurer deposited in the Bond and Interest Account to be established in the manner set forth in Section 8 hereof and be used to redeem and prepay bonds issued under the terms of this Bond Ordinance to the nearest \$1,000 and any excess funds then remaining shall be held in such account to pay the principal of interest on the bonds as they mature and come due.

The cost of engineering, legal and financing services, the cost of surveys, designs, soundings, borings, rights of way, inspection charges, and all other necessary and incidental expenses, including interest accruing on the bonds during the construction period to the extent such interest is not paid from income and revenue, shall be deemed items of cost of construction of the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor heretofore approved by the Corporate Authorities and on file in the office of the Village Clerk and referred to in the preambles hereof.

From the proceeds of the sale of the bonds, as long as any interim financing has been paid, prepaid or refunded, funds shall be transferred as needed from the Construction Account into the Bond and Interest Account hereinabove created in Section 8 of this ordinance to pay the interest accruing on the bonds during the estimated time necessary to complete the acquisition, construction, extension and improvement of the System as described herein.

Section 16. Non-Arbitrage. That the Municipality hereby covenants that it will take no action in the investment or application of the proceeds of the bonds or other funds to be applied to the improvements and other work herein described which would result in making the interest on any of the bonds subject to federal income taxes by reason of such bonds being classified as "private activity bonds", "arbitrage bonds" or "hedge bonds" within the meaning of Sections 141, 148 and 149(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Municipality reasonably expects not to issue more than \$5,000,000 or \$10,000,000 of tax exempt obligations in the calendar year the bonds are issued to be taken into account under Sections 148ffl(4)(D) or 265(b)(3) of the Code, respectively. The bonds qualify for the small issuer exceptions provided for in Sections

148 (f)(4)(D) and 265(b)(3) of the Code and are hereby designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” under such Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 17. Severability. That if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

Section 18. Graduation. That so long as the Government is the holder of any of the bonds herein authorized, the Municipality and this ordinance shall be subject to the existing loan agreement between the Municipality and the Government effected by the Loan Resolution therefor adopted by the Corporate Authorities; and the words “Government” and “Rural Development” as used from time to time in various portions of this Bond Ordinance shall be deemed to refer to the Government, acting through the applicable agency thereof. If at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Municipality may be able to obtain a loan from a responsible cooperative or private credit source at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, the Municipality will, at the Government’s request, apply for and

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March 7, 2001

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

RESOLUTION NO. 01-1

A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS  
AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE  
ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Passed the 7th day of March, 2001

RESOLUTION 01-3

WHEREAS, the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois (hereinafter “Village”) is about to borrow certain funds from the United States Department of Agriculture acting

under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (hereinafter "USDA"); and

WHEREAS, USDA requires a Title Opinion from the attorney for the Village relative to property owned by the Village; and

WHEREAS, USDA requires an "Opinion of Counsel Relative to Rights-of-Way"; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firm of Meehling & Bernardoni, attorneys for the Village, submitted a preliminary opinion excluding all matters which pre-date the public records of Crawford County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, USDA has requested said exception to be excluded on the final title opinion; and

WHEREAS, Meehling & Bernardoni is agreeable to issuing the opinions without said exception if the Village agrees to indemnify and hold it harmless.

NOWHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong, County, Illinois does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Law Firm of Meehling & Bernardoni of and from any and all loss, costs and expenses it may incur by reason of submittal to USDA of the final opinions required by USDA without excepting any matter which pre-date the public records of Crawford County, Illinois.

Dated March 7,2001.

Myrl Littlejohn  
Village President

Attest:

Ladora Boyd  
Village Clerk

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(Form of Bond)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG

WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BOND

NUMBER: FINAL MATURITY DATE:\* INTEREST RATE: DATED DATE: MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

1-[Installation]

Date of Registration Below

\*Subject to advances and draws as herein provided.

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois (the "Municipality"), for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner hereof as hereinafter provided, solely from the Waterworks Fund of the Municipality, as hereinafter mentioned and not otherwise, on and before the Final Maturity Date set forth above the Principal Amount set forth above, in annual principal installments on May 1 in each year, as follows:

Year	Principal Amount(\$)	Year	Principal Amount(\$)	Year	Principal Amount(\$)
2003	1,000	2016	2,000	2029	3,000
2004	1,000	2017	2,000	2030	3,000
2005	1,000	2018	2,000	2031	4,000
2006	1,000	2019	2,000	2032	4,000
2007	1,000	2020	2,000	2033	4,000
2008	1,000	2021	2,000	2034	4,000
2009	1,000	2022	2,000	2035	4,000
2010	1,000	2023	3,000	2036	5,000
2011	1,000	2024	3,000	2037	5,000
2012	2,000	2025	3,000	2038	5,000
2013	2,000	2026	3,000	2039	5,000
2014	2,000	2027	3,000	2040	5,000
2015	2,000	2028	3,000		

, together with interest from the later of the Dated Date hereof or advance or draw, as the case may be, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, on the outstanding balance of the Principal Amount at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above, due and payable on the first day of each May and November, commencing the first May 1 or November 1, as the case may be, following the Initial Dated Date hereof and the date of each advance or draw as endorsed hereon, as the case may be, by check or draft of the Municipality mailed to the Registered Owner hereof, in lawful money of the United States of America at the address of the Registered Owner hereof as shown on the registration books of the Municipality maintained by the Village Treasurer as the bond registrar (the "Registrar") for such purpose.

This bond, together with such additional parity obligations as may hereinafter be issued under the provisions of the ordinance authorizing this bond, is payable solely from revenues derived from the operation of the separate waterworks system (the "System") of the Municipality and not otherwise and is issued under authority of the provisions of Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et seq.), as from time to time supplemented and amended (the "Act"), and Ordinance No. 01-425, duly adopted pursuant thereto by the President and Board of Trustees of the Municipality on the 7 day of March, 2001, as supplemented and amended, the "Bond Ordinance", for the purpose of paying all or a part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, extending and improving certain System facilities in and for the Municipality, and this bond does not and shall not in any event constitute an indebtedness of the Municipality within any constitutional or statutory provision or limitation, and under no circumstances shall this bond be or become an indebtedness or an obligation of the Municipality payable from taxes or other than from the special and limited source herein specifically mentioned. The bonds are payable solely and only from revenues of the System, and not otherwise. It is hereby expressly declared that the series of bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Ordinance, of which this bond is one (together with authorized parity obligations issued in accordance with and pursuant to the Bond Ordinance, and including as issued in installment form, the "bonds") constitute a lien superior to all other liens thereon upon the revenues of the System pledged pursuant to the Bond Ordinance for the purposes of paying the principal of, premium, if any, and interest thereon and other amounts as hereinafter set forth. For a more complete statement of the source of payment of the bonds, the circumstances under which additional obligations may be issued on a parity therewith and a statement of the rights, duties and obligations of the Municipality and the rights of the registered owners of the bonds, and the pledge of the revenues from the System to the payment thereof, reference is made to the aforesaid Bond Ordinance, to all the provisions of which Bond Ordinance the holder hereof by the acceptance of this bond assents.

This bond is one of an authorized issue of up to \$100,000 to be issued or advanced or drawn upon at one time or from time to time under the Bond Ordinance. The bonds of this issue are subject to redemption and prepayment, as a whole or in part, at the option of the Municipality, in the inverse order of maturity or due date of an annual installment (selected by lot by the Village Treasurer in the event of redemption of less than all principal of a maturity or installment) at any time in any integral multiples of \$1,000 and at a price of par and accrued interest to the date of redemption or prepayment; provided that bonds not held by the United States of America shall not be subject to redemption or prepayment other than on May 1, 2005, or on any interest payment date thereafter. Notice of the redemption or prepayment of any or all of the bonds shall be given by the Municipality to the registered owners thereof by registered or certified mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of redemption or prepayment, and any such notice shall designate the time and place of such redemption or prepayment, shall designate the number, and the aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be so redeemed and prepaid, and shall indicate that on the designated date of redemption the bonds shall be redeemed or prepaid (in whole or in part) by payment of the principal amount thereof and accrued interest thereon to the date of redemption or prepayment and that from and after the designated redemption or prepayment date interest in respect of the bonds so called for redemption or prepayment shall cease if redemption or prepayment moneys are available for the payment of the bonds so called for redemption or prepayment.

This bond shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the Registered Owner hereof in accordance with the Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance of this bond, after which it shall be transferable only upon presentation to the Registrar with a written transfer duly acknowledged by the Registered Owner or such Registered Owner's attorney, and such transfer shall be noted upon this bond and upon the registration books of the Municipality kept for that purpose.

Under the provisions of the Bond Ordinance above referred to authorizing the issuance of this bond, to the entire revenues derived from the operation of the System shall be deposited in a separate fund designated as the "Waterworks Fund" (the "Fund") of the Municipality, which shall be used only for the purpose of and is hereby pledged for the purpose of paying the cost of operating and maintaining the System, providing adequate depreciation and reserve funds and paying the principal of and interest on the obligations of the Municipality that are payable by their terms only from the revenues of the System, and which are issued by the Municipality under the provisions of the Act hereinabove referred to, and in making all payments required to maintain the several special accounts established and created under the terms of the Bond Ordinance heretofore adopted and pursuant to which this bond is issued.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond, have been done, have happened and have been performed in regular and due form of law and that provision has been made for depositing in the Fund the entire revenues received from the operation of the System to be applied in the manner as hereinabove set forth, and the Municipality hereby covenants and agrees that it will fix and maintain rates for the use and service of System facilities and collect and account for revenues from such System sufficient at all times to pay the cost of maintenance and operation of such System, to provide adequate depreciation and reserve funds, to pay promptly the principal of and interest on all obligations, including the bonds issued by the Municipality which by their terms are payable solely from the revenues of the System, and to comply with all the covenants of and to maintain the several accounts created and established by the Bond Ordinance heretofore adopted and pursuant to which this bond is issued.

The rights and obligations of the Municipality and of the registered owners of the bonds may be modified or amended at any time with the consent of the Municipality and of the Registered Owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) in principal amount of bonds, and including all bonds which may hereafter be issued and on a parity therewith then outstanding (excluding any bonds owned by or under the control of the Municipality), or by the United States of America, acting through the applicable agency thereof, if it shall then be the registered owner or insurer of all of the bonds, in the manner, to the extent, and upon the terms provided in the Bond Ordinance authorizing the bonds; provided, that no such modification or amendment shall extend or change the maturity or due date of redemption prior to maturity or due date, or reduce the interest rate on or otherwise alter or impair the obligation of the Municipality to pay the principal or interest at the time and place and at the rate and in the currency provided therein of any bond without the express consent of the registered owner of each such bond, nor permit the creation by the Municipality of any preference or priority of any revenue bond or bonds of any series and including any bonds which may hereafter be issued and be on a parity with this bond, nor reduce the percentage of such outstanding revenue bonds required for the affirmative vote or written consent to an amendment or modification, all as more fully set forth in the Bond Ordinance authorizing the bonds.

This bond and the series of bonds of which it is one have been designated and constitute "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, by its President and Board of Trustees has caused this bond to be signed by its Village President, its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and attested by the Village Clerk, and this bond to be dated as of the Dated Date set forth above.

(SEAL)

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Village President, Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk, Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois

**PROVISIONS FOR REGISTRATION**

Each bond shall be registered on the books of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, kept for the purpose by the Village Treasurer as bond Registrar. The principal and interest on this bond shall be payable only to or upon the order of the Registered Owner or such Registered Owner's legal representative.

**REGISTRATION**

<u>Date of Registration</u>	<u>Name of Registered Owner</u>	<u>Signature of Registrar</u>
_____	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, USDA 1817 South Neil St., Suite 103 Champaign, Illinois 61820	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



accept the loan in sufficient amount to pay the Government's loan (i.e. the bonds) in full. This "graduation" requirement may not be altered by the defeasance of the bonds.

Section 19. No Petition. That the Corporate Authorities hereby find and determine that no petition has been received under and pursuant to Section 2 of Ordinance No. 01-424, AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of up to \$108,000 waterworks revenue bonds of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, for the purpose of defraying costs of acquiring, constructing and installing improvements to its waterworks system, adopted January 16, 2001, which was duly published on January 19, 2001, a form of such petition being at all times available in the Village Clerk's office since at least January 16, 2001, with respect to which no petition has been received.

Upon motion by Trustee Keith Waldrop, seconded by Trustee Randy Rich, adopted by the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, and filed in the Village Clerk's office, on this 7th day of March, 2001, by roll call vote, as follows:

"Aye" (Names): Keith Waldrop, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Randy Rich, Larry Lorance, Myrl Littlejohn

"Nay" (Names): \_\_\_\_\_

"Absent" (Names): \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded, deposited and filed in the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, this 7th day of March, 2001.

Approved this 7th day of March, 2001.

Myrl E. Littlejohn  
Village President

Attest:

Ladora C. Boyal  
Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) SS  
 )  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG )

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly selected, qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois (the "Municipality"), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Municipality and of its President and Board of Trustees (the "Corporate Authorities").

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete excerpt from the proceedings of the meeting of the Corporate Authorities held on the 7th day of March, 2001, insofar as same relates to the adoption of Ordinance No. 01-425, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR AN ISSUE OF UP TO \$100,000 WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING AND OPERATING WATERWORKS FACILITIES IN SUCH MUNICIPALITY, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS, AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS IN PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION THEREOF,**

a true, correct and complete copy of which ordinance (the "Ordinance") as adopted at such meeting appears in the proceedings of the minutes of such meeting and is hereto attached. The Ordinance was adopted and approved by the vote and on the date therein set forth.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Corporate Authorities on the adoption of such Ordinance were taken openly, that the vote on the adoption of such Ordinance was taken openly and was preceded by a public recital of the nature of the matter being considered and such other information as would inform the public of the business being conducted, that such meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of such meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that such meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the open meetings laws of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended, and that the Corporate Authorities have complied with all of the applicable provisions of such open meeting laws and such Code and their procedural rules in the adoption of such Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, this 7th day of March, 2001.

*Ladona C. Boyd*  
Village Clerk

(SEAL)



Illinois Department  
of Transportation

Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways  
By Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the  
(Council or President and Board of Trustees)

Village of Oblong, Illinois, that there is hereby  
(City, Town or Village) (Name)  
appropriated the sum of \$ 45,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining  
streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2001  
to December 31, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those streets, highways, and operations as listed and described on the approved Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the period as given above, submit to the Department of Transportation, on forms furnished by said Department, a certified statement showing expenditures from and balances remaining in the account(s) for this period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall immediately transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation, at Effingham, Illinois.

I, Miss Ladora C. Boyd, Clerk in and for the Village  
Mrs. (City, Town or Village)

of Oblong, County of Crawford

hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by

the President and Board of Trustees at a meeting on March 7th, 2001.  
(Council or President and Board of Trustees)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of March,  
A.D. 2001.

(SEAL)

*Ladora C. Boyd*

Oblong Village Clerk  
(City, Town or Village)

<p><b>APPROVED</b></p> <p>_____ Department of Transportation</p> <p>_____ District Engineer</p>
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LOAN RESOLUTION  
(Public Bodies)

A RESOLUTION OF THE Board of Trustees  
OF THE Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois  
AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING  
A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS  
Waterworks System  
FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois  
(Public Body)  
(herein after called Association) to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bonds in the principal amount of  
One Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)

pursuant to the provisions of Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code; and  
(65 ILCS 5/11-129-1 et seq.)  
WHEREAS, the Association intends to obtain assistance from the Rural Housing Service, Rural Business - Cooperative Service, Rural  
Utilities Service, or their successor Agencies with the United States Department of Agriculture, (herein called the Government) acting  
under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) in the planning, financing, and  
supervision of such undertaking and the purchasing of bonds lawfully issued, in the event that no other acceptable purchaser for such  
bonds is found by the Association:

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises the Association hereby resolves:

1. To have prepared on its behalf and to adopt an ordinance or resolution for the issuance of its bonds containing such items and in such forms as are required by State statutes and as are agreeable and acceptable to the Government.
2. To refinance the unpaid balance, in whole or in part, of its bonds upon the request of the Government if at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Association is able to refinance its bonds by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time as required by section 333(c) of said Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1983(c)).
3. To provide for, execute, and comply with Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement," and Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement," including an "Equal Opportunity Clause," which clause is to be incorporated in, or attached as a rider to, each construction contract and subcontract involving in excess of \$10,000.
4. To indemnify the Government for any payments made or losses suffered by the Government on behalf of the Association. Such indemnification shall be payable from the same source of funds pledged to pay the bonds or any other legal permissible source.
5. That upon default in the payments of any principal and accrued interest on the bonds or in the performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein or in the instruments incident to making or insuring the loan, the Government at its option may (a) declare the entire principal amount then outstanding and accrued interest immediately due and payable, (b) for the account of the Association (payable from the source of funds pledged to pay the bonds or any other legally permissible source), incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair, maintenance, and operation of the facility and such other reasonable expenses as may be necessary to cure the cause of default, and/or (c) take possession of the facility, repair, maintain, and operate or rent it. Default under the provisions of this resolution or any instrument incident to the making or insuring of the loan may be construed by the Government to constitute default under any other instrument held by the Government and executed or assumed by the Association, and default under any such instrument may be construed by the Government to constitute default hereunder.
6. Not to sell, transfer, lease, or otherwise encumber the facility or any portion thereof, or interest therein, or permit others to do so without the prior written consent of the Government.
7. Not to defease the bonds, or to borrow money, enter into any contract or agreement, or otherwise incur any liabilities for any purpose in connection with the facility (exclusive of normal maintenance) without the prior written consent of the Government if such undertaking would involve the source of funds pledged to pay the bonds.
8. To place the proceeds of the bonds on deposit in an account and in a manner approved by the Government. Funds may be deposited in institutions insured by the State or Federal Government or invested in readily marketable securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Any income from these accounts will be considered as revenues of the system.
9. To comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations and to continually operate and maintain the facility in good condition.
10. To provide for the receipt of adequate revenues to meet the requirements of debt service, operation and maintenance, and the establishment of adequate reserves. Revenue accumulated over and above that needed to pay operating and maintenance, debt service and reserves may only be retained or used to make prepayments on the loan. Revenue cannot be used to pay any expenses which are not directly incurred for the facility financed by the Government. No free service or use of the facility will be permitted.

- 11. To acquire and maintain such insurance and fidelity bond coverage as may be required by the Government.
- 12. To establish and maintain such books and records relating to the operation of the facility and its financial affairs and to provide for required audit thereof as required by the Government, to provide the Government a copy of each such audit without its request, and to forward to the Government such additional information and reports as it may from time to time require.
- 13. To provide the Government at all reasonable times access to all books and records relating to the facility and access to the property of the system so that the Government may ascertain that the Association is complying with the provisions hereof and of the instruments incident to the making or insuring of the loan.
- 14. That if the Government requires that a reserve account be established and maintained, disbursements from that account may be used when necessary for payments due on the bond if sufficient funds are not otherwise available. With the prior written approval of the Government, funds may be withdrawn for:
  - (a) Paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the facility caused by catastrophe.
  - (b) Repairing or replacing short-lived assets.
  - (c) Making extensions or improvements to the facility.
 Any time funds are disbursed from the reserve account, additional deposits will be required until the reserve account has reached the required funded level.
- 15. To provide adequate service to all persons within the service area who can feasibly and legally be served and to obtain the Government's concurrence prior to refusing new or adequate services to such persons. Upon failure to provide services which are feasible and legal, such person shall have a direct right of action against the Association or public body.
- 16. To comply with the measures identified in the Government's environmental impact analysis for this facility for the purpose of avoiding or reducing the adverse environmental impacts of the facility's construction or operation.
- 17. To accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$ 318,000.00

under the terms offered by the Government; that the Village President

and Village Clerk of the Association are hereby authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate in the execution of all written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such grant; and to operate the facility under the terms offered in said grant agreement(s).

The provisions hereof and the provisions of all instruments incident to the making or the insuring of the loan, unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of such instrument, shall be binding upon the Association as long as the bonds are held or insured by the Government or assignee. The provisions of sections 6 through 17 hereof may be provided for in more specific detail in the bond resolution or ordinance; to the extent that the provisions contained in such bond resolution or ordinance should be found to be inconsistent with the provisions hereof, these provisions shall be construed as controlling between the Association and the Government or assignee

The vote was: Yeas Six (6) Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Trustees of the

Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois has duly adopted this resolution and caused it

to be executed by the officers below in duplicate on this 7th day of March, ~~XX~~ 2001

Village of Oblong

By *Maryl E. Littlejohn*

Title Village President

(SEAL)

Attest:

*Ledora C. Boyd*

Title Village Clerk

**CERTIFICATION TO BE EXECUTED AT LOAN CLOSING**

I, the undersigned, as Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County,  
Illinois  
 hereby certify that the Board of Trustees of such Association is composed of  
6 members, of whom 6, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof duly called and  
 held on the 7th day of March, ~~XX~~ 2001; and that the foregoing resolution was adopted at such meeting  
 by the vote shown above. I further certify that as of March 27, 2001,  
 the date of closing of the loan from the Government, said resolution remains in effect and has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated, this 27th day of March, ~~XX~~ 2001

Ladora C. Boyd

Title Village Clerk

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April 4, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 4th, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Myrl Littlejohn, Bonnie Finn, Keith Waldrop, Larry Lorance, Jack Gallion, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Byron Sanders, Shelly Henry, Carole Jones, Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Officer Randolph, Joe Randolph, Carrie Osborne, Lana Shea, Tom Haley, Sgt. Fear, Kim Priest and Timothy Akers. After Executive Session: Herb Jones, Tim Attaway, Betty Cunningham.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Littlejohn.
2. The minutes of March 7th were read by Ladora Boyd. Motion by Bonnie, and a second by Jack, to accept the minutes as read. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda.

4. There were two delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Timothy Akers came before the Board to ask for an extension on his water bill until Friday, April 6th. It was granted. He also want to know about the alley behind where he lives if the village maintain it. Gary stated that the village will grate the alley. Kim Priest came before the Board to ask for an extension on the rest of her water bill until Friday, April 6th
5. Tom Haley came before the board to ask permission to use the park for a St. Judes Bike-a-thon on April 21st from 9 am to 12 pm. The request was granted.
6. The one addition to the agenda was Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor). He brought to the meeting some bills to be approved for payment from the Water Extension checking account after approval from USDA Rural Development, Vicky Middleton. The invoices totaled \$47,908.47. Motion by Keith, with a second by Bonnie to pay the invoices after Vicky Middleton approves them. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Larry, with a second by Randy, to adopt Ordinance #01-426 "AMEREN CIPS" a gas contract . All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #01-427 "Code Violation Penalties". All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Randy, with a second by Larry, to adopt Resolution #01-3 "Opinion of Counsel Relative to Rights-of-Way". All ayes, motion carried.
10. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to have Frank X. update the Ordinance Books for \$300. All ayes, motion carried.
11. Myrl stated that the Village needs to have a Representative on the Mary Heath Morris Foundation. Keith stated that he would volunteer to be the representative. Myrl stated that he had received some complaints from the neighbors about the Santa House out at the park. Shelley Henry stated that the chamber will be moving the building as soon as weather conditions permit. The state inspector of the daycare felt that the Oak tree is a hazard to the Kids Kingdom Daycare building. Gary stated that there is an ordinance stating that if a tree is considered hazardous it's the Village responsibility to take care of the tree. The Village could put a lend on the property, if the village wants to. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to have the tree remove for \$950.  
AYES: Jack, Bonnie, Randy, Larry, Myrl. NAYS: Keith. Motion carried.
12. The treasurers report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she felt that the checking amounts were low and that there should not be any transfers to Repo. Jan also stated that she called and talked to the Internet service company about sending us a statement each month for the Village's internet.

13. Motion by Keith, with a second by Larry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. AYES: Keith, Jack, Bonnie, Randy, Larry. NAYS: Myrl. Motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Keith stated that the Chief had some meetings one the 10th of April at Mattoon for all the officers, another on the 11th of April about Anhydrous-Ammonia for all the officers at Mattoon, and makeup Firearm Training on the 25th of April at Newton. Keith also stated that the Chief will be attending the DARE graduation at Oblong Grade School on April 9th. Everyone has a copy of the monthly report.

B. Buildings and Park: Randy stated that the New Maintenance Building has proceeded as scheduled.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that his department would have the Leaf Vac out for the next couple of days. Citizens can call the water office to schedule pick up of leaves. They will also pick up bagged and boxed leaves.

F. Water and Sewer: Gary asked permission for him and Travis to attend a training session in Mattoon by IRWA on the 22nd of May from 8 am - 2:30 pm. He also asked permission to sent Jamee and Jason to a training session in Marshall by Illinois Meter Company and Mueller Company on the 19th of June. There is no cost for either one of these training sessions.

F. Finance: Everything will be taken care of after the executive session.

15. Motion by Larry, with a second by Randy, to go into executive session at 7:50 pm to discuss hiring of Summer Help and Salaries. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Larry, with a second by Randy, to come out of executive session at 9:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

17. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Bonnie to hire Darin Coulter, Duane Kerner and Nicholas Maglone for Summer Help this year. All ayes, motion carried. Myrl stated that the Village will be advertising for a part-time position out at the Park to pull weeds and tend the flower beds, and also to check the restrooms to make sure that they do not need anything during the day.

18. Motion by Bonnie, second by Jack to grant Officer Randolph to have May 11th & 12th for a wedding, July 7th for her class reunion and to have a week off in August unpaid. AYES: Jack, Bonnie, Randy, Larry, Myrl. NAYS: Keith. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Larry, with a second by Jack to adopt Ordinance #01-428 "Payroll".  
AYES: Keith, Jack, Bonnie, Larry, Myrl. NAYS: Randy. Motion carried.

20. Motion by Larry, with a second by Keith to accept the work budget with a total of  
\$1,034,458.00. All ayes, motion carried.

21. A motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm was made by Jack, second by Larry. All ayes,  
motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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Items of Appropriation and Levy

	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Levied</u>
FOR VILLAGE AUDIT . . . . .	4,100.00	4,100.00
FOR PARTICIPATION-ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL . . . . . RETIREMENT FUND.	26,280.00	26,280.00
FOR PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ON . . . . EMPLOYEES.	15,620.00	15,620.00
FOR PURCHASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. . . .	0	0
Respective Totals of Appropriation & Levy	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00

SECTION III: The Clerk of said Village is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of said County, a duly certified copy of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted Yea:

Waldrop, Fielder, Kidwell, Earlewine and Lindsey

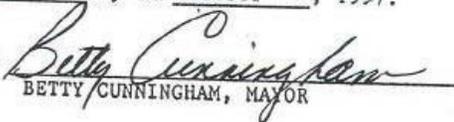
Upon roll call vote the following Trustees voted Nay:

None

Board Members Absent:

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois this 1st day of October, 1997.

Approved:

  
BETTY CUNNINGHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JIM RUSSELL, VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG )

I, Jim Russell, Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, published in pamphlet form by the authority of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the President, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this Ordinance is a true and perfect copy of that Ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 1st day of October, 1997.

  
VILLAGE CLERK

(SEAL)

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November 5, 1997

Mrs. Bonnie Finn was sworn in as a member of the Village Board of Trustees by the Clerk. Mrs. Finn is filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Randy Nave and her term will expire in April of 1999.

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 5, 1997 in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members present: Max Lindsey, Charles Earlewine, Jerry Kidwell, Bonnie Finn, Teresa Fielder and Keith Waldrop. The Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk.

## September 1, 1999

ORDINANCE NO. 99-4 17

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS, AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Oblong (the "Village"), by Ordinance No. 97-387, approved a tax increment redevelopment project and plan (the "TIF Plan") for Oblong Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area") pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/74.4-1 et seq., (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Village, by Ordinance No. 97-388, designated the Redevelopment Project Area as a "redevelopment project area" as that term is defined under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Village, by Ordinance No. 97-387, adopted tax increment allocation financing in respect of the Redevelopment Project Area in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Village is empowered to enter in redevelopment agreements and to incur redevelopment project costs; and

WHEREAS, the real estate described in the Redevelopment Agreement attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A (the "Redevelopment Agreement") is located within the Redevelopment Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the Village, in accordance with the Act, published a request for proposals for redevelopment of the real estate that is the subject of the Redevelopment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, as no alternative proposals deemed more suitable by the Village have been received, the Village desires to enter into the Redevelopment Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement, Development Coordination Corporation (the "Developer") will develop a residential housing subdivision on certain real estate located within the Redevelopment Project Area (the "Subdivision"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement, to enable the Developer to develop the Subdivision the Village will reimburse the Developer for eligible redevelopment project costs as defined under the Act in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,445,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that the reimbursement of such redevelopment project costs will encourage the further development and increase the assessed valuation of the real estate in the Redevelopment Project Area, increase housing opportunities in the Village, prevent the spread of blight to other areas of the Village and otherwise be in the best interests of the Village by furthering the health, safety, morals and welfare of its residents and taxpayers; and

**April 4, 2001**

ORDINANCE NO.01-426

AN ORDINANCE  
Authorizing

CENTRAL ILLINOIS

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
(d/b/a AmerenCIPS)

its Successors and Assigns

To Construct, Operate and Maintain a Gas Utility System  
in the Village of Oblong County of Crawford and State of Illinois

PASSED 4th of April, 2001  
EXPIRES

ORDINANCE NO. 01-426

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY (d/b/a AmerenCIPS), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A GAS UTILITY SYSTEM IN THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD AND STATE OF ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby given and granted to Central Illinois Public Service Company (d/b/a AmerenCIPS), its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as "Grantee", the right, privilege and authority to construct, operate, maintain and extend within the corporate limits, as the same now exists or may hereafter be extended, of the Village of Oblong, hereinafter referred to as "Municipality", a gas utility system for the transmission, distribution and sale of gas, together with the right, privilege and authority to lay, install, operate and maintain all necessary mains, pipes, valves, and other apparatus in, along and across the streets, avenues, alleys and public places.

SECTION 2 All mains, pipes, valves and apparatus shall, so far as practicable, be placed underground and shall be so located and laid as not to interfere with any pipes, conduits, sewers, drains, pavements or other public improvements existing at the time of such location, and said Grantee shall forthwith repair any damage caused to such improvements to the satisfaction of the official or officials of said Municipality having charge of the supervision thereof. There shall be no unnecessary obstruction to the streets, avenues, alleys and public places of said Municipality in the laying, installation, operation or maintenance of any of said mains, pipes, valves or apparatus.

SECTION 3. At all excavations in any Street, avenue, alley or public place, the Grantee shall keep warning lights burning at night along the line of the same at intervals of not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet, and shall erect and maintain reasonable barricades at the ends of said excavations and at all street and alley intersections along the same. Before making any excavation in any street, avenue, alley or public place, the Grantee shall notify the official or officials of the Municipality having charge of the supervision thereof of the location and extent of the proposed excavation. No excavation shall be permitted to remain open longer than may be reasonably necessary, and all excavations shall be properly backfilled and tamped, and the surface, including Pavement, if any, restored to as good state of repair and condition as before such excavations were made. The Grantee shall in constructing, operating and maintaining mains, pipes, valves or apparatus and other equipment save and keep harmless the said Municipality from any loss or damage to life or property occasioned by reason thereof.

SECTION 4. The installation by Grantee of such gas distribution system in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinabove set forth, and the operation by Grantee as a public utility in said system in the distribution and sale to the public of gas within the Municipality, shall each constitute full consideration for the rights, privileges and authority hereby granted.

SECTION 5. As a further consideration for the rights, privileges and authorities herein granted, Grantee agrees to furnish Municipality, annually, free of cost, gas of a like kind and quality as is then furnished throughout Municipality, to be used by Municipality only in rooms or buildings actually used by said Municipality for municipality purposed to an amount not exceeding 6,000 therms. The cost of all equipment including the installation thereof required in said rooms or buildings shall be borne by said Municipality. The furnishing by Grantee of said gas and the use thereof by Municipality shall be (a) subject to the orders, rules and regulations of the Illinois Commerce Commission or such other governmental authority having jurisdiction thereof, and (b) in accordance with Grantee's applicable terms and conditions in effect at the time such service is furnished and as from time to time approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission or such other governmental authority having jurisdiction thereof. Any excess over said quantity to be furnished free of cost required by said Municipality shall be furnished to, used, billed to and paid for by Municipality in accordance with Grantee's applicable rates, terms and conditions in effect at the time such service is furnished and as from time to time approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission or such other governmental authority having jurisdiction thereof.

SECTION 6. The charges to be made by the Grantee for public service rendered by it under this ordinance shall be such as are approved from time to time by the Illinois Commerce Commission of the State of Illinois or such other duly constituted governmental authority as shall have jurisdiction thereof.

SECTION 7. All provisions of this ordinance which are obligatory upon and which inure to the benefit of said Grantee shall also be obligatory upon and shall inure to the benefit of Grantee's successors or assigns, and the word "Grantee" whenever used in this ordinance shall mean and include not only the Central Illinois Public Service Company, but also its successors and assigns.

SECTION 8. All rights, privileges and authority granted by this ordinance shall, upon its acceptance by Grantee in the manner herinafter provided, be and remain in full force and effect for and during the term of twenty (20) years from and after its passage and approval.

SECTION 9. No right, privilege or authority given or granted by this ordinance shall become effective until there shall have been filed with the City Clerk of said Municipality the written acceptance of said ordinance by the Central Illinois Public Service Company. Such acceptance shall be so filed within forty— five days from the passage of this ordinance and when so filed, shall, together with operation by the Grantee, or its successors or assigns, under the terms of said ordinance, constitute full consideration for the rights, privileges and authority hereby granted.

SECTION 10. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and, if necessary, its recordation.

Passed April 4th, 2001

Approved April 4th, 2001

Recorded April 4th, 2001

Village of Oblong  
By Myrl E. Littlejohn  
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:  
Ladora C. Boyd  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

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April 4, 2001

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG ) ss.  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD )

I, Ladora C. Boyd, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the Village of Oblong, in said County of Crawford, and the official custodian of the records of said City, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of Ordinance No. 01—426 , entitled "An Ordinance authorizing Central Illinois Public Service Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, operate and maintain a gas utility system in the Village of Oblong, County of Crawford and State of Illinois," passed at a meeting of the City Council of said Village of Oblong, held on the 4th day of April A.D. 2001 , approved and signed by the Mayor of said City on the 4th day of April , A. D. 2001 , and recorded on the 4th day of April , A. D. 2001, as said Ordinance appears from the records in my office.

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of said City this 4th day of April , A. D. 2001

Ladora C. Boyd  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

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April 4, 2001

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 01-427

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PENALTY FOR CODE VIOLATIONS

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County,  
Illinois, this 4th. day of April, 2001.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-427

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PENALTY FOR CODE VIOLATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Acting President and Board of Trustees of the Village of  
Oblong, Illinois:

Section I. That section 1-1-20 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong Illinois is  
hereby amended to read as follows:

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 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 an offense against the Village, is punishable as a principal.

(E) All municipal ordinance offenses maybe 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) Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall, in addition to the fine assessed, be required to pay all of the Village's expenses, including attorney's fees, of enforcing and prosecuting the ordinance violation.

(G) Community Service. A penalty imposed for the violation of any section of this Code 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 public parks or along public highways or the maintenance of public facilities.

Section 2. If any provision of this Ordinance, or application thereof, is held invalid by any Court, other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application shall not be affected, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and shall take effect ten (10) days after publication as provided bylaw.

AYES		NAYS	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	X		
Jack Gallion	X		
Myrl Littlejohn	X		
Larry Lorance	X		
Randy Rich	X		
Keith Waldrop	X		

PASSED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.  
Acting President Myrl E. Littlejohn

ATTESTED, filed in my office, and published in pamphlet form this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

Ladora C. Boyd

Clerk

(SEAL)

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April 4, 2001

ORDINANCE NO. 01-428

AN ORDINANCE SETTING AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF

PAYMENT FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG,  
ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF  
MAY, 2001, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2002.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Acting President and Board of Trustees of the Village of  
Oblong, Illinois:

Section 1. The rates of pay for the various employees in the following classifications  
shall be the base rate listed below:

CLASSIFICATION	NAME	BASE RATE PER HOUR
Village Treasurer	Jan Miller	\$12.72
Village Clerk	Ladora Boyd	9.00
Chief of Police	Greg Van Praag	14.00
Superintendent of Public Works	Gary Lanter	15.21
Assistant Superintendent	Travis Smith	13.00
Utility Worker	Jamee Huber	11.65
Meter Reader/Utility Worker	Jason Garrard	11.65
Water Office Administrator	Dale Davis	11.00
Patrolman	Jean Ann Randolph	11.05
Sergeant	Larry Fear	10.64
Patrolman (PT-A)	Scott Plummer	10.64
Custodian	Byron Sander	9.70

In addition to the above base pay per hour the Village Treasurer and the Village Clerk  
shall also be paid \$50.00 per attended meeting of the Board of Trustees (with each  
employee allowed payment for two missed meeting per fiscal year).

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be effective May 1, 2001.

AYES		NAYS	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	x		
Jack Gallion	x		
Myrl Littlejohn	x		
Larry Lorance	x		
Randy Rich		x	
Keith Waldrop	x		

PASSED this 4th day of April, 2001.

APPROVED this 4th day of April, 2001.

Myrl E. Littlejohn  
ACTING PRESIENT

ATTESTED and filed in my office this 4th day of April, 2001.  
Ladora C. Boyd  
CLERK

(SEAL)

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May 2, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 2nd, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Shelly Henry, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Byron Sanders, Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Sgt. Fear, Charlie Miller, Toni Holt, Martha Waldrop, Bob Fairow, Michael Fairow and Bill Cox Jr.

1. The clerk swore in Keith Waldrop as Mayor; Shelly Henry, Carole Jones and Jack Gallion as Trustees.
2. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
3. The minutes of April 4th were approved with a motion by Randy, and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.
4. There was one addition to the agenda. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to award the contracts on the Motor Fuel Letting. All ayes, motion carried.
5. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
6. Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor) brought to the meeting some bills to be approved for payment from the Water Extension checking account after approval from USDA Rural Development, Vicky Middleton. The invoices total was \$44,910.66. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Myrl to pay the invoices after Vicky Middleton approves them, All ayes, motion carried. Shannon wanted to meet with the water committee on May 3rd at 7:30 am,
7. Mr. Bob Fairow came before the Board to ask that they consider making angle parking on west side of South Jefferson Street and also change the direction of traffic on that street. It was also stated that the Street Department will work closely with the school after the street extension is finished.

8. Keith asked to spend up to \$1,000 for office furniture to be placed in the Mayors office. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Shelly for the purchase of the furniture. All ayes, motion carried. The Board gave permission to the Mayor to talk to a couple of attorneys in the area about being the new Village Attorney. Keith said he would advise the Board at the June meeting as to information on salary, retainer and other expenses in hiring of new attorney. There was no objection to the Mayor's proposed committees. Keith said that if an employee has a complaint, they are to go by the chain of command. Keith also said that we need to get along and not bear personal grudges. "Personal grudges need to be buried," Motion by Carole, with second by Shelly to appoint Ladora Boyd as Village Clerk, Jan Miller as Village Treasurer, Greg Van Praag as Police Chief and Gary Lanter as Public Works Superintendent for 4 year terms. AYES: Shelly, Myrl, Carole, Bonnie and Randy. NAYS: Jack. Motion carried.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Randy stated that Jan felt that the Village could transfer \$10,000 from General checking to General Repo #48708316.

10. Motion by Randy, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

## II. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: The Chief stated that May 13—19 is Police Memorial Week to remember those killed in the line of duty. The Chief also stated that there is a meeting on the 9th of May at Springfield for him to attend. Everyone has a copy of the monthly report. Greg also asked that the paper please state that it's that time of year again for the start of mowing of the grass and time to start taking care of the abandon/disable vehicles.

B. Buildings and Park: Bonnie stated that there will be a work detail on May 5th to spruce up the Park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Gary asked permission to have North Range Street resurfacing for \$55,000. The board granted permission. He felt it would probably only take a week. A motion by Myrl, with a second by Jack to make the corner North Washington and West Illinois streets a 4-way stop, AYES: Shelly, Myrl, Carole, Jack and Bonnie. Nays: Randy. Motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: No Report.

F. Finance: No Report.

12. Motion by Randy, with a second by Myrl to escort teams from the schools back into town after wins. Lights & Sirens until 9 pm after that lights only. All ayes, motion carried.
13. Motion by Randy, with a second by Myrl, to go into executive session at 7:53 pm to discuss hiring of the part-time Park person. All ayes, motion carried.
14. Motion by Randy, with a second by Myrl, to come out of executive session at 8:13 pm. All ayes, motion carried.
15. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to hire Paula Myers for the Part-time help out at the Park, if she does not take the position then it will be offer to Luke Brown. The starting pay is minimum wage with a 30 day trial period with a possible raise after the 30 days. AYES: Myrl, Jack, Bonnie and Randy. NAYS: Shelly and Carole. Motion carried.
16. A motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm was made by Jack, second by Randy. All ayes, motion carried. Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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## June 6, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 6th, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Shelly Henry, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News), Mrs. Osborne, Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor), Frank Weber and Craig Weber (Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford & Heap, PC).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The minutes of May 2nd were approved with a motion by Randy, and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to tile agenda this month.

4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor) brought to the meeting some bills to be approved for payment from the Water Extension checking account after approval from USDA Rural Development, Vicky Middleton. The invoices total was \$32,348.12. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Randy to pay the invoices after Vicky Middleton approves them. All ayes, motion carried. Cory stated that the contractor, Mr. Lapington, had been gone for 2 weeks to finish up another job, in case, Mr. Lapington needs more time later on.
6. Frank Weber (Cox, Phillips, Weber, Tedford & Heap, PC) came before the board to meet with the trustees, in order for the trustees to ask him questions concerning hiring his firm as Village counsel. Mr. Weber stated that he would be the primary attorney for the Village, but that anyone of the attorneys in his law firm would be available to answer questions that the trustees might have. A motion by Carole, with a second by Jack to hire Mr. Weber as the new Village Attorney. All ayes, motion carried. Mr. Weber and the other attorneys will be paid \$ 125/hour as the Village needs them.
7. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Shelly to adopt Ordinance #01-430 "Prevailing Wage". All ayes, motion carried.

Keith stated that Myrl, Rondel Boyd and himself met with Mr. Piper (Development Coordination Corporation) to discuss about building a model house on the TIF ground, Model house would be between \$100,000 and \$110,000. Mr. Piper was going to ask his investors for the money to build the model house. Mr. Piper and Myrl came to an agreement for the mowing of tile thirteen lots in Phase I of the TIF area. Keith appointed Randy, Carole and Jan to be on a committee to go over the employee policy guidelines and update them. Keith stated that if any employee had a complaint or a suggestion for the updated guidelines to take them to one of the committee members. The committee is to bring the guidelines back to the board next month. Keith mentioned the "Newly Elected Official Conference" at Collinsville on June 15th & 16th. Kemper CPA will meet with the Finance Committee before the July meeting.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she had attended the GASB meeting over at the Courthouse Annex on June 6th. Jan also stated that she will be sending out letters For bids on the three CDs that are coming due next month.
10. Motion by Shelly, with a second by Randy, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

## 11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that the committee met May 7th to get acquainted with the officers. The officers are to assist with all 911 calls. May 29th the committee had another meeting due to the fact that Part-time officer Scott Plumber will be on medical leave until September or October. The police department is short handed at the moment. The committee would like to hire two part-time patrolmen (at least 1 already certified). Motion by Carole, with a second by Myrl. AYES: Shelly, Myrl, Carole, Bonnie & Randy. NAYS: Jack. Motion carried. Motion by Randy, with a second by Jack for the Village to purchase another pager for the police department for Officer Randolph. All ayes, motion carried. Carole stated that the police chief would like to attend 3 training sessions this month. One session is June 13th at Springfield for Central Illinois Law Enforcement Executives. Second session is June 19th at Mattoon for Policy procedures and Juvenile Trouble. Third session is June 21st at Mt. Vernon for Wages, Hours & Pay Seminar along with the treasurer and clerk. The Board didn't have any objections.

B. Buildings and Park: Motion by Carole, with a second by Jack to purchase McKinley double-wide refrigerator (1 yr. parts & labor warranty) for \$2,405 plus \$80 delivery charge from CRC. All ayes, motion carried. ICTC contacted the Village stating that the Village would need to start paying \$48.50 a month line charges on the Pay Phone out at the park, due to the lack of revenue from the phone. Motion by Jack, with a second by Randy to remove the pay phone out at the park. All aye, motion carried. Shelly stated that picnic tables have been ordered for the New Shelter on the north side of the park. Motion by Randy, with a second by Carole to name the New Shelter after J.W. Collings. All aye, motion carried. Will be putting sign up on the shelters with their respected names. The Elks donated \$500 towards playground equipment for out at the park. On June 30th starting at 5pm, the Elks are having a hog roasted to raise more money for the park play ground equipment. The Elks will also install the equipment. Bonnie wanted to personally thank the following people, who worked May 5th to spruce up the Park, Charlotte Sackrider, Ron & Skip Westall, Larry & Esther Fear, Braden Lanter, Wanda .Lanter, Dale Davis, Mike McReynolds, Gary Lanter and herself

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack reported that a resident came to Gary asking to have his sidewalk replaced in front of his house (500 or 600 Block of South Grant). The resident paid for his part and the Village paid for the rest that extended to the corner due to the fact that the rest of the sidewalk was needing repaired. Keith stated that the banners should be done by the end of this week. Keith hopes that the banners can be up by the 4th of July.

D. Street and Alley: Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to repair the box culvert at the corner of outer East Main Street and Farley Road. AYES: Shelly, Carole, Jack & Randy.

NAYS: Myrl & Bonnie. Motion carried. The culvert will be 24" x 40' at a cost of \$500. This will need to be done before the Oilfield Museum brings in an oil derrick.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that the committee has had two short meetings with Shannon dealing with right of way and Don Newbold. Don Newbold is wanting a second meter put in at his barn for a deposit of \$500 instead of \$750.

F. Finance: Randy suggested that the Village transfer \$25,000 from General checking to a General Repo. Randy stated that Jan would like permission to attend the annual Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association Conference on June 24-26, in Collinsville. The Board had no objections.

12. Motion by Randy, with a second by Shelly to go into executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss give a raise to the part-time Park person. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to come out of executive session at 8:12 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bonnie to give Paula Myers, the Part-time Help out at the Park, a raise of \$85/hour. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Bonnie brought up the "bird problem" that had been tabled until spring. There was no action take at this time.

16. A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Randy. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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June 6, 2001

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 01-430

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING  
PREVAILING WAGE

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Published in pamphlet. form by authority of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 6th day of June, 2001.

ORDINANCE No. 01-430

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted "An ACT regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, County, City or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works", approved June 26, 1941, as amended, being Chapter 820 ILKS 130/1-12, Illinois Compiled Statutes and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of said Village of Oblong, Crawford County employed in performing construction of public works, for said Village of Oblong~ and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION I: To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, County, City or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works" approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in the construction of public works coining under the jurisdiction of the Village of Oblong is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Crawford County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June of the current year, a copy of that determination being attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance which are also used in afore said Act shall be the same as in said Act.

SECTION 2: Nothing herein shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works and landscaping construction of the Village of Oblong to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.

SECTION 3: The Oblong Village Clerk shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the Village of Oblong this determination or any revisions of such prevailing rate wage. A copy of this determination or of the current revised determination of prevailing rate of wages then in effect shall be attached to all contract specifications.

SECTION 4: The Oblong Village Clerk shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.

SECTION 5: The Oblong Village Clerk shall promptly file a certified copy of this Ordinance with both the Secretary of State Index Division and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 6: The Oblong Village Clerk shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area that the determination of prevailing wages has been made. Said notice shall conform substantially to the notice attached hereto. Such publication shall constitute notice that this is the determination of Village of Oblong and is effective.

PASSED THIS 6th DAY OF June 2001.

APPROVED:

Keith Waldrop Mayor, Village of Oblong

SEAL

ATTEST:

Ladora C. Boyd  
Village Clerk

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June 2001

Crawford County Prevailing Wage for June 2001

Trade Name RG TYP C Base FRMFU1 \*M\_F>8 OSA OSH H/W Pensn Vac  
Trng

BESTOS AET—GEN ALL 18.600 19.050 1.5 1.5 2.0 3.150 4.250  
0.000 0.400

BESTOS ABT—MEC 0.000 0.000	PLO	20.800	0.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.000	2.980
ILERNAKER 0.150	PLO	24.200	26.700	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.800	7.040 0.000
ICK MASON 0.525	BLD	21.750	23.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.450	3.050 0.000
CARPENTER 0.200	BLD	23.790	25.540	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.550	5.120 0.000 0.250
CARPENTER 0.200	HWY	22.570	24.070	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	4.120 0.000 0.250
CEMENT MASON 0.200	BLD	23.730	24.980	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.550	5.000 0.000
CEMENT MASON 0.200	HWY	20.100	21.600	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.550	3.650 0.000
COMM SYSTEMS TECH 0.000 0.000	BLD	17.950	19.750	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.300	0.540
ELECTRICIAN BID 0.290		24.950	26.200	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.000	4.450 0.000
ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTOR 2.460 1.490 0.000	BLD	24.835	27.940	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.325
GLAZIER 0.000 0.090	PLO	19.610	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.250	2.000 0.000 0.000
HT/FROST INSULATOR 0.000 0.090	PLO	23.550	24.550	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.800	5.710
IRON WORKER 0.330	ALL	22.100	23.400	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.000	6.400 0.000
LABORER 0.000 0.300	ALL	18.600	19.050	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.150	4.250 0.000 0.300
LATHER 0.000 0.250	PLO	23.790	25.540	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.550	5.120 0.000 0.250
MACHINIST 0.000 0.000	PLO	29.300	31.050	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.200	2.100 2.020 0.000
MARBLE MASON 0.000 0.000	PLO	25.400	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	0.000	4.000 0.000
MILLWRIGHT 0.250 0.000	PLO	23.450	25.200	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.000	5.470 0.000
MILLWRIGHT 0.000 0.000	HWY	16.450	17.700	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.800	3.000 0.000
OPERATING ENGINEER 0.000 0.500	ALL 1	23.750	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.350	5.200
OPERATING ENGINEER 0.000 0.500	ALL 2	15.700	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.350	5.200
PAINTER 0.000 0.180	ALL	21.900	22.900	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.250	2.500 0.000 0.180
PILED RIVER 0.000 0.250	PLO	24.290	26.040	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.550	5.120 0.000 0.250
PILED RIVER 0.000 0.250	HWY	23.070	24.570	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.450	4.120 0.000 0.250
PIPE FITTER 0.000 0.450	ALL	25.160	27.080	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.700	4.600 0.000 0.450
PLASTERER 0.000 0.200	PLO	22.890	24.390	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.550	5.100 0.000 0.200
PLUMBER 0.000 0.450	ALL	25.160	27.080	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.700	4.600 0.000 0.450
ROOFER 0.000 0.000	PLO	19.100	21.600	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.750	3.000 0.000 0.000
SHEET METAL WORKER 0.000 0.370	ELD	23.890	25.080	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.300	3.360

RINKLER FITTER BLD	27.540	29.040	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.400	2.850	0.000	0.150
NE MASON PLO	21.750	23.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.450	3.050	0.000	0.525
LECOM WORKER ALL	21.900	23.400	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.000	2.650	1.430	0.000
ARAZZO MASON BLD	25.400	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	0.800	4.000	0.000	0.000
TILE LAYER BLD	23.790	25.540	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.550	5.120	0.000	0.250
TILE MASON PLO	25.400	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	0.000	4.000	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER ALL 1	23.340	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER ALL 2	23.740	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER ALL 3	23.940	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER ALL 4	24.190	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TRUCK DRIVER ALL 5	24.940	0.000	1.5	1.5	2.0	4.360	2.225	0.000	0.000
TUCK POINTER PLO	21.750	23.000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.450	3.050	0.000	0.525

Legend:

M—F>B (Overtime is required for any hour greater than 8 worked each day, Monday through Friday.)

OSA Overtime is required for every hour worked on Saturday)

OSH (overtime is required for every hour worked on Sunday and Holidays)

H/W (Health & Welfare Insurance(

Pensn )Pension(

Vac (Vacation)

Trng (Training)

Explanations

CRAWFORD COUNTY

The following list is considered as those days for which holiday rates of wages for work performed apply: New Years Day, Memorial/Decoration

Sunday is celebrated on the following Monday. This then makes work performed on that Monday payable at the appropriate overtime rate for holiday pay. Common practice in a given local may alter certain days of celebration such as the day after Thanksgiving for Veterans Jay. If in doubt, please check with IDOL.

## EXPLANATION OF CLASSES

ASBESTOS — GENERAL - removal of asbestos material from any place in a building, including mechanical systems where those mechanical systems are to be removed. This includes the removal of asbestos materials from ductwork or pipes in a building when the building is to be demolished at the time or at some close future date.

ASBESTOS - MECHANICAL — removal of asbestos material from mechanical systems, such as pipes, ducts, and boilers, where the mechanical systems are to remain.

## COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN

Installation, operation, inspection, maintenance, repair, and service of radio, television, recording, voice sound and vision production and reproduction apparatus, equipment and appliances used for domestic, commercial, education, entertainment and private telephone systems.

## TRUCK DRIVER - BUILDING, HEAVY AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Class 1. Drivers on 2 axle trucks hauling less than 9 ton. Air compressor and welding machines and brooms, including those pulled by separate units, truck driver helpers, warehouse employees, mechanic helpers, greasers and tiremen, pickup trucks when hauling materials, tools, or workers to and from and on—the—job site, and fork lifts up to 6,000 lb. capacity.

Class 2. Two or three axle trucks hauling more than 9 ton but hauling less than 16 ton. A—frame winch trucks, hydrolift trucks, vactor trucks or similar equipment when used for transportation purposes. Fork lifts over 6,000 lb. capacity, winch trucks, four axle combination units, and ticket writers.

Class 3. Two, three or four axle trucks hauling 16 ton or more. Drivers on water pulls, articulated dump trucks, mechanics and working forepersons, and dispatchers. Five axle or more combination units.

Class 4. Low Boy and Oil Distributors.

Class 5. Drivers who require special protective clothing while employed on hazardous waste work.

## OPERATING ENGINEERS — BUILDING, HEAVY AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Class 1. Power Cranes, Draglines, Derricks, Shovels, Gradalls, Mechanics, Tractor Highlift, Tournadozer, Concrete Mixers with Skip, Tournamixer, Two Drum Machine, One Drum Hoist with Tower or Boom, Cableways, Tower Machines, Motor Patrol, Boom Tractor, Boom or Winch Truck, Winch or Hydraulic Boom Truck, Truck Crane, Tournapull, Tractor Operating Scoops, Bulldozer, Push Tractor, Asphalt Planer, Finishing Machine on Asphalt, Large Rollers on Earth, Rollers on Asphalt Mix, Ross Carrier or similar Machine, Gravel Processing Machine, Asphalt Plant Engineer, Paver Operator, Dredging Equipment, or Dredge Engineer, or Dredge Operator, Central Mix Plant Engineer, CMI or similar type machine, Concrete Pump, Truck or Skid Mounted, Tower Crane, Engineer or Rock Crusher Plant, Concrete Plant Engineer, Ditching Machine with dual attachment, Tractor Mounted Loaders, Cherry Picker, Hydro Crane, Standard or Dinkey Locomotives, Scoopmobiles, Euclid Loader, Soil Cement Machine, Back Filler, Elevating Machine, Power Blade, Drilling Machine, including Well Testing, Caissons, Shaft or any similar type drilling machines, Motor Driven Paint Machine, Pipe Cleaning Machine, Pipe Wrapping Machine, Pipe Bending Machine, Apsco Paver, Boring Machine, (Head Equipment Greaser), Barber—Greene Loaders, Formless Paver, (Well Point System), Concrete Spreader, Hydra Ax, Span Saw, Marine Scoops, Brush Mulcher, Brush Burner, Mesh Placer, Tree Mover, Helicopter Crew (3), Piledriver—Skid or Crawler, Stump Remover, Root Rake, Tug Boat Operator, Refrigerating Machine, Freezing Operator, Chair Cart— Self—Propelled, Hydra Seeder, Straw Blower, Power Sub Grader, Bull Float, Finishing Machine, Self-Propelled Pavement Breaker, Lull (or similar type Machine), Two Air Compressors, Compressors hooked in Manifold, Overhead Crane, Chip Spreader. Mud Cat. Sull—Air. Fork Lifes (except when used for Machine, Concrete or Asphalt Milling Machine, Snooper Truck—operator, Backhoe, Farm Tractors (with attachments), 4 point Lift System (Power Lift or similar type), Skid—Steer (Bob Cat or similar type), Wrecking Shears, Water Blaster.

Class 2. Concrete Mixers without Skips, Rock Crusher, Ditching Machine under 6', Curbing Machine, One Drum Machines without Tower or Boom, Air Tugger, Self—Propelled Concrete Saw, Machine Mounted Post Hole Digger, two to four Generators, Water Pumps or Welding Machines, within 400 feet, Air Compressor 600 cu. ft. and under, Rollers on Aggregate and Seal Coat Surfaces, Fork Lift (when used for landscaping work), Concrete and Blacktop Curb Machine, One Water Pump, Oilers, Air Valves or Steam Valves, One Welding Machine, Truck Jack, Mud Jack, Gunnite Machine, House Elevators when used for hoisting material, Engine Tenders, Fireman, Wagon Drill, Flex Plane, Conveyor, Siphons and Pulsometer, Switchman, Fireman on Paint Pots, Fireman on Asphalt Plants, Distributor Operator on Trucks,. Tampers, Self—Propelled Power Broom, Striping Machine (motor driven), Form Tamper, Bulk Cement

Plant, Equipment Greaser, Deck Hands, Truck Crane Oiler—Driver, Cement Blimps, Form Grader, Temporary Heat, Throttle Valve, Super Sucker (and similar type of equipment) Other

Classifications of Work:

For definitions of classifications not otherwise set out, the Department generally has on file such definitions which are available. If there is no such definition on file, the Bureau of Labor Statistics SIC list will be used. If a task to be performed is not subject to one of the classifications of pay set out, the Department will upon being contacted state which neighboring county has such a classification and provide such rate, such rate being deemed to exist by reference in this document. Further, if no such neighboring county rate applies to the task, the Department shall undertake a special determination, such special determination being then deemed to have existed under this determination. If a project requires these, or any classification not listed, please contact IDOL at 618/993-7271 for wage rates or clarifications.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping work falls under the existing classifications for laborer, operating engineer and truck driver. The work performed by landscape plantsman and landscape laborer is covered by the existing classification of laborer. The work performed by landscape operators (regardless of equipment used or its size) is covered by the classifications of operating engineer. The work performed by landscape truck drivers (regardless of size of truck driven) is covered by the classifications of truck driver.

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD )       ss.    VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG        )

I, Ladora C. Boyd Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, published in pamphlet form by the authority of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the President, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this Ordinance is a true and perfect copy of that Ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 7th day of June, 2001.

Ladora C. Boyd  
VILLAGE CLERK

(SEAL)

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June 6, 2001

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 01-431

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING  
APPROPRIATION

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 6th Jay of June, 2001.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 01-431

An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2001, and ending April 30th, 2002.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That the amount hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the municipality be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1st, 2001, and ending April 30th, 2002.

SECTION 2: That the appropriation herein made for any purpose shall be regarded as the maximum amounts to be expended under the respective appropriation accounts and shall not be construed as a commitment, agreement, obligation or liability of the Village of

Oblong, and such appropriation being subject to further approval as to expenditure thereof by the Village Board.

SECTION 3: That the amount appropriated for each object and purpose shall be as follows:

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
GENERAL FUND #1

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 110,500.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

MAJOR PROJECTS

UTILITIES 2,600.00

INSURANCE 19,500.00

CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 975.00

PUBLICATION AND DUES 1,365.00

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 4,550.00

RADIO FEES 4,615.00

CLOTHING EXPENSE 3,250.00

COMMODITIES

OPERATING SUPPLIES 1,365.00

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 2,080.00

GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 8,450.00

OFFICE EXPENSES 780.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

OTHER EXPENDITURES

OTHER EXPENSES 5,330.00

TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT 167,310.00

GENERAL FUND #1

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

STREET AND ALLEY  
GENERAL FUND #2

PERSONAL

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SALARIES AND WAGES 46,464.60

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

PUBLICATION AND DUES 195.00  
UTILITIES 20,800.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 10,920.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 78,000.00  
SIDEWALKS 13,000.00  
DRUGS, NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOL TESTING 650.00  
INSURANCE 11,700.00  
EQUIPMENT RENTAL 650.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 12,057.50  
GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 7,150.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

VEHICLE, BUILDING & EQUIPMENT 34,190.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE 3,250.00  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 325.00  
TOTAL STREET AND ALLEY 239,352.10  
GENERAL FUND # 2

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

GENERAL FUND #3

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 78,200.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

INSURANCE AND BONDS 19,500.00  
PROFESSIONAL FEES 15,600.00  
MAJOR PROJECTS 15,600.00  
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 13,000.00  
UTILITIES 7,150.00  
PUBLICATION AND DUES 3,900.00  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING 9,750.00  
SIREN 1,300.00  
T1F 6,500.00  
ENGINEERING/CLEAN UP 39,000.00

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COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 17,550.00  
OFFICE EXPENSES 15,600.00  
GAS, Oil & MOWER 325.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EQUIPMENT 6,500.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

OTHER EXPENSES 13,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND # 3 262,475.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

WATER FUND

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 96,018.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 10,660.00

INSURANCE 26,650.00

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 975.00

ENGINEERING 15,600.00

MAJOR PROJECTS 20,800.00

WATER PURCHASE 192,400.00

UTILITIES 6,500.00

PROFESSIONAL FEES 4,550.00

LAB TESTING & UPS 1,560.00

PUBLICATION AND DUES 1,300.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 15,600.00

OFFICE EXPENSE 9,100.00

GAS, OIL AND VEHICLE 6,500.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

VEHICLE, BUILDING & EQUIPMENT 25,441.00

RURAL WATER EXTENSION 460,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 650.00

OTHER EXPENSE 2,600.00

TOTAL WATER FUND 896,904.00

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AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

SEWER FUND

PERSONNEL

SALARIES AND WAGES 39,650.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

CONTRACTOR EXPENSES 11,700.00

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 650.00

INSURANCE 9,100.00

UTILITIES 5,850.00

PROFESSIONAL FEES 650.00

ENGINEERING 1,560.00

MAJOR PROJECTS 14,820.00

PUBLICATION AND DUES 260.00

LAB, TESTING & UPS 2,600.00

EQUIPMENT RENTAL 650.00

COMMODITIES

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL 20,800.00

GAG, OIL AND VEHICLE 845.00

OFFICE EXPENSE 650.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

VEHICLE, BUILDING & EQUIPMENT 23,686.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE 325.00

OTHER EXPENSE 455.00

TOTAL SEWER FUND 134,251.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

MAINTENANCE SERVICE - STREET 43,232.53

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS 8,853.98

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EQUIPMENT RENTAL 6,311.08

TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND 58,397.59

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

IMRF FUND 14,000.00

FICA FUND 22,000.00

Unemployment FLUX 2,000.00

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

PARK FUND

GENERAL FUND #4

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

UTILITIES 13,000.00

CONTRACTOR EXPENSE 23,855.00

INSURANCE 650.00

COMMODITIES

GAS AND OIL 1,105.00

SUPPLIES & MATERIALS 2,860.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT 9,256.00

TOTAL PARK FUND 50,726.00

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2002

LAW ENFORCEMENT (GENERAL FUND #1) 167,310,000

STREET AND ALLEY (GENERAL FUND #2) 239,352.10

GENERAL FUND #3 262,475.00

WATER FUND 896,904.00

SEWER FUND 134,251.00

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND 58,397.59

IMRF FUND 14,000.00

FICA FUND 22,000.00  
 UNEMPLOYMENT FUND 2,000.00  
 PARK FUND (GENERAL FUND #4) 50,726.00  
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 1,847,415.69

SECTION 4: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That a Certified Copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 clays after adoption.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 6TH day of June, 2001, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong,, Crawford County, Illinois.

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bonnie Finn	X			
Jack Gallion	X			
Shelly Henry	X			
Carole Jones	X			
Myrl Littlejohn	X			
Randy Rich	X			

Approved this 6th day of June ,2001.

Keith Waldrop, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:  
 LADORA BOYD VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS       )  
 COUNTY OF CRAWFORD     )     ss. VILLAGE     CLERKS OFFICE  
 VILLAGE OF OBLONG     )

I, Ladora C. Boyd, Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, published in pamphlet form by the authority of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the President, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this Ordinance is a true and perfect copy of that Ordinance, 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 Oblong, Illinois, this 7th day of June, 2001.

Ladora C. Boyd  
VILLAGE CLERK

(SEAL)

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June 2001

Proposed Items To Be Offered For Sale

- 1 Pipe rack for pick-up
  2. (3) Push Mowers
  3. 3" Pump
  4. Cycle Bar Mower
  5. Small Portable Pressure. Washer
  6. (2) Shop-Vac
  7. New 16" Wheel and Tire
  8. Assorted Wire and Cable
  9. Vehicle Light Bar w/Amber Lens
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- 10. (4) 6" Cast Iron Valve
- 11. Band Saw
- 12. Globes for Street Lights
- 13. Assorted 2" PVC Fittings
- 14. Small Parts Cleaning Basin
- 15. Assorted Small Engine Pads

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July 11, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 11th. 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Bonnie Finn, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Jack Gallion.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Toni Osborne (Robinson Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Byron Sanders, Tim Attaway, Toni Moore, Dana Harrison and Laura Wagoner.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
  - 2. The Mayor read a resignation letter from Shelly Henry, stating she has gotten a new job with new hours and that she felt she could not do justice to the Village as a Trustee. The Mayor appointed Sherry Catt to fill Shelly's term for two years until the next Municipality election. There was one objection by Myrl to the appointment of Sherry. The clerk sworn in Mrs. Catt before any business was taken care of
  - 3. The minutes of June 6th were approved with a motion by Randy, and a second by Bonnie.  
Ayes: Myrl, Carole, Bonnie, Randy. Abstain: Sherry. Motion carried.
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4. There were two additions to the agenda this month. The first addition was Mr. Attaway wanting to thank the Village for the donated amount for the new banners. Mr. Attaway said, "the plan is that the new banners will go up in April and be taken down after Fall Follies. The Mayor stated that he had been ask about the banner lights to see if the lights were on a timer and if the lights were broken or not. Gary stated that the lights are shut off at the moment. Carole made a motion to have the banner lights turn back on, with a second by Sherry. 5 ayes, motion carried. The second addition was Mrs. Wagoner wanting to know "after the police application is turn in where does it go from there". The Police Chief explained that when the applications are received he starts doing background checks. Then if the backgrounds check are satisfactory the applicant is called in for an interview with the Chief. If background check is unsatisfactory then the applicant is sent a letter stating that they are no longer in the running.

5. There was one delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Dana Harrison wanted to have an extension on her water bill until Friday, July 13th. The Board grant the extension.

6. Tom Moore spoken to the whole Board giving a summary of the Village finances. He stated that the Village is in good financial standing.

7. Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor) brought to the meeting some bills to be approved for payment from the Water Extension checking account after approval from USDA Rural Development, Vicky Middleton. The invoices approximate total was \$202,000.00. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Randy to pay the invoices after Vicky Middleton approves them. 5 ayes, motion carried. Shannon also stated that the water tower project is still moving forward.

8. Keith stated that the employee policy guidelines update is table until next month. Keith also stated that lie had received 2 or 3 phone calls about the bird problem. Keith informed the Board that ICTC has sold the phone system here in Oblong to a North Carolina company upon approval from the FCC.

9. The treasurers report was given by Jan. Randy open the bids on the 3 CD's coming due this month. Tile bids are as follows:

Old National Bank of Oblong  
General Repo 3.88% 1 yr Fixed  
Water Repo 3.88% 1 yr Fixed  
Sewer Repo3.38% Weekly Adjustable

First Crawford State Bank  
General Repo 4.06% 1 yr

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Water Repo 4.06% 1 yr  
Sewer Repo 3.28% 1 yr

First Robinson Savings Bank All Three 3.80% 1 yr (3.85%/h APY)

Motion by Randy, with a second by Carole to accept First Crawford State Banks offer for the 3 CDs.

5 ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Randy to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. 5 ayes, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that the committee had an emergency meeting on June 19th to deal with a personnel matter with a civilian. Carole said that there was 15 applications sent out and the Chief had receive 9 application back. Carole hopes that the committee could start interviews around July 18th. Bonnie asked how much it cost to sent the police officer to the academy. Greg stated that the cost is about \$5,000, but after completion the Village can apply for reimbursement from the state for half of the cost.

B. Buildings and Park: Gary asked to have a tree cut down out at the Park. Gary called and got 2 estimate of \$275 from Houser Tree Service and \$250 from Wayne's Tree Service. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bonnie to have Wayne's Tree Service cut down the tree out at the Park. 5 ayes, motion carried. Gary stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Weber, Village Attorney, about prevailing wages on maintenance and repair. The older maintenance building is needing a new roof. Gary estimated that the roof would cost \$7,500, so the Village would not need to take bids for the job. Gary stated that the Fair Board is putting up a new fence along Main Street in front of the Fair grounds. He feels that the fence has enhance the whole Park. The Mayor and Gary have received some calls compliment the Village for the new fence.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that they are going to do some small project as funds allow, instead of a big project.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that the North Range Project went over budget by about \$3,800, due to having to take off more than plan of the material which in turn needed to have more new material. Carole asked about the box culvert status. Gary stated that the culvert had just arrive today and he had not had

a chance to contact IDOT yet. Gary said he would call tomorrow and that it would probably get going with in a week. Keith asked about the crossing on Indiana Street if Gary planned to put it back. Gary said that the guys were going to put it back in this week. Keith also asked about the stop signs at West Illinois and North Washington Streets. Greg stated that everything has been approved. Gary stated that he would get the signs up in a couple weeks.

E. Water and Sewer: No Report.

F. Finance: Gary handed out a list of items to be gotten rid of Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Randy, to take the items to Denver Ferguson's Consignment Auction. 5 ayes, motion carried. Motion by Carole, with a second by Randy, to accept the bid from Nick Ickes to purchase a 2002 Chevrolet HD2500 chassis only with Gary to go ahead and order it but not to exceed \$27,603 in price. 5 ayes, motion carried.

12. A motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by Myrl, with a second by Randy. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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July 8, 2001

Dear fellow trustees & Mayor,

Due to job changes I will be unable to do my duties as a trustee. My new working hours will be interfering with the meetings and taking time for other duties I need to be able to full fill. As of 7/8/2001, I am resigning my position as a trustee.

I would like to thank you for the time and support you have given me over the months. I am sorry for this inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Shelly L. Henry

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August 1, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 1st, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Bonnie Finn, Jack Gallion, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Randy Rich.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Torn Osborne (Robinson Daily News), Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor), Jerry McDaniel, Trish Moore (Crawford County Insurance) and Roger Wright (Underwriter for Pekin Insurance).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The minutes of July 11th were approved with a motion by Bonnie, and a second by Sherry. 5 ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month, Jerry McDaniel wanted to have an extension on his water bill until Wednesday, August 8th. The Board grant the extension.
5. Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor) brought to the meeting some bills to be approved for payment from the Water Extension checking account after approval from USDA Rural Development, Vicky Middleton. The invoices total was \$41,651. 19. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie to pay the invoices after Vicky Middleton approves them. 5 ayes, motion carried. Cory handed out an estimate of what will be left of the grant money.
6. Trish from Crawford County insurance Agency handed out quotes for Pekin Value Plus Group Insurance. Mr. Wright explained the difference between the new program and what the Village has now. The Village had received a letter from Pekin, informing the Village that there was to be a 42% increase to the policy. The Pekin Value Plus would only increase about \$ 130/month. A motion

by Carole, with a second by Jack to change to the Pekin Value Plus policy. 5 ayes, motion carried.

7. Keith had appointed Bonnie to Represent the Village at a meeting of local mayors and Chamber of Commerce's. The meeting was held in Flat Rock on July 23rd. Each town gave a report on the events upcoming in their community. November 8th will be the next meeting. Bonnie stated that they were trying to find ways to get more businesses involve in the Chamber, she also stated that there is a state golf tournament in the making for next year. Keith stated that he would be gone on August 14th to Peoria. Keith asked Myrl about the TIF mowing. Myrl stated that he had not been paid for the mowing he has already done. Myrl stated that he will start back mowing as soon as he receives payment for what he has already done and an advance payment. Keith info the Board that the Chief will be sending a ticket for Ordinance Violation. Jack made a motion that if Mr. Piper does not get back to the Village by August 18th and has not paid Myrl, the Village will hire Myrl to do the mowing (\$20/lot, for a total of \$260 per mowing). Bonnie second the motion. Ayes: Sherry, Carole, Jack, Bonnie. Abstain: Myrl. Motion carried.

8. The treasurers report was given by Jan, Jan stated that the Village will have a CD coming due on August 2~st. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry that the Finance Committee get together after all the bids are in and go with the highest interest rate, so that the Village does not lose any interest before the next board meeting. 5 ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. 5 ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that the committee will have a meeting on August 8th at 6 pm to interview 6 part-time police candidates. Carole stated that the Chief will be attending a meeting in Springfield on August 15th. Keith stated that there will probably be a special board meeting to hire 2 part-time police officers.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry asked about bonding of the employees who transport the money to the bank. A decision on who should be bonded was tabled. Sherry has checked into replacing the stools in the kitchen and barstools. She said the approximately cost for the stools would be \$60 and \$70 for the barstools. Sherry stated that she is try to have Randy to look at the roof on the Municipal Building to see if the roof will need to be replaced soon or not. Sherry stated that

the Elks have donated \$700 and the Oblong Volunteer Firemen donated \$390. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Carole to add \$1,500 to the donated amount to purchase playground equipment. 5 ayes, motion carried. The equipment would be place on the north side close to the J.W. Collings shelter. The Elks will help put the equipment up. Sherry stated that there has been a meeting of the minds as to where the Santa House will be place. The house will be placed on a permanent foundation north and a little west of the Musgrave shelter.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack stated Gary and his crew are due some patching and some contracting work.

Street and Alley: Jack stated that someone had come to him stating that there needed to be stop sign put up on East Indiana Street at the intersection of South Lincoln street. The reason for this request was that some young drivers were making it a drag strip and there are small children who play in that area. It was decided that the police would patrol a little more in the area around dusk for a month and then report back to the Board next month. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Sherry to change the One-Way direct on South Jefferson so that traffic will travel south instead of north. 5 ayes, motion carried. Bonnie felt that Mr. Holman should take his string down so that he is no longer blocking the alley behind his house.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that there will need to be a committee meeting with Shannon Woodard.

F. Finance: No Report.

11. A motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bonnie. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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August 9, 2001 7:30 am

Water committee met with Shannon to discuss options as what to use the \$6500+

left over on the rural water extension. He will bring an estimate to the Sept. board meeting for possibly adding 6-8 more customers north to Dogwood area. He suggested giving Mr. Lappington an extension on seeding. (due to the dry weather)

Regarding Bryons bonding (Mayor had already bonded Jason before meeting). As of Aug.13 Bryon will no longer be in the water office on a daily basis. Hours on the door will be changed to read closed 11:30 to 1:00. Lunch hour is still 11:30 - 12:30. 12:30 - 1:00 is time allowed for Dale to make the Bank deposit. As soon as she is back, she is to reopen the office. (example, if she is back at 12:40, that is when the office will be open).

Break——If Jason or Gary is not available, she's to put a note on the door back in 15 mm. She is not comfortable with this, but will try it and see how it works out.

The Mayor and water committee agreed to stand behind Dale 100% whatever she has to do to make this work for the office.

Present:

Mayor, Bonnie, Randy, Myrl, Gary, Dale and Shannon

Bonnie

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August 16, 2001

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met for special session on August 16th, 2001,111 the Farley Room of the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Randy Rich and Ladora Boyd.



Others Present: Chief Van Praag, William R. Rutan, Carl Justin Mendenhall, Gregory A. Coker, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem) and Torn Osborne (Robinson Daily News).

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Waldrop.

- 2. A motion to go in to executive session to interview and discuss the hiring of 2 part-time officers at 7:02 pm was made by Randy, with a second by Sherry. AU ayes, motion carried.
- 3. A motion by Jack, with a second by Randy to come out of executive session at 7:56 pm. All ayes, motion carried.
- 4. A motion by Randy, with a second by Jack to hire William R. Rutan and Gregory A. Coker as the new part-time officers for the Village. All ayes, motion carried.
- 5. A motion by Jack with a second by Bonnie to adjourn at 8:00 pm. All ayes. motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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September 5, 2001

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 5th, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Randy Rich, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Dale

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Davis, Byron Sanders, Debi Wilson, Jim Ping, Cindy McReynolds, Mike McReynolds, Bonnie Sanders, Kim Priest, Gloria Wiseman, James Lane Sr., Alicia Lane, Bill Hatch and Mrs. Guy Knight.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The minutes of August 1st and special minutes of August 16th, 2001 were approved with a motion by Randy, and a second by Carole. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were four additions to the agenda this month.

First addition was Jim Ping. He wanted to know if there was anything that could be done about the bird problem. Myrl made a motion to have a noise night on Wednesday, September 12th at 7pm to get rid of the birds, with a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried. This is to be advertised.

Second addition was Mr. & Mrs. Lane. They wanted to know what could be done with a trailer at 303 South Taylor Street which is owned by Mr. Glen 'Shorty' Price. Mr. Lane stated that the trailer is in pretty bad shape. The Police Chief is trying to get a title for said trailer.

Third addition was Bonnie Sanders. She wanted permission to use the Activity Center for Girl Scout meeting on Thursdays after school. It was granted by the board except for the fourth Thursday of each month because the Gem City Club meeting.

Fourth Addition was Gloria Wiseman. She stated that there is a bush that needs to be trimmed on the corner of East Indiana and South Lincoln. Myrl stated that there is another hush that needs to be trimmed on the corner of South Range and West Tennessee. The Mayor asked the Police Chief to take care of these two problems.

4. There was three delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Kim Priest asked to have an extension on her water bill until Friday, September 7th. The Board granted the extension. Mrs. Guy Knight asked to have an extension on her water bill until Friday, September 14th. She will pay after the public Works Office is closed. The Board granted the extension. Mike & Cindy McReynolds would like to set up a payment plan to pay their water bill. He stated that he could pay \$50/a week starting September 7th. The Board granted the extension.

5. Debi Wilson came before the board to ask permission to have the second block of South Range

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Street blocked off for a street dance from 7-10 pm on September 14th sponsor by Ridgeview Care Center in conjunction with the Fast Fanny Event. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to close the second block of South Range Street from 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm on September 14th for the street dance. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Carole, with a second by Jack to allow the Shriner's to use the 4-way stop on September 22nd, to pass out their newspaper from 8 am to 12pm (Noon). All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to allow the Oilfield Museum the use of the midway out at the park all day on September 8th for a whole hog roast fund raiser. All ayes, motion carried. Serving will be from Noon (12 pm) to 7 pm.

8. Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor) brought to the meeting some bills to be approved for payment from the Water Extension checking account after approval from USDA Rural Development, Vicky Middleton. The invoices total was \$7,075.23. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to pay the invoices after Vicky Middleton approves them. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Randy, with a second by Bonnie to give the Water Committee the power to act in the best interest of the Village on extending the rural water line to included 8 or 9 more customers. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Jack, with a second by Randy to adopt Resolution 01-4 "Homecoming Parade Permit". All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack to adopt Resolution 01-5 "Halloween Parade Permit". All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole to adopt Resolution 01-6 giving Jan authorization to vote in the IMRF Trustees' election. Ayes: Sherry, Carole, Bonnie, Randy. Nays: Myrl, Jack. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry to adopt Ordinance 01-432 "Tax Levy". All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Randy to adopt Ordinance 01-433 "Annexing 1.5 acres of property into the village limits". All ayes, motion carried.

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14. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Myrl to table the approval of the revision to the Employee Guidelines until next month, Ayes: Myrl, Jack, Bonnie, Randy. Nays: Sherry, Carole. Motion carried.

15. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Bonnie to table the approval of the Police Policies and Procedure Manual until next month. Ayes: Myrl, Jack, Bonnie, Randy. Nays: Sherry, Carole. Motion carried.

16. Keith stated that Phil "Bones" Mendenhall and Jim Wallace will be at the next board meeting to discuss what the procedures are during a disaster. Keith mentioned that the trustees had a copy of the Motor Fuel Tax Audit. Keith mentioned that Rumpke's Fall Clean Up is October 5th. Keith mentioned that Jan and Ladora will be attending the IML Annual Conference in Chicago on September 14th and 15th. Keith stated that Gary was featured on the front page of the Daily Weekender. Keith stated that everyone has received the letter from the telephone company. He is looking into the rates of long distance telephone company to find out which company will be the cheapest. Keith stated that at this time the Village attorney is reviewing an ordinance dealing with double wide that Mr. Heiligenstein sent. Keith stated that hopefully, the ordinance will be ready for the board to pass at the next meeting.

17. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. A motion by Randy, with a second by Jack to transfer \$5,000 from General, Sewer and Water checking to their respective repos. All ayes, motion carried.

18. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Randy, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

19. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that Greg Coker will be taking his Power test on September 22nd. Mr. Coker will start Part-Time Police Training on September 29th. The chief will be attending a meeting in Springfield on September 12th.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that so far the village has received \$1,450 in donation for playground equipment out at the park. Sherry stated that the local banks have promised to donate \$150 each to the playground equipment. The Activity Center guidelines will be updated and ready for approval at the next board meeting. Gary read a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Fred Boyd, who had camped out at the Park. The letter was complimenting the improvements to the park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report. Keith asked Gary for a copy of a list of sidewalk repairs.

D. Street and Alley: Myrl stated that he is still getting complaints on the parking at Fleck's. Bonnie has also received some complaints about the vehicles parking at Fleck's. The police chief is to have a investigator at the next meeting to explain about the ramp in front of Fleck's and the State Statutes pertaining to ramps.

F. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that Gary and Travis will be attending a wastewater collect seminar on October 10th in Mattoon, for credits towards their recertification. There will be a committee meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:30 am.

F. Finance: Randy stated that on August 21st the committee open the bids for the repo that was coming due. First Robinson Savings Bank was the highest, so the repo was transferred over. The Bids were First Robinson Savings Bank 3.70%, First Crawford State Bank 3.5 1% and Old National Bank 3.25%.

20. Motion by Randy, with a second by Sherry to go into executive session at 8:30 pm to discuss real estate. All ayes, motion carried.

21. Motion by Randy, with a second by Bonnie to come out of executive session at 8:45 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

22. Motion by Randy, with a second by Sherry to purchase real estate owned by DeLane end Karen Baker on South Range Street for \$7,000. Ayes: Sherry, Carole, Bonnie, Randy. Nays: Myrl, Jack. Motion carried. The Village attorney will draw up the necessary papers. The Village will pay \$1,000 down with the balance of \$6,000 paid when deed and abstract are completed.

23. A motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Myrl, with a second by Randy. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

Resolution 01-5

WHEREAS, the Oblong Community Club is sponsoring a Halloween Parade in the Village of Oblong which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this Halloween Parade will require the temporary closure of Illinois Route 33, a State Highway in the Village of Oblong from Legion Parkway to North Farley Road;

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong that permission to close off Route 33 from West Legion Parkway to North Farley Road as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time between 6:30 PM and 9:30 PM on October 27th, 2001

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of a Halloween Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)\*

The detour route shall be as follows: From Route 33 east of Oblong south on 300 E, west on 950 N continuing west on 935 N to 100 E, northward to Route 33

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

\*To be used appropriately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the Village be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all debris shall be removed by the Oblong Community Club prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Village Police as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the Village of Oblong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above. (Note: This paragraph is applicable when the Resolution pertains to a Parade or when no detour is required.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000.00 per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which as the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents as insured and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

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ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong this 5th day of September, 2001 , A.D.

Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Village Board President of the Village of Oblong this 5th day of September, 2001 , A.D.

Keith Waldrop, President

ATTEST:

Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

Resolution 01-4

WHEREAS, the OBLONG HIGH SCHOOL is sponsoring a HOMECOMING PARADE in the Village of Oblong which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this Homecoming Parade will require the temporary closure of Illinois Route 33 , a State Highway in the Village of Oblong from Garfield Street to Washington Street

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 if the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong that permission to close off Route 33 from Grant Street to Jefferson Street as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM on September 28th, 2001



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of a Home Coming Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)\*

The detour route shall be as follows: North Grant Street to Ohio Street to North Jefferson Street back to Route 33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

\*To be used appropriately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the Village be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all debris shall be removed by the Oblong High School prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Village Police as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the Village

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above. (Note: This paragraph is applicable when the Resolution pertains to a Parade or when no detour is required.)

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000.00 per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which as the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents as insured and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong this 5th day of September, 2001 , AD.

Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Village Board President of the Village of Oblong this 5th day of September, 2001 , AD.

Keith Waldrop, President

ATTEST:  
Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

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**SEPTEMBER 5, 2001**

RESOLUTION 01-6

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD of Oblong, Illinois, as follows:

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The Village Board of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, hereby appoints Jan Miller the right to vote in the IMRF Trustee Election.

PASSED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD of Oblong, Illinois, at a meeting held on September 5, 2001, and approved by me as Village President.

Keith Waldrop  
Village President

ATTEST:

Ladora C. Boyd  
Village Clerk

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+++++SEPTMBER 5, 2001

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 01-432

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, in the County of Crawford and the State of Illinois, did on the 11th day of July, 2001, pass the Annual Appropriation Bill for the Village for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of May, 2001, and ending the 30th day of April, 2002, the amount ascertained to be the aggregate pamphlet form on the 11th day of July, 2001.

NOW THEREFORE:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR:

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That there be and is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for general corporate purpose of said Village for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 2001, the sum of

Items of Appropriation and Levy Appropriated Levied

FOR GENERAL PURPOSES 501,827.10 28,200.00



FOR MAINTENANCE OF  
SEWAGE PLANT (voted by the people) 20,137.656,400.00

FOR MAINTENANCE OF  
VILLAGE PARK (voted by the people) 50,726.00 8,500.00

FOR POLICE PROTECTION  
(Petitioned by the people and passed by the Village Board of Trustees,  
September 5th, 1970.) 167,310.00 6,400.00

FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF  
SEWER SYSTEM 114,113.35

FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF  
WATER SYSTEM 896,904.00

Respective Totals of Appropriation and Levy 1,751,118.10 49,500.00

SECTION 2: That there be, and is, hereby levied against all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for special purposes of said Village for the Fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 2001, the following amounts:

Items of Appropriation and Levy Levied	Appropriation
FOR VILLAGE AUDIT 4,500.00 4,750.00	
FOR PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND 14,000.00	
FOR PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY 25,300.00 TAXES ON EMPLOYEES	22,000.00
FOR PURCHASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT 1,100.00 INSURANCE	2,000.00
<hr/> Respective Totals of Appropriation & Levy 31,150.00	42,500.00

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SECTION 3: The Clerk of said Village is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of said County, a duly certified copy of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

Upon roll call vote, as follows

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Sharon K. Catt	X			
Myrl Littlejohn	X			
Carole Jones	X			
Jack Gallion	X			
Bonnie Finn	X			
Randy Rich	X			

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form by the Board of Trustees Illinois, this 5th day of September, 2001

Approved:  
KEITH WALDROP, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
LADORA BOYD, VILLAGE CLERK

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. 01-433

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO  
THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS,  
THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2001

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY  
AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2001

Ladora C. Boyd  
VILLAGE CLERK

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ORDINANCE NO. 01-433

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY  
TO THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG,  
CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, a Petition has heretofore been filed with the Village of Oblong,  
Illinois, for annexation of certain territory, said Petition having been presented by  
ILLINOIS OIL FIELD MUSEUM AT OBLONG, an Illinois not-for-profit  
corporation; and

WHEREAS, ILLINOIS OIL FIELD MUSEUM AT OBLONG, an Illinois not-  
for—profit— corporation, is the owner of said territory, and there are no electors  
residing within said territory; and

WHEREAS, it is determined to be in the best interests of the Village of Oblong,  
Illinois, that said territory be annexed thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Village  
of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the following described real estate, to—wit:

The following described real estate is a part of Tract 1 of  
a survey made for the Sarah R. Wilkins Heirs by Michael R.  
Connor, PLS No. 2154, dated June 8, 1978, being located in  
Section 36, T7N, R14W, 2nd P.M., Crawford County, Illinois.

Commencing at the N.W. Corner, S.W. ¼, N.W. ¼, Section 36, T7N, R14W, 2nd  
P.M., Crawford County, Illinois, thence East along a fence line 2628.75 feet to the  
centerline of a public roadway, thence S-00° -16' -54"-E 568.30 feet along said  
centerline to the Point of Beginning, thence S -00°-

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16'-54"-E 244.00 feet along said centerline, thence N -89° -31'-00" -W 268.04 feet, thence N-00° -16'-32" -W 244.00 feet, thence S -89°-31'-00 -E 268.01 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.50 acres more or less.

being indicated on a Plat of the annexed territory which is appended to and made a part of this Ordinance, is hereby annexed to the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois.

2. That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to record with the Recorder of Deeds of Crawford County, Illinois, a certified copy of this Ordinance, together with the accurate map of the territory annexed.

3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted aye:

Sharon K. Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion Bonnie Finn, Randy Rich

Upon roll call vote, the following Trustees voted nay:

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form this 5th day of September, 2001.

KEITH WALDROP, Village President

ATTEST:  
LADORA BOYD, Village Clerk

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++++SEPTMBER 6, 2001

TRUTH IN TAXATION

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of Village of Oblong, and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of

which is attached, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 through 7 of the "Truth in Taxation Act."

The notice and hearing requirements of Section 6 of the Act are (applicable or inapplicable).

The notice requirement of Section 7 is (applicable or inapplicable).

This certificate applies to the 2001 Levy.

Date: September 6, 2001

Presiding Officer: Keith Waldrop

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October 3, 2001

Minutes of the October 3, 2001 Board Meeting

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 3rd, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Bill Hatch, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Myrl Littlejohn.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Byron Sanders, Susie Menacher, Linda Craven (Oblong Gem), Loren Russell (Robinson Daily News), Frank Weber (Village Attorney), Sgt. Larry Fear, Judy Jones, Phil "Bones" Mendenhall, Jim Wallace, Treva Beals and Glen "Shorty" Price.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Mayor read a letter of resignation from Trustee Randy Rich. The Mayor appointed Bill Hatch to fill the vacancy. There were no objection to this appointment.



3. The minutes of September 5th were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Sherry. 5 ayes, motion carried.

4. There were four additions to the agenda this month.

First addition was Susie Menacher from Floyd's Place. She asked to be allowed to stay open an additional hour on Friday, October 26th and one Saturday a month from October to May; when they have a band playing. The attorney suggested that the Village would need to amend the ordinance pertaining to tavern hours. Carole made a motion to amend the ordinance pertaining to tavern hours, with a second by Bill. Ayes: Bill and Carole. Nays: Bonnie, Jack and Sherry. Motion did not carry.

Second addition was Treva representing Chamber of Commerce. She asked that the Village pay for the Port-a-Potties (10) and the dumpster on October 27th. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to have the Village pay \$650 for the rental of 10 Port-a-Potties and a dumpster for Fall Follies on October 27th. Ayes: Bill, Jack, Carole and Sherry. Nays: Bonnie. Motion carried.

Third addition was Glen "Shorty" Price. He came before the Village Board to ask a few questions. He wanted to know who authorized Ameren CIPS to remove the gas meter at 303 South Taylor Street. He was told to contact Ameren because the Village has nothing to do with gas meter. Gary stated that due to the fact that there is an outstanding water bill the water meter has been removed also.

Fourth Addition was Judy Jones. She came before the Board to ask permission to move a new mobile home in on corner of South Grant and East Alabama. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to allow Mrs. Jones to move her new mobile home and remove the old mobile home in 30 days after the new one is delivered and set up. 5 ayes, motion carried.

5. There was no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.

6. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to adopt the Police Policies and Procedures Manual. 5 ayes, motion carried.

7. The Mayor table the approval of the Employees' Guidelines for another month until next Board meeting.

8. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry to adopt the Activity Center Rules. 5 ayes, motion carried.

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9. The attorney suggested that the Village amend the Ordinance violation fee. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack to amend the ordinance violation fine from a minimum of \$25 to \$75 + cost and from a maximum of \$500 to \$750 + cost. 5 ayes, motion carried. Ordinance # 01-434

10. The attorney suggested that the Village Board update the manufactured home ordinance. The Mayor table this issue until the November board meeting.

11. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole to adopt Resolution #01-7 "Corporate Authorization". 5 ayes, motion carried.

12. Mr. Wallace came before the Village Board to discuss Disaster Plan and who is in command in the field and what the local government position should be. Mr. Wallace would like to set up a night for the board and village employees to go thru disaster course.

13. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Jack to set Trick or Treat Night for October 31st from 5 pm to 8 pm and only where porch lights are on.

14. Keith mentioned that Rumpke's Fall Clean Up is October 5th. Keith stated that the Village attorney thinks that the Village will be able to close on the property on South Range next week.

15. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that there will be 2 Repo coming due next month. She will be sending out bid letters, so that the Village Board will open the bids at the next board meeting.

16. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. Ayes: Bonnie, Jack, Carole and Sherry. Abstain: Bill. Motion carried.

17. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that Greg Coker has past his Power test and started the Part-Time Training. There will be an all officers range training on October 9th. The chief will be attending a meeting in Springfield on October 10th. The chief will be speaking at Ridgeview Care Center on October 11th about walk-a-ways.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that so far the village has received \$3,200 in donation for playground equipment out at the park. Sherry passed around a flyer that had the playground equipment that she feels would best fit the area out at the

park. Motion by Carole, with a second by Jack to appoint Gary, Sherry and Keith as the Roof Maintenance Committee with the authority to go ahead and get the roof on the Municipal Building repaired.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that she had receive a compliment on the parking in front of Fleek's. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to amend the working budget by \$1,000 for the pressure washer to be divided by into Street & Alley, Sewer and Water. 5 ayes, motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: No Report.

F. Finance: No Report.

18. The clerk will be attending the Illinois Municipal Clerk Institute on October 14th-19th. There were no objections.

19. A motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by Carole, with a second by Sherry. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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++++OCTOBER 23, 2001

Oct. 23, 2001

Water committee met to discuss the electronic flow meter at sewer plant that was bad and cannot be repaired. Gary was given permission to contact Shannon and give him the go ahead to try and gat a better price by combining our order with Sumner. Cost is about \$3000,and to be coded capital outlay. This is an EPA "musthave" item.

Discussed and approved employee guidelines.

On rural north extension, we have seven new customers and the go ahead was given for that. Ralph Akins owns some land we will be going across. He would also like to connect to the line. If he chooses, he can run his own line to connect at his expense.

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Bonnie

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++++NOVEMBER 7, 2001

NOTICE OF INTENT TO BORROW  
FUNDS AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Ordinance No. 2001-0—436, adopted November 7, 2001, the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois (the "Village") , intends to enter into a Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental protection Agency in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 and bearing annual interest at an amount not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of execution of the Loan Agreement, for the purpose of paying the costs of certain improvements to the public water supply system of the Village. A complete copy of the Ordinance accompanies this Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that if a petition signed by 120 or more electors of the Village (being equal to 10% of the registered voters of the municipality), requesting that the question of improving the public water supply system and entering into the Loan Agreement therefor is submitted to the Village Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice, the question of improving the public water supply system of the Village as provided in the Ordinance and Loan Agreement shall be submitted to the electors of the Village at the next General Election to be held on March 19, 2002, if such election is held and such question can be and is presented at such election, and otherwise at the next election at which such question can be presented. A petition form is available from the office of the Village Clerk.

Ladora C. Boyd,  
Village Clerk  
Village of Oblong  
Crawford County, Illinois

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NOVEMBER 7, 2001

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To: Village Clerk, Village of Oblong, Illinois

**PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PETITION**

In accordance with and pursuant to Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2001-0-436 of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois (the "Municipality") adopted November 7, 2001, and entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM, each of the undersigned hereby certifies, applicable to each, that each is an elector (a registered voter) of the Municipality, and hereby petitions and asks that the question of borrowing funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program (415 ILCS 5/1 9.3) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$750,000 to finance public water supply system improvements, all as set forth in the above Ordinance, be submitted to the electors of the Municipality at the March 19, 2002.

Print Name Address Oblong, IL Signature

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Statement: I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, Oblong, Illinois, hereby state that I am, and have been at all times I have circulated this Petition over 18 years of age, that the above signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence in Oblong, Illinois, and are

genuine, and to the best of my knowledge and belief each of the persons so signing were at the time of signing registered voters of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, and their addresses are correctly stated.

Signature  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )            SS:  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD)

The above Statement was subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of  
.2001.

Notary Public

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November 7, 2001

Minutes of the November 7, 2001 Meeting

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 7th, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Bill Hatch, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Dale Davis, Byron Sanders, Linda Craven (Oblong Gem), Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Frank Weber (Village Attorney), Elzora Sanders, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Dana Harrison, Herb Jones (Oblong Chamber of Commerce), Michele Lewis and Joe Randolph.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The minutes of October 3rd were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Carole. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was a request by Mr. Randolph to be added to the agenda this month. The Mayor advised Mr. Randolph that he need to take his complaint to the

appropriate committee first. An objection was made by Myrl to let Mr. Randolph be added to the agenda. The matter was referred to the Village Attorney, Frank Weber. Mr. Weber stated that if the complaint dealt with a Village employee that Mr. Randolph should first go to the appropriate committee.

4. There were two delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Michele Lewis requested that she be granted an extension on her water bill of \$86.83 until Friday, November 16th. It was granted by the Village Board of Trustees.

Dana Harrison requested that she be granted an extension on her water bill of \$49.58 until Wednesday, November 21st. It was granted by the Village Board of Trustees.

5. Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.) brought Pay Estimate 5 to the board for approval to be paid from the Water Extension checking account after USDA Rural Development, Vicky Middleton gives her approval. The invoice total is \$20, 717.64 (\$18, 214.80 to Wayne Lapington Excavation and \$2,502.84 to Connor & Connor, Inc.). Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack to pay the invoice after Vicky Middleton approves it. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to approve an amendment to the Engineering Service Agreement date October 6th, 1999. All ayes, motion carried. The amendment covers some provision that if Connor & Connor, Inc. needs to subcontract out some design work on the new water tower that they will use minor (small) business, this is due to the amount of money involved.

Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry to adopt Resolution #01-8 "Regarding Flood Insurance". All ayes, motion carried.

Connor & Connor, Inc. received a letter from Taylor Law Offices from Effingham that release the Village from using their service for any legality concerning the new water tower. (See attached letter.)

6. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Myrl to adopt Ordinance #01-436 "Authorizing the Village of Oblong to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program". All ayes, motion carried.

7. Mrs. Sanders came before the board to ask why, all of a sudden, the lot that she owns on Florida Street is no longer able to have a mobile home on it. The Mayor stated that he and Gary talk about this today and Gary went and remeasured the lot. The Mayor stated that Mrs. Sanders can have a mobile home placed on the lot, but the mobile home can not be any bigger than a 14' x 70' and must be at least a 1985 model.

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8. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry to renew a contract with Anewtrufax for 1 year at a cost of \$313.50. All ayes, motion carried.
  9. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill to adopt the Revised Employees' Guidelines. All ayes, motion carried.
  10. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry to adopt Ordinance #01-436 "Manufactured Homes". All ayes, motion carried.
  11. Herb Jones came before the Board with 2 options on a web page for the Village. (See Attached Options.) Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill to go with Option #2 in which the Village owns it own web page. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole & Sherry. Nays: Jack & Myrl. Motion carried.
  12. Keith stated that he had received a letter from the Ministerial Association asking that the Board would change the meeting day. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack to leave the Board Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month. All ayes, motion carried.
  13. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill to allow the VFW sell poppies on November 10th from 9 am to 2 pm at the 4-way stop. All ayes, motion carried.
  14. Keith stated that the Municipal Building roof has been completed. Keith also stated that the insurance amount had raised considerable from last year's amount. Keith said that the oilfield museum should start work out at the site next week.
  15. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.
  16. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.
  17. Reports of Committees:
    - A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. There will be an all officers training session on November 8th from 6-10 pm and November 12th from 6-9 pm on CPR. There will be an all officers training session on November 16th from 9 am to 3 pm on Illinois Vehicle Code at Robinson Community Center. The chief will be attending a meeting in Springfield on November 14th. On November 27th, there is an Emergency Management Meeting in Effingham. Greg V. and Gary are planning to attend.
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B. Buildings and Park: Sherry asked that the paper would please include in their story that when reserving the municipal building there will need to be a deposit made at that time. There was some discuss about extending Paula's work schedule. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to continue the employment of Paula Myers thru the winter to take care of the park. All ayes, motion carried. So far, the village has received \$3,200 in donation for playground equipment out at the park. Sherry is expecting to receive some more donations. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie to go ahead and order the new playground equipment. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack stated that Gary and the guys had replaced two sections of sidewalk. One was on South Taylor Street and the other was on South Garfield Street. It was stated that a woman had tripped and fell before the replacement of the sidewalk on South Garfield was done.

D. Street and Alley: It was stated that there has been some trouble with parking near the Nutrition Center on North Washington Street. Keith stated that he had talked with Shirley Dhom to rectify the situation.

E. Water and Sewer: On December 13th, Gary and Travis will be attending a training session at Wabash Valley College on Sewer operation and maintenance. Bonnie stated that Gary would like permission to purchase a new electronic flow meter for out at the sewer lagoon for around \$3,000.00. This is a must for EPA.

F. Finance: Bill open the bids on 2 CD's coming due this month. The bids are as follows:

First Crawford State Bank General Repo 1.60% 1 year  
MFT Repo 1.51% 1 year

Old National Bank of Oblong General Repo 1.75% 1 year  
MFT Repo 1.75% 1 year

Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole to accept Old National Bank's offer for the 2 CD's. All ayes, motion carried.

18. Gary asked to be allowed to advertise the sale of 1967 Ford Pick up. The Bids will need to submitted by the next board meeting. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry for Gary to go ahead and advertise the truck is for sale. All ayes, motion carried.

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19. A motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Bill, with a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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+++++November 6, 2001

OBLONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
P. O. Box 122 • Oblong, Illinois 62449  
TELEPHONE - 618-592-4355 • FAX - 618-592-4222  
www.theonlyohlong.com E-MAIL - info@theonlyohlong.com

November 6, 2001

Village of Oblong  
202 South Range Street  
Oblong, Illinois 62449

Domain Name and Web Site set up and hosting for the Village of Oblong.

Option 1:

This option is OWNED by the Oblong Chamber of Commerce, and maintained by the Oblong Chamber of Commerce. We (Oblong Chamber of Commerce) will furnish the

The address is listed on the next line. <http://www.theonlyoblong.com/village/> or <http://www.theonlyoblong.com/villageofoblong/>

(1) The Oblong Chamber of Commerce would host this web site for:

A - Web Hosting Fee of \$360.00 per year.

B - Membership in the Oblong Chamber of Commerce for \$40.00 per year.

C - Maintenance fee will be \$60.00 per year

D - Web site building fee of \$850.00, one time only fee. Total for this site would be \$1310.00 the first year.

(2) Yearly Recurring Fees:

A - Yearly Fee \$360.00 for hosting, paid yearly.

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B - Membership in the Oblong Chamber of Commerce for \$40.00 per year.  
C - Maintenance fee will be \$60.00 per year Total Recurring Fee after the first year is \$460.00

Recurring fees will be invoiced the first week of January each year.

To view the Internet and send and receive E-mail you will still need to be connected to one of the local Internet Service Provider's we have in town. This would be FRSB.net or Shawneelink.net.

SpringFest    Antique Tractor & Engine Show    Fall Follies    Hometown  
Christmas  
Second Weekend in May    Second Weekend in August    Last Saturday in  
October    First Sunday in December

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++++November 6, 2001

OBLONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
P.O. Box 122 Oblong, Illinois 62449  
TELEPHONE - 618-592-4355 • FAX - 618-592-4222  
E-MAIL - info@theon1yob1ong.com

Option 2:

This option is OWNED by the Village of Oblong, and maintained by the Oblong Chamber of Commerce. You can own your own domain name of <http://www.villageofoblong.com/> if it is still available. This can change daily.

The cost here would be:

One Time Fees to establish 'name-protection' domain of <http://www.villageofoblong.com>

(1) Domain Registration Fee Paid To The Internet Center on your behalf:

A - Worldwide Domain Registration    \$90.00

B - Establish Web Server for new domain,  
Including required Internet e-mail accounts    \$ 50.00

C - Establish e-mail, info@villageofoblong.com No Charge

D - Yearly Fee    \$ 360.00 for hosting, paid yearly.

E - Maintenance fee will be \$60.00 per year

F - Web site building fee of \$850.00, one time only fee.

Total One-time Setup Fee \$1410 .00

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(2) Yearly Recurring Fees:

A - Yearly fee of \$90.00 for domain "name-protection", paid yearly.

B - Membership in the Oblong Chamber of Commerce for \$40.00 per year.

C - Yearly Fee \$ 360.00 for hosting, paid yearly.

D - Maintenance fee will be \$60.00 per year

E - Total Recurring Fee after the first year is \$550.00 Recurring fees will be invoiced the first week of January each year.

To view the Internet and send and receive E-mail you will still need to be connected to one of the local Internet Service Provider's we have in town. This would be FRSB.net or Shawneelink.net.

If you have any questions you can call or e-mail myself.

Herb Jones

Web Site Developer for the Oblong Chamber of Commerce

618-592-3282

[herb@theonlyoblong.com](mailto:herb@theonlyoblong.com)

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+++++NOVEMBER 19, 2001

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 19, 2001

Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Carole Jones (Committee Chairperson), Trustee Sharon K. Sherry Catt (Committee member), Trustee Bill Hatch (Committee member), Village Clerk Ladora Boyd, Joe Randolph, Myrl Littlejohn, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Jim Dennis, Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News), Larry Lorance, Dale Davis, Nina Rodrick, Randy Rich, Jeff Fehrenbacher, James Carmen, Part-time Patrol Officer Scott Plummer, Chief Greg Van Praag.

After Executive

Session: Part-time Patrol Officer Greg Coker, Sgt. Larry Fear and Byron Sanders.

The Committee meeting was called to order by Police Committee Chairperson Jones at 6 pm in the Farley Room to discuss the receipt of a certified letter from Mr. Randolph regarding the questioning of his daughter without a parent present or notified.



Sherry made a motion, with a second by Bill, to go into executive session to discuss this matter at 6:01 pm.

Carole made a motion, with a second by Bill, to come out of executive session at 8:19 pm.

Bill made a motion, with a second by Carole, that after considering the evidence, the committee finds there is no basis for the complaint at this time. But that there is concern and it will be addressed.

Carole made a motion, with a second by Sherry, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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## NOVEMBER 27, 2001

### POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 27, 2001

Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Carole Jones (Committee Chairperson), Trustee

Sharon K. "Sherry" Catt (Committee member), Trustee Bill Hatch (Committee member), Village Clerk Ladora Boyd, Joe Randolph, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Chief Greg Van Praag, Part-time Patrol Officer Greg Coker, Full-Time Patrol Officer Jean Aim Randolph, Mike McReynolds and Cindy McReynolds. After Executive Session started: Billy Burke and Rick Dennis.

The Committee meeting was called to order by Police Committee Chairperson Jones at 5 pm in the Farley Room to discuss personnel matter.

Carole made a motion, with a second by Bill, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter at 5:01 pm.

Bill made a motion, with a second by Sherry, to come out of executive session at 6:55 pm.

Bill stated that the Chief and Officer Randolph are going to striving to get along with each other so for as to make the Oblong Police Department the best it can be.



Carole made a motion, with a second by Sherry, to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm.

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## December 5, 2001

### Minutes of the December 5, 2001 Meeting

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 5th, 2001, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Bill Hatch, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Byron Sanders, Linda Craven (Oblong Gem), Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Les Rains (OTE Communications), Jeff Dhom (OTE Communications), Chris Dhom (OTE Communications), Judy Jones, Terry Manhart and Joe Randolph.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
  2. The minutes of November 7th were approved with a motion by Carole and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.
  3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
  4. There was one delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. Terry Manhart came before the board questioning the water bill for \$70 that he received last month. Then this month, he received a water bill for \$19.10 due to a misreading of his water meter. Mr. Manhart, Dale and Bonnie, Water Committee Chairperson, are to meet and go over the two water bills.
  5. Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor, Inc.) brought a sack of candy for the village in appreciation of the Village's business. Cory stated that Mr. Lapington will start Monday, December 10th, out at Stoy replacing some outdated water lines (weather permitting). Then Mr. Lapington is hoping to finish the trenching of the extension. The Mayor read a letter from the Village Attorney stating that the Fair Board will give the Village a 99 year lease for the lot where the new water tower will sit. The Mayor called Shannon Woodard and gave him permission to go ahead and survey the property.
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6. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to allow the two taverns in town to stay open until 1 am on New Years Eve. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Mr. Rains from OTE Communications spoke about the updates that need to be done. He introduced Mr. Jeff Dhom, the Martinsville service technician, and Mr. Chris Dhom, the Oblong service technician. Mr. Rains stated that after all the updates to the Village's telephone system that OTE Communications will be offering Caller ID, Call Back, and etc. The trustees had a few questions that Mr. Rains answered.

8. The Board granted Doug Jones an extension on the removal of his old trailer until December 29th.

9. Keith stated that the Village had received a bill from Crawford County Development Association for this year's annual contribution. The amount is figured on the Village population times \$3.00. Keith stated that this is part of a 3 year agreement. This will be the second year of the agreement.

10. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Bonnie to pay the Crawford County Development Association \$4,740.00 for our annual commitment. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Myrl and Sherry. Nays: Jack and Carole. Motion carried.

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

12. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. The chief will be attending a meeting with the Sheriff in Lawrenceville on December 6th. The meeting is called "Show Cap". Carole stated that the trustees had a copy of the minutes of the two committee meetings ( November 19th & 27th). (See attachment)

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that the new playground equipment has been delivered and will be put together next spring. Sherry stated that Byron had requested a snow blower attachment for a riding lawn mower. Byron stated that he had called three different places in the county to get prices. The committee decided to have Byron check into prices for just a snow blower and bring them back to the next board meeting.

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C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie asked if she needed to post a sign for a committee meeting to deal with Mr. Manhart's problem. It was decided that she and Dale could get together and talk it over with Mr. Manhart.

F. Finance: Bill stated that it is time to decide on Christmas Bonuses. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Jack to pay \$115 to the full-time (Permanent) employees and \$85 to the part-time employees. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Ladora stated that Jan and her will be attending their quarterly association meeting on December 13th in Ramsey, Illinois. The guest speaker will be from the Illinois State Archives Office.

15. A motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Carole. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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Friday Dec. 7, 2001

Re: Terry Manhart water bill

There was a misreading of the water bill. When it was reread Dale thought it was a ÷900, which would make it a minimum bill. It was actually a -900. She has taken the \$19.20 amount out of the computer as a mistake, and he does not owe that.

The \$70. bill was for a two month period (nov. and Dec.) He paid \$35.00 today with the balance being due on Dec.20, which will make him current.

Bonnie

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Draft Minutes of the January 2, 2002 Meeting

January 2, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 2nd, 2002, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Bill Hatch, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Chief Van Praag, Gary Lanter, Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Sheree Kirby (Executive Director of E-Commerce), Dr. John Arabatgis (Lincoln Trial College), Tim Watson (Lawrence Correctional Center), Glen Donaldson (Robinson Correctional Center), Sgt. Larry Fear, Frank Weber (Village Attorney) and Joe Randolph. For Executive Session: Patrol Officer Jean Ann Randolph.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The minutes of December 5th were approved with a motion by Carole and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Sheree Kirby -- Executive Director of E -Commerce -- introduced herself to the board of Trustees. She handed out an information sheet to explain some of the benefits of E - Commerce. She also invited anyone to come over to her office and she would give them a walk thru tour. She thank the board for let her come and speak to them.
6. Dr. John Arabatgis came before the Board to discuss the Governor's decision to eliminate college educational programs within the state's correctional centers. Dr. Arabatgis introduced the two gentlemen that he had come with him. They were Mr. Tim Watson with the educational program at Lawrence Correctional Center and Mr. Glen Donaldson with the educational program at

Robinson Correctional Center. Dr. Arabatgis gave the board and audience a hand out that includes a survey, legislative contacts and sample correspondence. Dr. Arabatgis stated that he, Mr. Watson and Mr. Donaldson had received some positive feedback from Legislative members that they had corresponded with.

7. Jack made a motion to pass resolution for reinstatement of higher education programs for correctional centers, with a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried. (Resolution #2002-1)

8. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole to go into executive session at 7:43 pm to discuss personnel matter. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry to come out of executive session at 9:21 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Jack made a motion to remove a written reprimand from Officer Randolph's permanent record, with a second by Myrl. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Myrl and Sherry. Nays: Carole. Motion carried.

11. Keith stated that he will be out of town for 2 weeks, possibly leaving on January 12th. Keith also stated that he had received a letter from Mediacom and had made copy for the Trustees to see. The letter stated that the FCC confirmed that Mediacom could pass through to subscribers and itemize the franchise fees paid on non-subscriber revenue such as advertising revenue or home shopping commissions. The letter also stated the Mediacom intends to start passing through such payments to their customers within the next 30 to 60 days. Keith said that he called to find out the cost that Mediacom was going to charge the customers here in Oblong and was told that it would be around \$0.02. Keith stated that if the village would forego franchise fees on non-subscribers revenue, the village would probably lose \$40 to \$50 a year in revenue from Mediacom. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Jack to forego the franchise fees on non-subscriber revenue. All ayes, motion carried. Keith brought to the trustees attention that while Connor & Connor were survey the new water tower lot that the abstract shows road easement that is no longer applicable. The Village Attorney was give the go ahead to try and have the easement taken out of the abstract.

12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

13. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

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A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. The chief hopes to attend a luncheon meeting in Springfield on January 9th. Greg Coker will be attending Part-Time Police Academy on January 5th and 26th in Mattoon.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry asked Gary if the fountains shut off out at the park. Gary stated that he was going to ask to shut off the fountains. So, Gary will be shutting the fountains of January 3rd.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that Dale and her will be attending a breakfast on the 17th of January that is being sponsored by JULIE, Inc. in Effingham. Gary stated that he and the guys will possibly be attending a breakfast that JULIE, Inc. is sponsoring at Olney the 1st part of February. Gary invited the Mayor to go with them in February.

F. Finance: No Report.

15. A motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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January 2, 2002

RESOLUTION 2002-1

RESOLUTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CORRECTIONAL CENTERS

WHEREAS, Govern George Ryan's budget cuts eliminated the higher education programs for the Department of Corrections to 10 Illinois community colleges:

Black Hawk, Carl Sandburg, Illinois Central, Illinois Eastern, Illinois Valley, Kaskaskia, Lake Land, Rend Lake, Richland and two private higher educational institutions: MacMurray and Roosevelt.

WHEREAS, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District - Lincoln Trail College is a provider of higher education programs for the correctional facilities at Robinson and Lawrence.

WHEREAS, 15 employees of the District's full-time workforce will be laid-off and 78 part-time positions will be lost by eliminating higher education programs at Illinois correctional center.

WHEREAS, economic development of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County and the surrounding communities could be impacted by the loss of approximately one million dollars in State funding by eliminating higher education programs at the Robinson and Lawrence correctional centers.

WHEREAS, a 1997 Study conducted by the University of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the Illinois Council on Vocational Education concluded that post secondary education reduces recidivism. Follow-up studies found that inmates who had been released from prison for two to six years and completed post-secondary vocational education had a recidivism rate of 13.1 percent, far less than the rate for the general prison population at 39.2 percent.

WHEREAS, the same study concluded that reducing recidivism translates into cost savings in Illinois Correctional facilities. "In 1996, there were 22,097 exits from prisons. In theory, if the rate of return as that of the general prison population, in three years, 8661 former inmates would return to prison at a cost of \$144,725,310 (annually) to the taxpayer. If post-secondary education is used and recidivism is reduced to a rate of 13.1% only 2,894 would recidivate, costing taxpayers \$48,358,770. This lower recidivism rate would result in an annual savings of \$96,366,570 at the current rate of the general prison population's recidivism.

WHEREAS, by reducing recidivism, further savings are gained by the State by reducing the Welfare roles that the dependents of those incarcerated would otherwise be on.

WHEREAS, the elimination of the higher education programs at correctional centers will affect every Illinois taxpayer and community when ex-offenders return to their home communities and can't find employment because they do not have employable skills.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong urges the state of Illinois Governor George Ryan and the Illinois State Legislature to reinstate the higher education programs at Illinois correctional facilities.

Keith Waldrop  
Village of Oblong Mayor

ATTEST

Ladora Boyd  
Village of Oblong Clerk

Passed: January 2nd, 2002

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January 8, 2002

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2002

Discussed what newspapers to place ads for Police Chief  
How long to run ads.  
Pay?? Depends on qualifications. \$14.00 per hour and both Department heads be paid the same.  
Ad to state 8 years of experience.

Present:  
Carole Jones  
Sherry Cart  
Bill Hatch  
Keith Waldrop  
Shannon Smith Adams

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# January 29, 2002

On January 9th, 2002, a complaint was filed with Mayor Keith Waldrop from an elementary employee at the grade school stating that Officer Randolph did a little dance and clapped her hands while telling the employee, Police Chief Greg Van Praag had resigned. The employee thought this was an unbecoming gesture for a fellow Police Officer.

After discussing this matter with complainant two times, the committee ruled there would be no reprimand at this time. Officer Randolph was informed of this decision at this meeting.

Police applications were reviewed and the committee determined the following names in this order:

1. Scott Plummer
2. Thomas A. Jansen
3. Gregg Knotts.

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Committee present:

Sherry Catt  
Carole Jones  
Bill Hatch  
Keith Waldrop

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# February 6, 2002

February 6, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 6th, 2002, in the Farley Room of Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Sherry Catt, Myrl Littlejohn, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion, Bonnie Finn, Bill Hatch, Jan Miller and Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Gary Lanter, Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Dale Davis, Byron Sanders, Officer Bill Rutan, William Burke Jr., Ricky Barnbrook, Justin Lockhart, Shannon Smith, Travis Woodward, Part-Time Officer Greg Coker, Danny Kendall and Sandy Kendall.

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The minutes of January 2nd were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. William Burke Jr. brought petitions to the Board for consideration. Bill Hatch read the petition that was brought before the Board. The Petition stated "We the people of the Village and community of Oblong, believe that Officer Jean Ann Randolph is more than qualified to become the Chief of Police. Furthermore, we feel that she should be given the greatest consideration for that position." There was a total of 95 signatures.
4. Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor) brought to the meeting some bills to be approved for payment from the Water Extension checking account after approval from USDA Rural Development, Vicky Middleton. The invoices total was \$33,899.53. Motion by Jack, with a second by Myrl to pay the invoices after Vicky Middleton approves them. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon also presented a bill for Wayne Lapington Excavating for the Stoy Project of \$9,737.40. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry to pay the bill for the Stoy Project. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon stated that he is trying to contact EPA to see if the permit for our water tower is going to be put on hold or not; due to the fact the Robinson-Palestine Water Commission has been put on the EPA's Restricts List.
5. There was one delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mr. & Mrs. Kendall came before the Board to ask for a 30 day extension on their water bill. The Board granted the extension on the water bill. Mr. & Mrs. Kendall have until March 6th to pay their water bill.
6. Keith wanted to thank everyone that helped out while he was on vacation last month. Keith remind the Board that everyone needs to start working on their budget figures. Keith stated that the Village had received the franchise fees from MediaCom of \$7,073.31. Keith stated that a gentleman contacted him about cancer insurance, if any on the Village employees and/or Trustees would like to hear about the plan, need to let the mayor know and the mayor will contact the gentleman to set up a meeting. There needs to be at least 5 participants.
7. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Jack to accept the letter of resignation from Police Chief Gregory Van Praag. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole to make a Mini Park uptown on the two lots (South Range Street) that was recently purchased by the Village. All

ayes, motion carried. Keith stated that he had talked to Mr. Corn about doing a mural for the north wall and this spring hoping to put top soil on and seeding the lots.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

10. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Myrl, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. The committee had two meetings last month after the board meeting. (See attached Committee Minutes.) Carole stated that Officer Bill Rutan is doing the administrative duties until the Village hires a new Chief of Police.

B. Buildings and Park: No Report.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that he is working on getting some figures for the South Range Street Project.

E. Water and Sewer: No Report.

F. Finance: The Village received two sealed bids on 1967 Ford 3/4 ton pick-up. The bids are as follows: Mr. Larry J. Bau\$250.00  
Mr. Ron Westall \$275.00.

Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to sell the 1967 Pick-up to Ron Westall for \$275.00. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill to go into executive session at 8:08 pm to discuss personnel matter. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill to come out of executive session at 9:30 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Carole made a motion that Officer Bill Rutan is to start background checks on the 3 candidates (Thomas Jansen, Gregg Knotts and Thomas Kearns) for the position of Chief of Police, with a second by Sherry. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Carole and Sherry. Abstain: Myrl. Motion carried.

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15. A motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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March 6, 2002

March 6, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 6th, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Village Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis, Custodian Byron Sanders, Acting Police Chief Bill Rutan, Part-Time Officer Greg Coker, Gregg Knott, Holly Knott, Thomas Kearns. Executive Session: Thomas Jansen.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The minutes of February 6th were approved with a motion by Carole and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Dale Davis (Oblong Lake Committee) requested to close Legion Parkway (from the north end of the bridge to the entrance leading towards the horse arena and camping area) on June 1st from Noon to eight or nine o'clock PM for a Hawaiian Luau. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to grant the closing of the street. All ayes, motion carried.



6. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Sherry to adopt Resolution #2002-2 "Maintenance of Street and Highways" (Motor Fuel). All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill to go into executive session at 7:07 PM to interview Thomas Kearns, Gregg Knott and Thomas Jansen for the position of Police Chief. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill to come out of executive session at 8:47 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Myrl, with a second by Jack to hire Gregg Knott for the new Oblong Police Chief. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Keith stated that Mr. Mashburn turned down the Village's bid of \$7,500 for a piece of property on South Range Street next to what the Village already owns. Keith asked that all budgets be turned in by March 25th, so that the Finance Committee can look them over and have a copy of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2003 ready to be pickup April 1st.

11. Keith stated that he had received a letter from Labor Local #1280 asking to hold their annual roadblock collection for disabled children (The Therapy Center) on Friday, May 17th, and Saturday, May 18th, this year. Keith stated that the Board granted the Labor Local only one day last year. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to allow Labor Local #1280 to use the 4-way stop on Saturday, May 18th, 2002, from 9 am to 1 PM for the collection for The Therapy Center. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Sandy Goodwin (Lincolnland Agri Energy) called and talked to Keith about not having to pay the rental on the Activity Center for March 7th at 6:30 PM and 27th at 1 PM. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole to forego the rental of the Activity Center for the Lincolnland Agri Energy group meetings. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Keith stated that Gary is wanting to sell some old equipment and parts. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill to sell the items on the list that Gary gave Keith. All ayes, motion carried. (See Attached List.)

14. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

15. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge with the exception of the Connor & Connor, Inc. bills. All ayes, motion carried. The exception is due to the Board wanting a itemized explanation of the bills.

16. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that Bill Rutan has been doing an excellent job for the Village fill-in as acting Police Chief. Carole also stated that on March 8th, Officer Randolph will be receiving a \$500 raise on her one year anniversary date, which was voted on at the March 7th, 2001, Board Meeting.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that the Village is still receiving donations for the Playground Equipment Fund. Sherry stated that Byron had brought to the attention of the committee that the carpets in the municipal building are beginning to show wear and needed to be replaced.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Keith stated that him and Gary had discussion on the South Range Street Project. Keith also stated that he had talked to Mr. Price (Superintendent of the Oblong Schools) about the project. Gary stated, from what he understood, that the Crawford County Highway Department is willing to pay for half of the South Range Street Project. The Village may have to wait until Fiscal year 2004 for the project to happen depending on some federal funding for a county project.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie asked permission for Travis to attend a wastewater seminar in St. Louis on April 8th at a cost of \$185. The Board had no objection.

F. Finance: Bill stated that everything had already been covered.

17. Ladora stated that her and Jan would like to attend a SEICTA quarterly meeting on March 14th in Dieterich, Illinois. The Board had no objection.

18. A motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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Illinois Department of Transportation

Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways By Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the (Council or President and Board of Trustees)

Village of Oblong, Illinois, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$ 40,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those streets, highways, and operations as listed and described on the approved Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the period as given above, submit to the Department of Transportation, on forms furnished by said Department, a certified statement showing expenditures from and balances remaining in the account(s) for this period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall immediately transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation, at Effingham, Illinois.

I, Miss Ladora C. Boyd, Clerk in and for the Village (City, Town or Village)

of Oblong, County of Crawford

hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by

the President and Board of Trustees at a meeting on March 6th, 2002 (Council or President and Board of Trustees)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of March A.D. 2002

(SEAL) Ladora C. Boyd Village Clerk (City, Town or Village)

APPROVED Department of Transportation District Engineer

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MARCH 7, 2002

Items to be taken to auction.

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1. Steel Grating From Old Sewer Plant
2. Floor Jack
3. CB Speaker (2)
4. 2" Submersible Sump Pump
5. Misc. Steel Pipe Size Repair Clamps
6. Rotating Caution Light (3)
7. Pair of Tractor Lights
8. "Jerry" Can
9. Small Utility Heater
10. Truck Jack
11. Old Fire Extinguisher
12. Battery Box (2)
13. Lincoln AC Welder
14. Lock Sets (door knob) (2)
15. Black and Decker Circular Saw
16. Scoop Shovel (4)
17. McCullah Chain Saw
18. Side Mount Truck Tool Box
19. Mop & Mop Bucket
20. 3" Stove Pipe
21. Hanging Furnace (2)
22. Parts Cleaning Basin
23. 4 Drawer Steel Cabinet (2)
24. Compression Test Kit
25. Dwell Meter
26. SteelDesk
27. HydraulicHose
28. Fan Stand (2)

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MARCH 13, 2002

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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met for special session on March 13th, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Treasurer Jan Miller and Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Trustee Myrl Littlejohn.

Others Present: Acting Police Chief Bill Rutan and Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Board discussed what to do, since the board was turned down by Mr. Knott and Mr. Kearns, about the Chief of Police position.
3. A motion to go in to executive session to discuss interviewing another candidate for the Chief of Police position at 6:20 pm was made by Carole, with a second by Bill. 5 ayes, motion carried.
4. A motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to come out of executive session at 6:25 pm.  
5 ayes, motion carried.
5. A motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to have Chad Pusey come to the next Village Board meeting (April 3rd) for an interview for the Chief of Police position. 5 ayes, motion carried. Acting Police Chief Rutan will do an additional background check on Mr. Pusey in the mean time.
6. A motion by Sherry with a second by Jack to adjourn at 6:28 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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March 21, 2002 8:15 am

Building/Park Committee Minutes

Present: Committee Chairperson Sherry Catt, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Mayor Keith Waldrop and Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter.

The committee meet in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building at 8:15 am.

The committee discussed the Geese & Duck problem out at the lake. No decision was made.

The committee discussed what benefits the horse shoe court was to the park. No action taken.

The committee approved the proposed Park budget.

The committee decided to continue the meeting at 5:00 pm on March 21st, 2002.

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March 21, 2002 5:00 pm

Present: Committee Chairperson Sherry Catt, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Mayor Keith Waldrop, Treasurer Jan Miller and Clerk Ladora Boyd.

The committee meet in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm.

The committee went over the budget for Building (General #3) and made some cuts. Discussion on what all would be done at the Mini Park (Gazebo, Sidewalks, Electric, Restroom)

The committee approved the proposed Building (General #3) budget. The committee meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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April 3, 2002

April 3, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 3rd, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Village Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis, Custodian Byron Sanders, Chelsea Sanders, Acting Police Chief Bill Rutan, Part-Time Officer Greg Coker, Trevor Bissey (Brissenden Insurance), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Danny Kendall, Sandy Kendall, Police Chief Candidate Chad Pusey and Misti Pusey.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
  2. The Regular Meeting minutes of March 6th and Special Meeting minutes of March 13th were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.
  3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.) came before the board to give an update on the Water Tower Project. He stated that Connor & Connor, Inc. would be submitting an application for a construction permit to EPA.
  4. There was one delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mr. & Mrs. Kendall came before the board to ask for an extension on their water bill of \$32.77. They stated that they would be able to pay it on April 11th. The Board granted the extension.
  5. Mr. Bissey (Brissenden Insurance) came before the board to ask permission to talk to the employees interested in dental insurance. He brought an estimate of what it would cost with just one plan that would need to have at least five (5) people interested in this insurance.
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6. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole to go into executive session at 7:15 pm to discuss the hiring of summer help, employee wages and interview Chad Pusey for the position of Police Chief. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill to come out of executive session at 8:20 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie to hire Darin Coulter, Loren Polley and Derek Yager for the Village summer help positions. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie to adopt Ordinance #2002-0-437 "Payroll Ordinance". Ayes: Bill Hatch, Bonnie Finn, Jack Gallion, Carole Jones and Sherry Catt. Abstained: Myrl Littlejohn. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry to hire Chad Pusey for the new Oblong Police Chief. All ayes, motion carried. Carole stated that there will be a reception for the new police chief on April 10th from 5 pm to 7 pm. The chief will be sworn in at that time. Everyone is welcome to come. There will be punch, coffee and cookies.

11. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole to adopt the Fiscal Year 2003 Working Budget with a total of \$975,756.00. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry to adopt Ordinance #2002-0-438 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38". All ayes, motion carried.

13. Keith stated that Sharon Haley called to ask for the Park on May 4th from 9 am to 12 noon for the St. Jude Bike-a-thon. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to grant the request. All ayes, motion carried.

Keith stated that the SpringFest will be May 10th and 11th. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to allow the Oblong Chamber of Commerce the use of the Park. All ayes, motion carried.

Keith stated that Madelene Harris called to request the use of the park for Conservation Day sponsored by the Soil & Water Conservation on Wednesday, May 1st from 9 am to 2:30 pm. They will be setting up booths around the lake for 5th grade students from all over the county. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole to grant this request. All ayes, motion carried.

Keith stated that Floyd's Place will be changing hands in the near future. Chris Hinterscher (President of CN Hinterscher, Inc.) asked Keith about getting the

Liquor License so that he could get all the paperwork done as soon as possible. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack to approve the Liquor License for CN Hinterscher, Inc. doing business as (DBA) Floyd's Place. All ayes, motion carried.

Keith stated that he and Gary had talk to a gentleman from Action Termite about the geese problem out at the lake. The gentleman got back with Keith with a quote of \$350/a treatment and it would probably take 4 to 6 treatments. This treatment is a chemical fogging that lasts for 30 days. Keith stated that there were no guarantees that this would solve the problem. There was no action taken at this time.

Keith stated that Ag Day will be April 12th from 9 am to 2 pm out at the Park.

Keith stated that April 13th from 11 am to 1 pm the Family Clinic is having an Open House for the new nurse practitioner.

Keith stated that the Village had received a letter from IDOT on the motor fuel tax audit. There were no problems.

Keith stated that Rumpke's Spring Clean-Up is April 19th.

14. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan asked to be allowed to attend a Judy Baar Topinka Treasurer Symposium on April 10th and 11th. The board had no objection.

15. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everything had been taken care of earlier in the meeting.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that she had talk to Garold Shoulder (Crawford County Fair Board) told her to go ahead and get estimates for solar lighting for the entryway of the park. The Fair Board is going to help us pay for them.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

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E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie asked permission for Gary and Travis to attend a meeting in Sullivan, Illinois on April 18th. There is a \$10 membership fees per person. The Board had no objection.

F. Finance: Bill stated that everything had already been covered.

17. A motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by Carole, with a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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May 1, 2002

May 1, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 1st, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Village Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis, Custodian Byron Sanders, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Police Chief Chad Pusey, Sgt. Larry Fear and Michelle Lewis.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of April 3rd were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. Michelle Lewis came before the board to ask for an extension on her water bill of

\$27.68. She stated that she would be able to pay it on May 9th. The Board granted the extension.

5. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry to adopt Resolution #2002-2 and Resolution #2002-3 "Resolutions concerning state income tax and photoprocessing tax shared with municipalities."

6. The executive session was tabled until another time due to the personnel having a family emergency.

7. Keith stated that there needed to be an increase to Street & Alley insurance budget of \$5,000.00. Keith stated on April 24th that he and some representatives from the community met with Jack Piper. At this meeting, a committee was formed consisting of Tim Attaway, Della Workman, Rondel Boyd and Keith Waldrop. The committee is going to try and get a spec home built out at the TIF site. John Larrabee approached Keith about the Village acquiring the ground where the oilfield museum is being built from the oilfield museum committee. Then have the Village sign a 99 years lease with the oilfield museum committee. Keith asked for the Village Board's permission for Him and Village Attorney Frank Weber to work with Mr. Larrabee on the paper work. It was granted.

8. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

9. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bill that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. She mentioned that the service calls were up from last month. Attach is a list of the Police Agenda for May.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that the new playground equipment assembly is on hold until it dry up out at the Park. She still checking the lighting and electricity for the entrance to the Park. Sherry asked that the papers stated that people using the park and pathway need to keep their dog on a leash and also need to clean up after their dogs. Sherry stated that the Park is really looking good due to hard work of Paula and everyone. The local cub scouts would like to put up some birds house. There were no objection. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry to amend the rules dealing with rental on the Activity Center. The motion was to state that anyone renting the Activity Center has 5 working days to pay the deposit. Ayes: Bill, Jack, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Myrl. Abstain: Bonnie. Bonnie

show a picture of a playground equipment in the shape of a train that cost \$8,000. Bonnie felt that it should be put in the budget for next fiscal year. Keith stated that Orren Leggitt will start building a gazebo Around the 1st of June at the Mini Park. Keith stated that Otie Tuttle is going to set a electric pole on the northwest corner of the Mini Park. Keith is still trying to get a price on sprucing up the North wall. Keith talk to Gary about having the summer help to help with moving the fence so it will run east and west, then get the ground ready to sow some grass. Keith is hoping to have sidewalk leading from the gazebo. Keith stated that he is getting bids for the four section in front of the municipal building and out at the park where some old bushes were taken out.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack stated Gary had two section of sidewalk replaced that needed to be replaced. Gary stated that his department had replaced a couple of small sections of sidewalk that needed it. Gary also stated that there are still some more small areas of sidewalk that needs to be replace.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated he had to sent in one of the lift pumps from out at the lagoon for repair. The repair will cost right round \$3300. Keith stated that as of now we have everything into EPA for the new water tower.

F. Finance: Bill stated that he did not have anything at this time.

11. A motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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MAY 1, 2002

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
General Fund  
Law Enforcement Department #1  
Proposed Budget

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2002-2003

Expenditures: 2002-2003

4010	Salaries	91,000.00
4122	Contractor	1,000.00
4210	Utilities	2,000.00
4220	insurance	12,025.00
4240	Education & Training	4,000.00
4340	Publication	500.00
4341	Dues	500.00
4306	Major Projects	1,700.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	2,500.00
4550	Supplies & Materials	2,650.00
4560	Gas, OH & Vehicle	6,500.00
4230	Office	600.00
4920	Radio Fees	3,550.00
4940	Capital Outlay	17,300.00
4910	Miscellaneous	3,000.00

Total Expenditures 148,825.00  
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VILLAGE OF OBLONG

General Fund

Street & Alley #2

Proposed Budget

2002-2003

Expenditures: 2002-2003

4010	Salaries	40,100.00
4122	Contractor	8,000.00
4210	Utilities	16,000.00
4220	insurance	9,250.00
4340	Publication	125.00
4341	Dues	125.00
4306	Major Projects	6,510.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	250.00
4550	Supplies & Materials	9,000.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	5,500.00
4565	Sidewalks	10,000.00
4566	Equipment Rental	500.00
4570	Storm Sewer & Drainage	2,500.00

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4910 D&A Testing 500.00  
4940 Capital Outlay 26,200.00

Total Expenditures 134,560.00  
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VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
General Fund  
Building #3  
Proposed Budget  
2002-2003

Expenditures: 2002-2003

4010 Salaries 59,000.00  
    Trustees 9,600.00  
4200 TIF 1,000.00  
4210 Utilities 5,500.00  
4220 Insurance 18,500.00  
4230 Office 12,000.00  
4240 Education & Training 6,600.00  
4300 Engineering/Clean Up 20,000.00  
4301 Professional 12,000.00  
4306 Major Projects 25,000.00  
4340 Publication 1,250.00  
4341 Dues 1,250.00  
4552 Operations/Building 13,500.00  
4910 Other 5,000.00  
4940 Capital Outlay 5,000.00

Total Expenditures 195,200.00  
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VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
General Fund  
Park #4  
Proposed Budget  
2002-2003

Expenditures: 2002-2003

4122 Contractor 3,850.00  
4210 Utilities 10,000.00

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4220	Insurance	500.00
4550	Supplies & Materials	2,800.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	1,000.00
4566	EquipmentRental	500.00
4940	Capita' Outlay	4,105.00

Total Expenditures 22,755.00  
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VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
 Sewer Fund  
 Proposed Budget  
 2002-2003

Expenditures: 2002-2003

4010	Salaries	34,100.00
4122	Contractor	9,000.00
4210	Utilities	4,500.00
4220	insurance	6,650.00
4230	Office	500.00
4240	Education & Training	500.00
4300	Engineering	1,200.00
4301	Professional	2,725.00
4302	Lab, Testing & UPS	2,000.00
4306	Major Projects	9,210.00
4340	Publication	100.00
4341	Dues	100.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	250.00
4550	Supplies & Materials	16,000.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	650.00
4565	EquipmentRental	500.00
4910	Miscellaneous	350.00
4940	CapitalOutlay	17,000.00

Total Expenditures 105,335.00  
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VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
 Water Fund  
 Proposed Budget  
 2002-2003

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Expenditures: 2002-2003

4010	Salaries	79,500.00
4122	Contractor	8,200.00
4210	Utilities	5,000.00
4220	Insurance	18,675.00
4230	Office	7,000.00
4240	Education & Training	750.00
4300	Engineering	7,000.00
4301	Professional	4,500.00
4302	Lab, Testing & Ups	1,200.00
4306	Major Projects	16,256.00
4340	Publication	500.00
4341	Dues	500.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	500.00
4550	Supplies & Materials	12,000.00
4560	Gas, Oil & Vehicle	5,000.00
4565	Equipment	500.00
4700	Water Purchases	148,000.00
4910	Miscellaneous	2,000.00
4940	Capital Outlay	17,000.00

Total Expenditures 334,081.00  
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VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
 Motor Fuel Tax Fund  
 Proposed Budget  
 2002-2003

Expenditures: 2002-2003

4120	Maintenance - Streets	33,255.79
4550	Supplies & Materials	6,810.75
4565	Equipment Rental	4,854.68
Total	Expenditures	44,921.22

Resolution Figure 40,000.00

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MAY 1, 2002

RESOLUTION #2002-02

RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE INCOME TAX  
AND PHOTOPROCESSING TAX SHARED WITH  
MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS the Village of Oblong has a population of 1580; and

WHEREAS Illinois municipalities receive 1/10 of the Illinois income tax proceeds and all of the revenue from the state photoprocessing tax; and

WHEREAS Illinois municipalities depend on this revenue to provide first response in police, fire and public works directly affecting the citizens; and

WHEREAS Illinois municipalities have already received a reduction in revenues due to the national economic downturn both in the shared income tax and sales tax proceeds; and

WHEREAS municipal costs have increased this year due to homeland defense costs and providing other vitals services;

WHEREAS municipalities are currently suffering late payments through the State's Local Government Distributive Fund causing shortfalls throughout the state in meeting municipal bills;

WHEREAS all state shared revenue is essential to municipal services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG DOES HEREBY GO ON RECORD IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO REDUCING STATE SHARED REVENUES, ESPECIALLY THE STATE INCOME TAX AND PHOTOPROCESSING TAX, TO ILLINOIS MUNICIPALITIES.

Adopted: May 1st, 2002

Keith Waldrop, Village President

ATTEST:

Ladora Boyd, Village Clerk

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MAY 1, 2002

RESOLUTION #2002-03

RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE INCOME TAX  
AND PHOTOPROCESSING TAX SHARED WITH  
MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS the Local Share of the Illinois Income Tax is on tenth or 0.3% of the 3% individual income tax and 0.48% of the 4.8% regular corporate tax; and

WHEREAS a change to one-eleventh will reduce each and every Illinois municipality's revenue by approximately \$6.75 per person, per year; and

WHEREAS the \$84 million per year received by the State of Illinois from this raid on the historic local share of state income tax will not significantly solve or ameliorate a state budgetary hole of at least one billion, two hundred million (\$1,200,000,000.00) which is over fourteen times the eighty-four million (\$84,000,000.00) local government takeaway; and

WHEREAS municipalities, since the adoption of sales tax reform in 1986 have received money from the state sales tax raised from photoprocessing; and

WHEREAS that photoprocessing revenue is distributed to municipalities at the rate of approximately \$2.10 per person, per year or about \$26 million per year; and

WHEREAS municipalities have suffered just as severe a loss of income tax revenue from the faltering economy and the recently enacted Federal Economic Stimulus Package; and

WHEREAS municipalities have already been required to make budgetary cuts to accommodate lowered revenues from income tax, state tax, motor fuel tax and utility tax; and

WHEREAS proposals before the Illinois General Assembly have suggested that the local one-tenth share of the state income tax be reduced to a one-eleventh share and that the photoprocessing tax sharing with municipalities be abolished; and

WHEREAS those changes would reduce local revenues by a total of \$8.85 per person, per year for a total loss of \$110 million per year statewide ~~16,983.00~~ to the Village of Oblong and

WHEREAS Illinois municipal officials feel the General Assembly, by taking this action, would be renegeing on a longstanding, mutually beneficial partnership with Illinois municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Oblong assembled at its regular meeting of May 1st, 2002 urges the Illinois General Assembly and Governor George Ryan to oppose efforts to reduce the local government share of the Illinois Income Tax to less than the current one-tenth of net receipts and to abolish the sharing of State Photoprocessing Tax with municipalities.

Adopted: May 1st, 2002

Keith Waldrop, Village President

Attest:

Ladora Boyd, Village Clerk

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June 5, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 5th, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present:

Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Village Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Others Present:

Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Police Chief Chad Pusey, Sgt. Larry Fear, Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Jamee Huber, Kelly Tracy and Susie Tracy.

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of May 1st were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Carole. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry to go into executive session at 7:04 pm to discuss a personnel problem. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack to come out of executive session at 7:43 pm. All ayes, motion carried. Bill stated that while in executive session that the entire board decided to not give Mr. Huber his request.
7. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Jack, to adopted Ordinance #2002-0-439 "Appropriation". All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie, to adopted Ordinance #2002-0-440 "Prevailing Wage". All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to adopted Ordinance #2002-0-441 "Amendment to Chapter 24 `Motor Vehicle Code'". Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Myrl. Abstain: Jack. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to purchase a Case backhoe from Birkey's for \$50,350. All ayes, motion carried.
11. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to purchase a Noble buffer from Landmark Chemical for \$1,320.
12. Myrl had some questions about line items on the budget concerning the cost at the Mini Park in particular the Gazebo. Myrl also asked if the following items had been budgeted for: Landscaping in front of the municipal building and the memorial wall out at the park; new carpet in the municipal building and new vertical blinds. The Village had received two bids for landscaping (In front of building and out at the Park by memorial wall) from Meiszner and Daybreak Landscaping. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to accept the bid from Daybreak Landscaping with the understanding that Sherry (Building/Park Committee Chairperson) has the right to ok before planting. All ayes, motion carried. Bonnie feels that the Lake Committee should come before the Village Board to get approval of the plans for the flag pole and landscaping. She has a

problem where the Lake Committee is planning to place the flag pole and landscaping. There was some discussed on this matter.

13. Keith stated that the Water Tower Project is progressing along. Keith stated that the Village will no longer be receiving the Photo Processing Tax money due to the Governor's Budget cuts. The Photo Processing Tax was \$2.10/ per population. Keith also stated that on Monday, June 3rd, there was a Motor Fuel Bid Letting. Keith mention that there was no bids turned in for culverts due to a shortage in supplies. Keith mentioned that there was an e-mail from a Kim Yockey asking some questions about the Village.

14. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan mentioned that there will be three repos coming up for renewal next month. Jan will be sending out letters to the banks here in town with a statement that if the interest rate is not sufficient that the board will be looking for other options.

15. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

#### 16. Reports of Committees:

##### A. Police:

Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. She mentioned that the service calls were up from last month. Carole stated that the Police chief will be attending to Juvenile Schooling on June 11th-14th in Marion, Illinois. The Chief will be attending Illinois Law Review class in Collinsville, Illinois, on June 17th-21st. This class will meet the requirements for Chief Pusey to be completely certified in the State of Illinois as a police officer. The Chief will have to take a test after completing this class. The date for the test has not yet been set. Officer Randolph will be on vacation from June 25th to June 29th. Chief Pusey stated that the department is in the process of purchasing a PBT (Portable Breathalyzer Test) Unit with the DUI (Driving Under the Influence) traffic tickets. The PBT Unit cost around \$350. Chief Pusey also stated that the department now has a portable defibrillator which was purchased by a grant. The Chief, Sgt. Fear, Officer Randolph and Officer Coker are certified to use the defibrillator. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, that the AED is to stay within the Village corporate limits. All ayes, motion carried. Chief Pusey stated that he had received a letter on the "Click It or Ticket It" campaign that a luncheon while be held in Belleville on June 25th, must be present to receive prizes from drawing.

##### B. Buildings and Park:

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Sherry stated that the Boy Scouts will be camping out at the Park this weekend (June 6-8). The scouts will start building and painting the birdhouses that they will be hanging up in the trees out at the park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights:  
No Report.

D. Street and Alley:

Myrl stated that, while construction is going on out at the grade school this summer, the street on the east side of the grade school will be a two-way traffic instead of one-way due to the fact that the heavy trucks and machinery are causing damage to the street. Myrl stated that there is a property line dispute between two property owners upon the corner of North Jackson and West Iowa Streets. The committee suggested that there be a letter sent to both parties stating that the Village has no interest in the dispute. Gary stated that IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) is planning to start in 2004 the widening of Route 33.

E. Water and Sewer:

Bonnie stated that the pump repair was \$3,329.79. Bonnie stated that the committee met with Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.) on May 30th, 2002, to discuss the Water Tower Project and a letter from IDOT about the widening of Route 33. Shannon suggested that the Village relocate their water lines in 2003. Bonnie mentioned that Robinson-Palestine Water Commission will be relocating the Village's master meter about 200' west of where it is now. The Village will be losing one water customer. Gary mentioned that there will probably be a water rate increase from Robinson-Palestine Water Commission. Gary stated that the Village may have to pass the increase on to the customers this time. Gary stated that a few years ago there was a small increase in the rate, but the Village absorbed it. Keith stated that the Finance Committee would need to look at the increase to see if the Village will absorb this increase or pass it on to the customers.

F. Finance:

Jan mentioned that the New Investment Policy has been sign and is on file. She stated that the only change to the Investment Policy was that only the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk need to sign it. This was suggested in a class during Jan's Treasurer's Seminar. The class was on revision to Investment Policies.

16. Bonnie stated that the Hawaii Luau on June 1st was a success and wanted to thank everyone who helped with the preparations. The clerk mentioned that she and the treasurer will be attending the next SEICTA meeting in Casey this month.

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17. A motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by Carole, with a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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June 21, 2002

Jamee Huber  
505 East Ohio Street  
Oblong, Illinois 62449

June 21st. 2002  
Village Board  
The Village of Oblong  
202 South Range Street  
Oblong, li. 62449

Dear Village Board,

I hereby tender my resignation from, The Village of Oblong effective June 21 st. 2002. This is my formal two weeks notice. My last day of employment will be July 5th. 2002, This is a revised resignation letter, with an additional week added to the original resignation date. The additional week was added do to delays in paperwork, and available sick days. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jamee Huber, Utility Crewman

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July 3, 2002

July 3, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 3, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Village Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Trustee Myrl Littlejohn.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Police Chief Chad Pusey, Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News) and her son, Part-Time Officer Greg Coker, Tom Moore (Kemper CPA), Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor, Inc.) and Selvin Stolz.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of June 5th were approved with a motion by Jack and a second by Sherry. 5 ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
4. There were two additions to the agenda this month.

First addition to the agenda was Cory Utterback from Connor & Connor, Inc. Cory brought the final pay estimate on the Rural Water Extension - Pay #7 Wayne Lapington (\$8,602.79); Connor & Connor, Inc. (\$1,788.86 [Design Fees]; \$367.92 [inspection] & \$15.99 [right of way work]). The total was \$10,775.56. There was some discussion on the difference of the final amount in the Rural Water Extension Fund. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Carole, to table the payment of the estimate until next month's board meeting. 5 ayes, motion carried. Cory stated that there is a problem with one property owner, but that he feels Mr. Lapington will fix the problem. Cory also gave an update on the Water Tower Project. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack to accept the Emergency Connection Agreement with Hardinville Water. 5 ayes, motion carried. Keith stated that he feels that the Water Tower Project is moving right along. Cory stated that Connor & Connor, Inc. had received that construction permits from IEPA

(Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) for the Water Tower Project. He thinks the project will be on line for October of this year.

Second addition to the agenda was Selvin Stolz. He came before the Board with a complaint about a street bank on the southside of his property. He stated that rock on the street side of the bank keep falling into the ditch causing a problem with his maintaining a weed/grass free ditch. He stated that did not understand why the Village built up the street (West Missouri). Keith stated that he would have the Street & Alley Committee meet with Mr. Stolz and try to solve the problem and come back to the Board with their suggestion next month.

5. Tom Moore of Kemper CPA, the Village's Auditor, came before the Board with a summary of the Village's audit for Fiscal Year 2002. He stated that there is an additional 10 pages to the audit report due to the Village receiving Federal money. He gave the Village Board a hand out with graphs showing the Village's financial status. He stated that the Village had received less revenue from the state this year. Tom stated that if any of the Board had any questions that he would be more than happy to sit down with the Board and answer their questions to the best of his ability.

6. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry to adopt Ordinance #2002-0-442 "An amendment to Ordinance #2001-0-436". 5 ayes, motion carried.

7. Carole stated that Tim Attaway (Oblong Chamber of Commerce) could not make the meeting this month, so he will be at the next board meeting.

8. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to accept the resignation letter from Jamee Huber. 5 ayes, motion carried. (Letter attached) Jamee Huber was to be at the meeting but was unable to make it.

9. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith stated that the Antique Tractor and Engine show would be August 9th, 10th and 11th, out at the Park. Keith stated that he had received a letter from Patchett Flying Service wanting to spray for mosquitoes that possibly would be carrying the West Nile Virus at a cost of \$2.75/acre. There was some discussion on this but no action was taken. Keith stated that he would be in Peoria on August 1st and 2nd to attend an Illinois Liquor Control Commission Conference.

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that there will be three CD's coming due later this month. Jan mentioned that she had contacted some financial institutions outside of the community asking about their interest rates. The board agreed to let the Finance Committee look at the bids on the CD's that are coming due this month and then contact the rest of the board to get permission to go with

the financial institute with the best rate of interest on July 22nd. Jan suggested that the CD that expires on the 30th to roll it over to the other sewer CD.

11. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge. 5 ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. She mentioned that the service calls were up from last month. Carole stated that the Police chief is now a certified Juvenile Officer. The Chief will be receiving a 1.5% raise due to his certification. Chief Pusey has also completed his required classes on Illinois Criminal Law Review. He is now ready to take his state law test. Chief stated that felony offense are up.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that the site for the new playground equipment has been surveyed and marked for placement. She is still working with the Fair Board on the Park entry lights. Bonnie mentioned that she saw where there are some grants for playground equipment in the June issue of the Review Magazine.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Carole, to accept the lose of one water customer due to the relocation of the Master Water Meter. 5 ayes, motion carried. Bonnie stated that while the company was working on Lift Station #3 that they stated the other side pipes were needing to be replaced also. This would be at a cost of \$2,262.60. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to go ahead with the replacement. 5 ayes, motion carried. Bonnie asked that permission be granted to Gary and Travis to attend continuing education classes in Mt Carmel on August 7th. The Board approved.

F. Finance: Bill stated that there was nothing further at this time.

13. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:10 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, to come out of executive session at 9:35 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

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15. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to hire Richard White for the Public Works position with a starting wage of \$10.50/hour. He will have a 3 month review of his work and then another at 6 months with a possible raise at that time. 5 ayes, motion carried.

16. In other business: The board discussed making an amendment to the Employees' Guidelines under SICK DAYS section. The suggested was to add the following sentence: Sick Day Pay will not be granted upon resignation or termination. The discussion was tabled until the next board meeting. It was also decided that the use of bottle rockets to scare the birds when they are trying to roost for the night will be with the approval of the Police Chief.

17. A motion to adjourn at 9:53 pm was made by Jack , with a second by Bill. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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July 9, 2002

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2002

5:15 pm

Present: Committee Chairperson Carole Jones, Committee Member Sherry Catt, Committee Member Bill Hatch, Chief Chad Pusey and Mayor Keith Waldrop.

The meeting was called to discuss complaints lodged against an employee of the department. There were six (6) complaints to review at the meeting. It was decided to follow-up on these complaints. The committee also decided to give the Chief permission to take the complaints to the Village Attorney for his opinion.



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July 10, 2002

July 10, 2002  
5:15 pm

Present: Committee Chairperson Carole Jones, Committee Member Sherry Catt, Committee Member Bill Hatch, Mayor Keith Waldrop, Chief Chad Pusey and Sgt. Larry Fear.

The meeting was called to discuss two (2) more complaints lodged against an employee of the department.

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July 15, 2002

TO: Trustees

FROM: Finance Committee

DATE: July 15, 2002

Additions/Changes to the Employee's Guidelines

Suggestions for additions/changes to Employee's Guidelines:

V. SICK DAYS & PERSONAL DAYS - add under the 3rd paragraph -Sick days are only to be used for employee illness or to care for immediate family during illness. Sick day pay will not be granted upon resignation or termination.

IX. HIRING (strike last paragraph) add - All new employees will be on a probationary period for one year, with evaluations at 3-month intervals. Pay raises at 6 months and one year is at the Village Board of Trustees discretion.

All Public Works employees must pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test. All Public Works employees who are in a "safety sensitive job" must agree to

participate in the random selection-testing program.

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July 16, 2002

TO: Trustees

FROM: Finance Committee Chairperson Bill Hatch

DATE: July 16, 2002

RE: Addition to the Employee's Guidelines

Suggestions for an addition to Employee's Guidelines:

V. SICK DAYS & PERSONAL DAYS - add under the 3rd paragraph -The employee may request payment for sick days not used at the end of each calendar year. This offer is not retroactive and must be requested five (5) days before last pay in each calendar year.

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July 25, 2002

Crawford County Health Department  
Suite 249  
301 South Cross Street Robinson Illinois 62454  
618-544-8798 Fax 618-544-9398

Jul 25, 2002

Bonnie Finn  
Oblong Board of Trustees  
206 S Range St  
Oblong 11 62449



Dear Mrs. Finn:

At your request, an inspection was conducted by Dani Pitt of the Crawford County Health Department on July 22, 2002 on property at 303 S Taylor St , Oblong.

The purpose of the inspection was to determine if a public health threat existed because of dangerous or unsafe conditions on the property. Enforcement action is left to the municipality of Oblong.

At the time of inspection the following conditions were noted:

1. Front door of trailer rigged shut but not locked.
2. Wooden front steps unstable.
3. Pane of glass propped up against trailer
4. Broken or missing windows.
5. Beer and pop bottles in yard.

It is the opinion of the Crawford County Health Department that this property represents an unsafe condition to the neighborhood and should be removed, made safe or repaired.

If there are any question, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Bay  
Director of Environmental Health  
Crawford County Health Department  
GNO2-8

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Write an e-mail message

From: rbfinn40@webtv.net. (Bonnie Finn)

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To:

Subject: water meter \*

Having been contacted by John .Larrabee on Friday July 27, the Mayor, Myrl, Bill, and Bonnie, agreed to allow the Oilfield museum to have a water meter placed at no charge. but will pay a monthly water bill. Gary will contact John, and this will be done as his time schedule allows.

Bonnie

Remove signature

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August 7, 2002

August 7, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 7th, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Police Chief Chad Pusey, Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Part-Time Officer Greg Coker, Amy Tarr (Country Companies), Rick Carter, Debi Wilson, Robert Habich (Rumpke), Trish Moore (Pekin), Kelley Tracy, Justin Lockhart, Jeremy Snider, Rick Dennis, Brad Waldrop, Darla Brooks, Sgt. Larry Fear, Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis, Judy Jones, Richard Pimentel, Stacy Houser, Mike McReynolds, Cindy McReynolds, Michele Lewis, Amy Christman, Charles D. Christman, Larry Lorance, Kim Priest, Michael Cox, Ron Tuel and Susie Tracy. For The Executive Session: Frank Weber (Village Attorney), Jill Layton (a Court Reporter), Officer Jean Ann Randolph, Joe Randolph and Kent Heller (Officer Randolph's Attorney).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Waldrop.

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2. The Regular Meeting minutes of July 3rd were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Debi Wilson came before the board to ask that the 200 block of South Range be blocked off on September 13th for a street dance sponsored by Ridgeview Care Center in connection with the Fast Fannie Weekend. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to have the 200 block of South Range blocked off for the street dance. All ayes, motion carried.

4. There were three delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Michele Lewis stated that she would be able to pay her delinquent water bill on Thursday, August 15th. The board agreed to the extension. Kim Priest stated that she would be able to pay her delinquent water bill on Friday, August 9th. The board agreed to the extension. Michael Cox stated that he would be able to pay his delinquent water bill on Thursday, August 15th. The board agreed to the extension.

5. Robert Habich from Rumpke came before the board to ask that the Village sign a letter of consent to have Republic finish out Rumpke's contract with the Village. Motion by Jack, with second by Bill, to sign the letter of consent. Ayes: Bill, Jack, Myrl, Sherry. Nays: Bonnie, Carole. Motion carried. Rumpke has 472 stops within the Village limits.

6. Tim Attaway (Oblong Chamber of Commerce) could not make the meeting this month, so he will try to be at the next board meeting.

7. Amy Tarr (Country Companies) came before the board to discuss a group health plan for the Village employees. Trish Moore (Pekin) came before the board to discuss six different options for the group health plan for the Village employees. The board decided to table any decision until next month's meeting.

8. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to come out of executive session at 12:20 am. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, that the Charges against Officer Jean Ann Randolph are sustained, and that Officer Jean Ann Randolph be terminated as a police officer of the Village of Oblong, effective August 8th, 2002. Ayes: Bill, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Bonnie, Jack, Myrl. In case of a tie vote the Mayor will break the tie with his vote. Mayor voted aye, motion carried.

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11. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith stated that the Ruritan's will be having a dinner on August 18th, proceeds will be donated to the new Mini Park and that Wal\*Mart will match the fund raised up to \$1,000. Wal\*Mart has already given the Village a \$1,000 check and a \$600 check to the police department. Keith stated that the Siding on the north wall of the Mini Park was about finished. Keith also stated that Allen Price (Daybreak Landscaping) had donated the rocks for the fish pond at the Mini Park.

12. The treasurer's report was given by Keith. Keith stated that the Village has an option to reinvest the General Repo #95972800 and MFT Repo #96024191 with a rate of 3.04% (APY). The board agreed to let the Finance Committee look at the bids on the Sewer Repo that is coming due this month and then contact the rest of the board to get permission to go with the financial institute with the best rate of interest or move it to Casey State Bank.

13. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to move the money from the General Repo (which came due on July 13th) and the Water Repo (which came due on July 16th) to Casey State Bank where they will be getting a interest rate of 3.60% (APY). Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Jack, Myrl. Motion carried.

14. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to reinvest General Repo #95972800 and MFT Repo #96024191 at a rate of 3.04% (APY) with First National Bank in Olney of Oblong. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Myrl. Motion carried.

16. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. She mentioned that the service calls had increased from last month. Carole stated that Chief Pusey will be having the department do another Click It or Ticket on Labor Day Weekend. Keith stated that he had received information from Lt. Governor Corinne Wood on a program "Project HomeSafe" where the Village will receive 100 gunlocks to be given away in the community. Chad stated that it would be first come, first serve on the gunlocks. Chad stated that he will be going to Carbondale on August 14th for his test that will certify him for the State of Illinois. Chad asked that he be able to order 2 video cameras to be placed on the 2000 and 1998 Crown Victoria. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bonnie, to have Chad order the cameras at the state bid. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Myrl. Motion carried.

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B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that the Park Entrance Lights have been on since August 1st. Sherry stated that all the bills have been turned-in and that the Fair Board will reimburse the Village for half of the cost. She wanted to thank Gary and the guys for their help with the lights. Gary stated that he had contacted 2 tree removal services to get bids on the removal of some dead trees out at the Park. At this time he has only one bid from Wayne's Tree Service for \$250/a tree. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to have Wayne's Tree Service cut down 3 dead trees out at the Park for \$250 each and possibly 2 more if he will do them at the same price. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Jack stated that he had been approached about putting up a stop sign at South Jackson and West Indiana, because of speeding of vehicles. The Board decided to have Chad study the problem and come back to the Board with his recommendation to resolving the problem. Gary stated that Mr. Stolz is happy with the solution to the problem that was tabled from last month.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that there had been a committee meeting just before the Village Board Meeting. The committee watched a video from TowerLink America, LLC on selling spots for antennas on our water tower. The Village would receive a percent of the money from the use of the antennas. The company sent a contract with the video. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie, to have the Village Attorney look over a contract from TowerLink America, LLC. All ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie, to add the following items to the Employee Guidelines:

V. SICK DAYS & PERSONAL DAYS - add under the 3rd paragraph - Sick days are only to be used for employee illness or to care for immediate family during illness. Sick day pay will not be granted upon resignation or termination. The employee may request payment for sick days not used at the end of each calendar year. This offer is not retroactive and must be requested five (5) days before last pay in each calendar year.

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All Public Works employees must pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test. All Public Works employees who are in a "safety sensitive job" must agree to participate in the random selection-testing program.

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All ayes, motion carried.

17. Bonnie asked if the Village would be advertising for Jean Ann's position. Keith stated that the Police Committee will probably be meeting later on to discuss options.

18. A motion to adjourn at 1:17 am was made by Bonnie, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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August 7, 2002

Executive Session Minutes of August 7th, 2002

Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Sherry Cart, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Village Attorney Frank Weber, Jill Layton (a Court Reporter), Officer Jean Ann Randolph and Kent Heller (Officer Randolph's Attorney).

The executive session was entered into at 7:40 pm. Ms. Layton, a court reporter, started taking verbatim minutes during the reading of the charges against Officer Randolph by Mr. Weber. Officer Randolph was given a copy of the charges and notified that there would be a hearing on August 7th at 7pm.

Mr. Heller had some questions about a meeting this morning between Mr. Weber and the Mayor. Mr. Heller thought that it might have been a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Weber stated that there was no violation of the Open Meetings Act this morning. Mr. Weber stated that he called to inform Mr. Heller that the hearing would be closer to 7:30 pm instead of 7 pm tonight.

Mr. Weber called in Sgt. Larry Fear, as a witness, to testify to some of the complaints against Officer Randolph. (See transcript.)

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Mr. Weber called in Officer Greg Coker, as a witness, to testify. (See transcript.)

Mr. Weber called in Mr. Lonnie Wall, as a witness to an incident that happen on July 4th & 5th. (See transcript.)

Mr. Weber called in Mr. Kevin Gangloff, as to the complaint that he had signed against Officer Randolph. (See transcript.)

Mr. Weber called in Chief Chad Pusey, as a witness, to testify to the complaints against Officer Randolph. (See transcript.)

Mr. Heller called Officer Jean Ann Randolph as his only witness. (See transcript.)

After Mr. Weber, Mr. Heller and Officer Randolph left there was a discussion on what disciplinary action to take. During the discussion, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn asked that Chief Pusey come back in to answer a question that Mr. Littlejohn had. Mr. Littlejohn asked Chief Pusey if the Chief had said to Mr. Littlejohn and Mr. Gallion that Officer Randolph was a good officer. The Chief said she has the potential of being a good officer.

The executive session ended at 12:20 am.

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August 15, 2002

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2002

Present: Chairperson Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Bill Hatch, Mayor

Keith Waldrop, Sgt. Larry Fear, Officer Bill Rutan and Darla Brooks.

The committee met in the Farley Room on Thursday, August 15th at 5:15 pm to talk about adopting a new loitering ordinance. The committee also discussed the New Mini Park hours and police patrol of the area. The committee will recommend that the new Mini Park hours should be the same as the Park's. The committee decided that the police department should have two officer per shift when school starts for patrolling in the morning.



The committee decided to advertise for the full-time position. The ads will run in the Robinson Daily News (Mondays & Wednesdays), Terre Haute Tribune Star (Sundays) and the Oblong Gem (Every Week) from August 19th thru September 19th. Application will be due on September 19th by 4 pm. The application may be pick up at the police department office. The committee hopes to have some applicants that have already been to the Police Academy. The starting pay would be \$12.00/hour. The successful applicant will have six months to comply with the resident requirement of living inside the village limit.

The committee was told that the police car video cameras were in and that Bill Rutan and the Chief were installing one in the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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August 22, 2002

August, 22, 2002

Too whom it may concern:

Having been promised several times that the trailer that does not belong to me, located on my property at 305 S. Taylor street, Oblong, would be moved (but hasn't), I give the Village of Oblong permission to move it off. But I want the lot to be cleaned up and cleared of any junk connected with the removal of the trailer.

Glen (Shorty) Price

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SEPTEMBER 2002

VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS

MAIN STREET (IL RTE #33) WATER MAIN RELOCATION

ESTIMATE OF PROJECT COSTS - SEPTEMBER, 2002

WATER MAIN

#	ITEM	UNIT	QUANTIT Y	AMOUNT	TOTAL
1	12" BORE & CASE.	LF	120	170.00	20,400.00
2	10" BORE & CASE LF		60	150.00	9,000.00
3	6" PVC WATER MAIN	LF	1,350	12.50	16,875.00
1	4" PVC WATER MAIN	LF	100	8.00	800.00
5	4" HYDRANT	EA	2	1,800.00	3,600.00
6	4" HYDRANT REMOVAL	EA	3	300.00	900.00
7	6" GATE VALVE	EA	9	600.00	5,400.00
8	4" GATE VALVE	EA	2	500.00	1,000.00
9	6" TEE	EA	3	200.00	600.00
10	6" X 4" TEE	EA	2	225.00	450.00
11	6" 90 DEG. BEND	EA	28	175.00	4,900.00
12	4" 90 DEG. BEND	EA	4	175.00	700.00
13	6" LINE STOP	EA	16	800.00	12,800.00
14	4" LINE STOP	EA	2	700.00	1,400.00
15	¾ SERV. RECONNECTION	EA	28	250.00	7,000.00
16	¾" K-COPPER SERV. LINE	LE	1,610	12.00	19,320.00
17	¾" SERV. BORE	LF	700	10.00	7,000.00
18	2" SERV. RECONNECTION	EA	2	400.00	800.00
19	2" K-COPPER SERV. LINE	LF	140	16.00	2,240.00
20	2" SERV. BORE	LF	72	14.00	1,008.00
<b>SEWERMAIN</b>					
21	8" PVC SEWER MAIN	EA	50	30.00	1,500.00
22	MANHOLES	EA	3	2,500.00	7,500.00
23	CONCRETE VAULT	EA	1	3,500.00	3,500.00
21	SERVICE TEES & RISERS	EA	5	400.00	2,000.00
<b>SURFACE RESTORATION</b>					
25	SELECT GRANULAR BACKFILL	CY	500	18.00	9,000.00
26	TEMP. BITUMINOUS PATCHING	SY	125	35.00	4,375.00
27	CA-6 CRUSHED STONE	CY	150	45.00	6,750.00
28	SEEDING & MULCHING	LS	1	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>CONSTRUCTION COSTS</b>					<b>\$155,818.00</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL PROJECT COSTS</b>					
29	ENGINEERING — DESIGN / PERMITTING (LUMP SUM)				\$16,500.00
30	ENGINEERING — INSPECTION (AS NEEDED)				\$14,000.00
31	ENGINEERING — RIGHT-OF-WAY PREPARATION				\$1,000.00
32 CONTINGENCIES - (10% OF CONSTRUCTION)					\$15,582.00
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>					<b>\$202,900.00</b>

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September 4, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 4th, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Police Chief Chad Pusey, Lisa Ulrey (Robinson Daily News), Part-time Officer Greg Coker, Part-time Officer Bill Rutan, Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis Custodian Byron Sanders, Della Workman (Oblong Ruritan's) and Kim Priest. For The Executive Session: Frank Weber (Village Attorney).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
  2. The Regular Meeting minutes of August 7th were approved with a motion by Bill and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.
  3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Della Workman, from the Oblong Ruritan's, came before the board to present a check for \$875 that will be designated for lights at the Mini Park. This money was from proceeds of the Oblong Ruritan Chicken Noodle Dinner on August 18th. -The mayor stated that Wal-Mart said they would match the amount the Ruritan received up to \$1,000.
  4. There was one delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. Kim Priest stated that she would be able to pay her delinquent water bill on Friday, September 6th. The board agreed to the extension.
  5. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack to change the health insurance from Pekin Value Plus (\$250 deductible; 90/10 copay) to Pekin Value Plus (\$500 deductible; 80/20 copay). All ayes, motion carried.
  6. The board decided to table the signing of a contract with TowerLink America, LLC until next month due to some questions about the existing antennas.
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7. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to adopt Ordinance #2002-0-443 "Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax" at 1% of gross charged by telecommunication retailer. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2002-0-444 "Tax Levy". All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Jack, to adopt Resolution #02-4 "Homecoming Parade Permit". All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Resolution #02-5 "Halloween Parade Permit". All ayes motion carried.

11. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith stated that the Village would be receiving a parcel reimbursement of Greg Coker's training. Keith stated that out at the TIF area there is going to be a basement poured in the near future. Keith also stated that the Mini Park is taking shape, the gazebo is almost complete and that there are some people up there now doing some landscaping. Chad was asked about the problem on East Indiana Street and the corner of South Jackson Street. Chad stated that since the one-way traffic has been reinstated there has not been any problems with speeding.

12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Bill stated to the Board that the Finance Committee decided to leave the CD that came due on August 21st with First Robinson Savings Bank at a renewal rate of 3.7%.

13. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. She mentioned that the Chief has passed his test and requirement for the State of Illinois to be an officer in Illinois. Carole stated that both squad cars now have the video cameras installed. The Chief and Sgt. Fear will be going to school for the correct use of the video cameras on September 20th at Vandalia. The Chief stated that he has ordered another Portable Breathalyzer out of the DUI Funds. Carole stated that Officer Rutan has finished all the paperwork required for the final payment on the COP's Grant.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry asked Gary if there was a problem with the fountains out at the Park. Gary stated that he had just found out yesterday

(September 3rd) that the fountains were not running. He stated that the fountains were somehow tripped off. Gary also stated that after turning the fountains back on that the small one is not working at all. He stated that, as soon as he can get a boat, he'll go out and see what is wrong with the small fountain. Gary stated that Wayne's Tree Service has taken down some of the dead trees out at the Park but he still has some to take down. Gary asked if there was any landscaping to be done on the west side of the memorial wall out at the park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that the committee had met to discuss the purchase of a new handheld system from US Filter cost would around \$9,400, but if the Village would agree to buy 250 touch read meters at a cost of \$93/each then the system would only cost \$1,500. Bonnie stated that the Water Department usually purchases 100 meters a year. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie, to purchase 250 touch read meters at a cost of \$93 and also purchase the handheld system at cost of \$1,500 from US Filter. The total cost would be \$24,750. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Myrl, Sherry. Nays: Carole. Motion carried. Bonnie stated that Gary would like permission to attend a state conference on December 11th and 12th in East St. Louis. The cost would be \$200 plus motel possibly 2 nights. It was granted.

F. Finance: Bill stated that there was nothing else.

15. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to enter into executive session to discuss litigation against the Village, at 8:07 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to come out of executive session at 8:59 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

17. A motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM was made by Carole, with a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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September 4, 2002

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-0-444

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, this 4th day of September, 2002.

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 2002-0-444

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, in the County of Crawford and the State of Illinois, did on the 3rd day of July, 2002, pass the Annual Appropriation Bill for the Village for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of May, 2002, and ending the 30th day of April, 2003, the amount ascertained to be the aggregate pamphlet form on the 3rd day of July, 2002.

NOW THEREFORE:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR  
THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR:

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois:

SECTION 1: That there be and is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for general corporate purpose of said Village for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 2002, the sum of

Items of Appropriation and Levy Appropriated Levied

FOR GENERAL PURPOSES 428,688.00 27,600.00

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FOR MAINTENANCE OF SEWAGE PLANT (voted by the people)  
20,540.33            6,200.00

FOR MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE PARK (voted by the people) 29,581.50  
8,300.00

FOR POLICE PROTECTION  
(Petitioned by the people and passed by the Village Board of Trustees,  
September 5th, 1970.) 193,472.50 6,200.00

FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF SEWER SYSTEM 116,395.17

FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF WATER SYSTEM 435,305.30  
Respective Totals of Appropriation and Levy 1,223,982.80 48,300.00

SECTION 2: That there be, and is, hereby levied against all taxable property within the corporate limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, for special purposes of said Village for the Fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May, 2002, the following amounts:

Items of Appropriation and Levy

	Appropriation	_____	Levied	_____
FOR VILLAGE AUDIT	4,200.00	4,750.00		
FOR PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND			15,000.00	
FOR PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ON EMPLOYEES			25,000.00	23,600.00
FOR PURCHASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			3,000.00	550.00
Respective Totals of Appropriation & Levy		47,200.00		28,900.00

SECTION 3: The Clerk of said Village is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of said County, a duly certified copy of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

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Upon roll call vote, as follows:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bill Hatch	X			
Bonnie Finn	X			
Jack Gallion	X			
Carole Jones	X			
Myrl Littlejohn	X			
Sherry Catt	X			

Passed, approved and published in pamphlet form by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, this 4th day of September, 2002.

Approved:  
Keith Waldrop, Mayor

ATTEST:  
LADORA BOYD, VILLAGE CLERK

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September 4, 2002

TRUTH IN TAXATION

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of Village of Oblong, and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is attached, was adopted pursuant to and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 through 7 of the "Truth in Taxation Act."

The notice and hearing requirements of Section 6 of the Act are (applicable or inapplicable).

The notice requirement of Section 7 is (applicable or inapplicable).

This certificate applies to the 2002 Levy.

Date: September 4th., 2002

Presiding Officer: Keith Waldrop

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Resolution 02-4

WHEREAS, the OBLONG HIGH SCHOOL is sponsoring a HOME COMING PARADE in the Village of Oblong which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this Homecoming Parade will require the temporary closure of Illinois Route 33, a State Highway in the Village of Oblong from Garfield Street to Washington Street

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong that permission to close off Route 33 from Grant Street to Jefferson Street as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM on October 18th, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose Homecoming Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)\*

The detour route shall be as follows: North Grant Street to Ohio Street to North Jefferson Street back Route 33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

\*To be used appropriately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the Village be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic though the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency situations to pass though the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all debris shall be removed by the Oblong High School prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Village Police as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an occasional break shall be made in the procession that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above. (Note: This paragraph is applicable when the Resolution pertains to a Parade or when no detour is required.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000.00 per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which as the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials,

employees and agents as insured and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate part of the conditions of said permission.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong this 4th day of September, 2002 , A.D.

Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Village Board President of the Village of Oblong this 4th day of September, 2002 , A.D.

Keith Waldrop, President

ATTEST:

Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Resolution 02-5

WHEREAS, the Oblong Community Club is sponsoring a Halloween Parade in the Village of Oblong which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this Halloween Parade will require the temporary closure of Illinois Route 33, a State Highway in the Village of Oblong from Legion Parkway to North Farley Road

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 if the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong that permission to close off Route 33 from West Legion Parkway to North Farley Road as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FUIRTFIER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time between 6:30 PM and 9:30 PM on October 26th, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of a Halloween Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to

the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)\*

The detour route shall be as follows: From Route 33 east of Oblong south on 300 E, west on 950 N continuing west on 935 N to 100 E, northward to Route 33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

\*To be used appropriately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the Village be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all debris shall be removed by the Oblong Community Club prior to reopening the State Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Village Police as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the Village of Oblong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above. (Note: This paragraph is applicable when the Resolution pertains to a Parade or when no detour is required.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Oblong shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000.00 per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which as the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents as insured and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate in part of the conditions of said permission.

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ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong this 4th day of September, 2002 , A.D.

Ladora C. Boyd, oblong Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Village Board President of the Village of Oblong this 4th day of September, 2002 , A.D

Keith Waldrop, President

ATTEST:  
Ladora C. Boyd, Oblong Village Clerk

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## SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

June 24,2002. Keith ask me to see what I could do to get the junk trailer off Shorty Price's lot.

This is what i have done.

July 1,2002. I talked with Jim Bradbury. He and his wife both said they did not get paid to remove the trailer. He was just being a good guy and doing a favor,

July 1,2002. I talked with Betty Bailey about the unpaid back taxes. They were still in Carrie Boyds name. Due to the trailer being unliveable, the county wrote the taxes off.

July 25,2002 Crawford County Health Department condemned the trailer. (copy is attached)

August 1,2002 Mike Munson returned my call. He would remove the trailer for \$150. no more than \$200.

August 10, 2002. Talked to Danny Stifle. Called back on the 12th. He definitely wanted the trailer and it can be taken to Bob Stifles in the old burris store area.

August 13,2002. Talked with Shorty for something in writing to verify that the trailer was not his, but he owned the lot. I received it on Aug. 22. (copy is Attached)

August 26,2002 Left Mike a message to remove it as soon as he can. He can call danny to make arrangements for it and the bill is to be made out to the village of Oblong.

After talking with all trustees, everyone said yes to do this. Thanks Guys.  
Don't know what we will talk about now.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Mayor

I would like to thank the city employees and the city for the work done at my residence, 506 West MAIN ST. A job done well and the cooperation was appreciated.

THANK YOU

?? Adams

(signature was un readable)

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September 23, 2002

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2002

Present: Chairperson Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Bill Hatch, Mayor Keith Waldrop and Police Chief Chad Pusey

The committee met in the Police Department Office on Monday, September 23rd at 12:35 pm to discuss the two items of business. The first item of business discussed was the New Loitering Ordinance to be considered for adoption at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The second item of business discussed was the application for the Full-time position that is open at this time. The Committee decided to having the following three candidates: Greg Coker, Adam Deckard and Greg Myers are to come to the next Board Meeting to be interviewed and possibly hired. It was also mentioned that the Chief's six month review would be at the next Board Meeting with a decision on his six month raise. There was some discuss about having our own Dare Officer. The meeting adjourned 1:10 pm.

Carole

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October 2, 2002

October 2, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 2nd, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.



Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Police Chief Chad Pusey, Mike Buhler (Robinson Daily News), Part-Time Officer Greg Coker, Custodian Byron Sanders, Julie Tull (Catholic Services), Jeanne Collenbaugh (Cellular One) and Mr. Collenbaugh. For The Executive Session: Adam Deckard, Greg Myers and Frank Weber (Village Attorney).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of September 4th and the Special Board Meeting minutes of September 23rd were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Jeanne Collenbaugh of Cellular One came before the board to ask permission to place a repeater on the water tower to increase reception for cell phones. She stated that Cellular One has recently put a repeater on the Crawford County Sheriff's Department for which Cellular One pays \$150 month leasing fee and has a three year lease. The decision was tabled until next month.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. There was some discussion about some habitual delinquent water bill customers and some problems with them. It was decided that the Water/Sewer Committee would have a meeting on Thursday, October 3rd, at 7:30 am, to discuss the matter further.
5. Julie Tull, from Catholic Services, came before the board to ask permission to use the Farley Room one day a week, Thursday, from 3 pm to 5 pm for meetings with a client Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to grant Julie permission to use the Farley Room on Thursday from 3 to 5 pm. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to table the signing of a contract with TowerLink America, LLC and signing a contract with Cellular One until next month due to some questions. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to set October 31st as Trick or Treat Night in Oblong with the hours being from 5 pm to 8 pm and only where porch lights are on. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to adopt Resolution #02-6 "Corporate Authorization". All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Carole, with a second by Jack, to adopt Ordinance #2002-0-446 "Amend Chapter 27, Offenses, Article II - Generally to Add Section 27-2-31 Loitering, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.
10. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith stated that this is the month to change the rate of pay for the Mayor's and Trustees' pay. Motion by Jack, with a second by Myrl, to leave the rate of pay for the Mayor's and Trustees' pay the same. All ayes, motion carried. Keith stated that he would be out of town on October 10th thru the 16th. Keith also stated that the Village has been sprayed for mosquitos on

September 10th and October 1st. October 11th is Fall Clean-up. The Mayor had received a letter from Ron Adams. (See attachment)

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

12. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Chief Pusey stated that he would have a safety check station set-up to check candy on Trick or Treat Night at the Police Department Office from 6 to 9 pm. School has ask about possibly having a Dare officer from OPD. Chief Pusey six month review was this month. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to give Chief Pusey a pay raise of \$15.71. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that everything is looking good.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: No Report.

F. Finance: Bill stated that there was nothing else.

14. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole, to enter into executive session to discuss the hiring of Full-Time Patrol Officer, at 8:20 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to come out of executive session at 9:05 pm. All ayes motion carried.

16. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to hire Greg Coker as the Full-Time Patrol Officer. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Jack, Myrl.

17. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to enter into executive session to discuss litigation against the Village, at 9:09 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

18. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to come out of executive session at 9:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

19. A motion to adjourn at 9:42 pm was made by Carole, with a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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OCTOBER 2, 2002

RESOLUTION 02-6

CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

By: VILLAGE OF OBLONG

I, Ladora C. Boyd, certify that I am Village Clerk of the above named corporation organized under the laws of State of Illinois, Federal Employer I.D. Number 3 7-6000664 , engaged in business under the trade name of Village of Oblong. This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong duly and properly called and held on October 2th. 2002. This resolution will appear in the minutes of this meeting and have not been rescinded or modified.

AGENTS Any agent listed below, subject to any written limitations, is authorized to exercise the powers granted as indicated below:

- A. Mayor Keith Waldrop
- B. Treasurer Jan Miller
- C. Finance Committee Chairperson Bill Hatch
- D. Finance Committee Member Sherry Catt
- E. Finance Committee Member Carole Jones

Other Trustees: Bonnie Finn, Jack Gallion and Myrl Littlejohn

POWERS GRANTED: Transfer of funds requires the signature of the treasurer or one of the others listed above.

Keith Waldrop  
Village President

Ladora C. Boyd  
Village Clerk

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OCTOBER 3, 2002

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Water committee met on Oct. 3 at 7:30 to discuss options on what to do about past due water customers. Bill suggested several things he thought might work. But these things have already been tried and done. Bottom line -nothing has worked. When people do not pay their bill on the extension date, gets their water shut off, they turn it back on themselves, Gary is to take the meter out. This is related to Kim Priest- Gary took her meter out in the afternoon on Oct. 3

Bonnie

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## November 6, 2002

November 6, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 6th, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Absent: Trustee Myrl Littlejohn.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Police Chief Chad Pusey, Mike Buhler (Robinson Daily News), Custodian Byron Sanders, Sgt. Larry Fear and Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of October 2nd were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Sherry. 5 ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Shannon Woodard, of Connor & Connor, Inc., came before the board to give an update on the water tower project. Shannon asked that the board pass a resolution authorizing a representative to sign loan documents. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to adopt Resolution #02-8 "Authorizing a representative to sign loan documents. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Shannon handed out an estimate of what it will possibly cost the Village to relocate some of the water main along Main Street (Illinois Route 33). Shannon stated that IDOT said that it looks like they will start mid to late summer of 2003. Shannon also stated that some of the work can be going on while IDOT is during their's. (See attached Estimate)

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6. Motion by Carole, with a second by Jack, to forget the contract with TowerLink America, LLC. 5 ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to let the VFW sell poppies at the 4-way stop on November 9th, from 9 am to 2 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to adopt Resolution #02-7 "Regarding the release of close session minutes". 5 ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith stated that this is the month that the Village's contract with Anewtrufax is due. Keith stated that the Village has the equipment so that Byron can spray around the outside of the Municipal Building and if Byron see that the Village needs to have spraying done on the inside, then he can called an exterminator. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to not renew the contract with Anewtrufax. 5 ayes, motion carried. Keith stated that Gary had done Rick White's 3-month evaluation. Gary stated that if any of the Trustees wanted to see the evaluation to let him know. Keith asked the trustees if they wanted to have an Employee and Trustee Christmas Party. The Trustees agreed that it would be nice to have a Christmas Party with the employees. The date is December 18th at 6 pm. Keith appointed Bonnie (Chairperson), Carole and Sherry as the committee to organize the party.

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

11. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. There was some discussion about the purchasing of a new police squad car. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to have Chief Pusey put an ad in the Oblong Gem for bids on a new squad car and that on November 20th Chief Pusey will look at all the bids and go with the lowest bid. 5 ayes, motion carried. The ad is to state the specification desired and that the Village reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. The ad is to run in Oblong Gem on November 13th and 20th. Chief Pusey stated that IDOT was having a Roadside Safety Check on November 29th that involves the Police Department.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry asked Gary if he had any problems with the campers out at the Park. Gary stated that he had no problems with the campers. Gary also stated that he thought October was one of best months of camping fee revenue. The board agreed to allow Byron to purchase a 7' Christmas Tree for the Activity Center. Bonnie asked for permission to use the Farley Room on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, and 31st of Friday of November, December, March and April for the Saddle Club. The board agreed to that. Bonnie stated that the community service are coming over to put up the Christmas lights out at the Park on Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th, unless it is raining.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack stated that there was some sidewalk repair done last month at the corner of North Wilson and West Ohio streets. Kenneth Russell was have some concrete run for his drive and had asked Gary if it would be all right to tear out the sidewalk and have it replaced. Gary said that

would be fine but to have the rest of the sidewalk done to the corner and the Village would reimburse Mr. Russell.

D. Street and Alley: Jack stated that Gary would like to put a whistle in where there is a deep ditch now in 700 block of South Garfield. The board agreed.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that Gary would like permission for he and Travis to attend a water treatment training session sponsor by Illinois Rural Water Association on Tuesday, November 26th. The Board granted permission. Bonnie also asked that Gary, Travis, Jason and Rick be allowed to attend a JULIE breakfast meeting in Olney on Thursday, January 9th and Dale be allowed to attend a JULIE breakfast meeting in Effingham on Wednesday, January 15th. The Board granted permission. Gary stated that the water department has had 4 major water leaks.

F. Finance: Bill asked Jan when she would be going to her institute. Jan stated that she would be going on November 19th, 20th and 21st to Champaign for Treasurer's Institute.

13. Bonnie asked about the letter that Frank Weber fax to the clerk on the litigation between the Village and Jean Ann Randolph. Keith stated that Frank Weber has 21 days to respond.

14. A motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm was made by Carole, with a second by Jack. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**NOVEMBER 6, 2002**

Resolution No. 02-7

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong have met from time to time in closed session for purposes authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Act, the Board has kept written minutes of all such closed sessions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Public Act 85-1355, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that the minutes of the August 7th-8th, 2002, meeting attached hereto no longer require confidential treatment and should be made available for public inspection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG:**

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SECTION ONE: The closed session minutes from August 7th-8th, 2002, attached hereto are hereby released.

SECTION TWO: That the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make said minutes available for inspection and copying in accordance with the standing procedures of the Clerk's Office

SECTION THREE: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 6th day of November, 2002.

APPROVED:  
Keith Waldrop. President

ATTEST:  
Ladora Boyd, Village Clerk

(SEAL)

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NOVEMBER 6, 2002

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ) ss. VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE  
VILLAGE OF OBLONG )

I, Ladora C. Boyd , Village Clerk of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following Resolution of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, published in pamphlet form by the authority of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, approved by the President, and published in pamphlet form according to law on this date, and that this Resolution is a true and perfect copy of that Resolution, 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 Oblong, Illinois this 6th day of November , 2002.

Ladora C. Boyd VILLAGE CLERK

(SEAL)

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NOVEMBER 6, 2002

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Project: VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
L17 1606

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A  
REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN  
LOAN DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION # 02-8

Whereas, application provisions for loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program for construction of public water supply facilities require that the VILLAGE of OBLONG authorize a representative to sign the loan application forms and supporting documents: therefore, be it resolved by the OBLONG VILLAGE BOARD of TRUSTEES that THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE CLERK are hereby authorized to sign all loan application forms and documents.

Resolved this 6th day of NOVEMBER , 2002.

Name Keith Waldrop

Title: Keith Waldrop, President

(Mayor, Village President, etc.)

Certified to be a true and accurate copy, passed and adopted on the above date.

Name: Ladora Boyd

Title: Ladora Boyd, Clerk

(Clerk, Secretary, etc.)

(SEAL)

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December 3, 2002

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2002

5:30 pm

Present: Chairperson Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Bill Hatch, Mayor Keith Waldrop, Police Chief Chad Pusey and Sgt. Larry Fear

1. Discussed hiring 2 part-time police officers. The Chief has some people interested that are already certified. Larry Fear will be leaving in January for the winter and our other part-time Scott Plummer is having knee surgery in December or February and may not be back.
  2. Chief will be gone to school January 13 17th in Marion, Illinois for field training school that is mandatory.
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3. January 22nd Oblong Police Department will be hosting a Drug ID for Street Officers from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Municipal Building.
4. A new squad car was ordered November 22nd, it is being made.
5. Equipment for new car is in.

Dismissed at 6:15 pm.

Carole

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## December 4, 2002

December 4, 2002

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 4th, 2002, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Treasurer Jan Miller and Village Clerk Ladora Boyd.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Mike Buhler (Robinson Daily News), Custodian Byron Sanders, and Chris Hinterscher (Flyod's Place).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
  2. The Regular Meeting minutes of November 4th were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.
  3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
  4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
  5. Chris Hinterscher came before the Board to request an extension of a half hour more than what the Board normally gives on New Year's Eve. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, to allow the two taverns in the Village to stay open until 1:30 am (last call at 1 am). All ayes, motion carried.
  6. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to give a Christmas Bonus to the Village employees (\$1 for Full-Time/Permanent and \$85 for Part-Time). All ayes, motion carried.
  7. The Mayor stated that this is the last year to pay Crawford County Development Association \$4,740 (\$3 x Village Population {1580}). There was some discussion on the matter of renewal.
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8. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to raise the camping fees from \$5/night to \$10/night starting April 1st, 2003. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith stated that the Employee and Trustee Christmas Party will be December 18th at 6 pm at the HiWay Cafe. Keith stated that Bonnie (Chairperson), Carole and Sherry (the committee) had been working on the party. Bonnie stated what the menu would be. Keith stated that Mr. Weber had sent a letter to the trustees and himself about the answer to the amended complaint of Jean Ann Randolph. Keith said that Shannon (Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc.) stated that he had not received any more requests from Illinois EPA for the water tower project. The mayor has been in contact with some representative about getting the Village some help with defraying the cost of the Route 33 project.

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that Keith had give her some information about checking to make sure that all the business in the Village were on are sales tax list from the state. Sherry stated that she is working on the list to do the checking with. Jan ask if it would alright for her to attend a Disaster Preparedness for Finance Workshop in Charleston on December 13th from 8:30 am to noon (12 pm). The Board granted Jan permission to go.

11. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that the Police Committee had a meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd. Everyone had a copy of the minutes (See Attached). Greg Coker is in schooling that is mandatory for 2 weeks. He started Monday, December 2nd. The Chief will be going to school from January 13th to the 17th, 2003, in Marion, Illinois, for field training school that is mandatory. On January 22nd, 2003, the Police Department will be hosting Drug Identification for street officers from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Municipal building. The board agreed to let the Chief start looking into hiring 2 Part-time Officers. Carole stated that the new squad car has been ordered.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry had received a letter of compliment on the park. Sherry read the letter to the board(See Attached). Sherry also stated that the Oblong Ruritans had donated 3 Christmas trees to be planted around the Santa House out at the park. It was mentioned that the new Christmas tree was up in the activity center.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Keith stated that while he was in Branson, Missouri, he noticed that they had done their sidewalk in blacktop. Keith said it was something to think about.

D. Street and Alley: No report.

E. Water and Sewer: No report.

F. Finance: Bill asked Jan if there was anything else that need to be discussed. Jan said there was nothing more.

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13. A motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm was made by Carole, with a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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December 2002

Donations for Park Playground Equipment

Elks	\$500.00	
Elks	200.00	
Oblong Chamber of Commerce		200.00
OblongGemCity	50.00	
First Crawford State Bank		150.00
Moyer / Mikeworth Reunion		100.00
Oblong Antique Tractor & Engine Club		200.00
Oblong Community Ruritan Club		200.00
Larry & Charlotte Sackrider		20.00 In Memory / Helen Cook
Bob & Sherry Catt		10.00 In Memory / Helen Cook
Dean & Betty Dart		15.00 In Memory / Helen Cook
Gene & Jane Dart		20.00 In Memory / Helen Cook
HomeTown Christmas	1,374.00	
OblongTownship	300.00	
HomeInterior	10.48	
PamperedChef	14.95	
Lisa Pinkston / Village Stitchery		100.00
Lewis Dozer Service - Wm Lewis		100.00
OblongLakeRestoration	200.00	

\$3,764.43

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POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2003  
5:15 pm

Present: Chairperson Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Bill Hatch, Mayor Keith Waldrop, Police Chief Chad Pusey and Trustee Bonnie Finn.

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1. Discussed the incident out at the Oblong Lake. It was stated that most the extra manpower was donated.
2. Chief stated that the new police car should be here in the next couple of weeks.
3. Discussed personnel and part-timers work waivers.
4. The chief will be gone January 13th - 17th for schooling for field training at Marion. This is a mandatory training for the Chief
5. The chief reported that there was fight on New Years back of Floyd's Place.
6. The committee feels that this years budget is still in good shape.
7. The chief stated that there is a Drug Enforcement Training Program in Batesville, Indiana, being sponsored by DEA at no charge from February 10th to February 14th.

Dismissed at 6:15 pm.

Carole

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## January 8, 2003

January 8, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 8th, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Sherry Catt and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Custodian Byron Sanders, Dennis New and Ron Tuel.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
  2. The Regular Meeting minutes of December 4th were approved with a motion by Jack and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.
  3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
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4. There was one delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Ron Tuel came before the board to ask for a two week extension. He stated that he would pay his water bill on January 23rd. The Board agreed to the extension.

5. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith stated that he and Tim Attaway talked to a factory outlet representative about having a factory outlet store in Oblong. The representative never called back. Keith stated that he had received a letter from Mediacom stating that they will be raising the rate on expanded channels by \$3.95, effective February 1st. There was some discussion about this topic.

6. Conservation Day will be May 7th, from 8 am to 3 pm. The Board agreed to the use of the Oblong Park for Conservation Day.

7. The mayor stated that the board had a copy of a memo from Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor Inc.) on the status of funds for the new water tower. The mayor asked the Police Chief about the divers and dogs at the Lake. The chief stated that the divers, dogs and their handlers were all volunteer.

8. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Keith stated that possible the Village will be able to transfer \$5,000 from water and sewer checking to their respective repos.

9. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report and an annual report for 2002. Carole stated that the Police Committee had a meeting on Monday, January 6th. Everyone had a copy of the minutes (See Attached). The Chief will be going to school from January 13th to the 17th, 2003, in Marion, Illinois, for field training school that is mandatory. On January 22nd, 2003, the Police Department will be hosting a Drug Identification for street officers from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Municipal building. Carole stated that the new squad car will be here in a couple of weeks. Carole stated that they just found out last night that the part-time officer from Indiana is no longer available due to the fact that he is moving back to California. The part-time officer from Jasper County is only available during the middle of the week. Carole stated that the Village may need to hire 3 or 4 part-time officers so as not to have a lot of overtime for Chief Pusey and Officer Coker. Carole stated that the meeting on February 14th that the Chief and Officer Coker were going to attend has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry had nothing to report. Keith stated that all the decorations were down and put away at the Park. Bonnie stated that all the Christmas lights are down and put away out at the Park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report.

D. Street and Alley: Jack stated that Dick Seamon had contacted him about making the corner of East Oklahoma and South Garfield a 4-way stop. The Chief stated that he had done some surveillance and saw no problem. He stated that he see no reason for making the corner a 4-way stop. Jack stated that there are some yield and stop signs needing to be replaced due to fading. The chief stated that there are some problems about the parking near the nutrition center.

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E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that there would be a meeting with Shannon Woodard of Connor Connor, Inc. either Monday, January 13th or Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30 am to discuss water tower. Bonnie stated that Gary would like for permission for him and Travis to attend Annual Technical Conference on February 25th and 27th (half day session on both days), in Effingham for continuing education credits for certification or recertification. The Board granted permission.

F. Finance: Bill asked Jan if there was anything else that need to be discussed. Jan said there was no anything more.

11. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Jack, to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:30 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to come out of executive session at 7:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to give Rick White a \$1/hour raise effective February 1st and that he will not receive another raise until May, 2004. All ayes, motion carried.

14. A motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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January 14, 2003

Water Committee Meeting

January 14, 2003  
7:30 am

Present: Committee Chairperson Bonnie Finn, Trustee Bill Hatch, Mayor Keith Waldrop, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter and Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc.

The EPA is requesting a revised copy of our water ordinance incorporated with the standard ordinance they use. When they receive it (hopefully) our loan application should be approved within a matter of days. Keith and Shannon will meet with Frank Weber (Village Attorney) on January 18 at 8:15 am to revise the ordinance. This will be voted on at a special meeting on January 23 at 4 pm.

Gary will meet with Frank on Wednesday, January 15 to go over an agreement for mutual aid with Robinson and Hardinville. This will be voted on at the February Board meeting.



Gary also suggested raising sewer tap on fees to \$200. They are currently \$150. This would help recover material costs. This will be discussed at the February meeting, tabled 30 days and voted on at the March meeting.

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## January 23, 2003

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

January 23, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met for special session on January 23rd, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Sherry Catt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Frank Weber (Village Attorney) and Police Chief Chad Pusey.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4 PM by Mayor Waldrop.
2. Mr. Weber went over the differences between what the village already has in an ordinance that regulates water service and establishing water services charges and what the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) model ordinance regulating water service and establishing water services charges. There were some changes in the wording on pages 2 and 6.
3. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-447 "An ordinance regulating water service and establishing water services charges for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Carole, Myrl.  
Abstains: Sherry. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, to adjourn at 4:22 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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## February 5, 2003

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February 5, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 5th, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Myrl Littlejohn, Trustee Sherry Catt and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Patrol Officer Greg Coker, Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Custodian Byron Sanders, Demaree New, Melody Woods and Jessica Courtney.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Waldrop. The Mayor asked that those present at the meeting observe a moment of silence for the Columbia Space Shuttle crash victims.
  2. The Regular Meeting minutes of January 8th and Special Board Meeting minutes of January 23rd were approved with a motion by Carole and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.
  3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
  4. There were two delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Melody Woods came before the Board to ask for an extension. She stated that she would pay her water bill on February 20th. Jessica Courtney came before the Board to ask for an extension. She stated that she would pay her water bill on February 7th. The Board agreed to both of the extensions.
  5. Keith stated that he had asked Gary to go over the following ordinances. Gary went over the high points of all the ordinances. Keith asked if there were any questions from the Board.
  6. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-448 "An ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Utilities, Article IV - Utility Rates, Division III - Sewer Rates, Section 38-4-16, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.
  7. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to table the ordinance dealing with a render aid agreement until the March 5th Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
  8. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-449 "A Water Conservation Ordinance for the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.
  9. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to permit the Labor Local #1280 to collect donation at the 4-way stop on Saturday, May 17th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Myrl and Sherry. Nays: Carole. Motion carried.
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10. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith stated that all the departments need to start working on their individual budgets. The budgets need to be turned in to Ladora by 12:30 pm on March 19th. Keith stated that this year's total budget was \$975,000.00, he would like for next year's budget to be at \$900,000.00. Keith stated that he had received a letter from Illinois EPA stating that they had received the ordinance that the Village had passed on January 23rd and were happy with it. The Village's EPA loan will be for up to \$750,000.00. Keith stated that the trustees had a copy of the estimate cost of the South Range Project, which is \$121, 193.06 (\$85,000.00 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund and the rest from Street & Alley [General 2]). {See attached Estimate} Bill asked what the County's dedication to this project was. Gary stated that the County would work on their portion on south for another 200 feet.

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she would look at the checking account balances after all the bills were in and then after the last payroll for this month to see if there can be any transfers from checking accounts to the respective repos.

12. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements. Ayes: Bill, Carole and Sherry. Nays: Jack and Myrl. Abstains: Bonnie. Motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that the Police Chief will be going to school in May sometime for field training school that is mandatory. Carole stated that the Drug Identification for street officers that was schedule for January 22nd, 2003 has been reschedule for March 10th, 2003, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Municipal building. Carole stated that the Chief will be advertising the sale of the 1991 Chevy squad car by sealed bids to be open at the March 5th Board Meeting. The sealed bids will be accepted until 4 pm on February 28th, 2003. The agenda will read that any and all bids may be accepted or rejected. The Chief stated that he had had some citizen ask if they could ride with a police officer while they are on duty. The Mayor did not think this would be a good idea, but he did encourage the Trustees to ride with them sometime to see what all done during a shift.

B. Buildings and Park: Jack stated that Byron had been approached about having a baby changing station in the women's restroom. Byron stated that he had talked to Chad Fisher of LinCo Services, Inc. and got a price of \$176.00 for the changing station and \$69.00 for Protective liners (320 per carton). Jack is opposed to this idea. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to purchase one baby changing station. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Myrl and Sherry. Nays: Jack. Motion carried.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report.

D. Street and Alley: Keith stated that the committee met on January 29th at 8:30 am. (See attached minutes).

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that there have been a lot of water leaks this past month. The committee met on January 14th at 7:30 am. (See attached minutes).

F. Finance: Bill asked Jan if there was anything else that needed to be discussed. Jan said there was nothing more.

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14. A motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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March 5, 2003

March 5, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 5th, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Myrl Littlejohn.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Part-time Patrol Officer Bill Rutan, Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Michael Compton (Tom's son), Custodian Byron Sanders, Debi Wilson, Cory Utterback(Connor & Connor, Inc.) and Lisa Ulrey. For Executive Session: Norma Carder.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
  2. The Regular Meeting minutes of February 5th were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Bill. 5 ayes, motion carried.
  3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
  4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
  5. Cory Utterback came to the board meeting to give an update on the Water Tower Project. He asked for the go ahead to advertise for bids on the Water Tower Project. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to give Connor & Connor, Inc. the go ahead to advertise. 5 ayes, motion carried. The advertising will start no later than Friday, March 14th, 2003. The bids will be open Monday, April 21st, 2003, at 1 pm.
  6. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-450 "An ordinance to approve an agreement to render aid to the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois." 5 ayes, motion carried.
  7. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to give the Mayor permission to sign the Render Aid Agreement. 5 ayes, motion carried.
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8. Lisa Ulrey came before the board to ask for donations to the Crawford County Youth Alliance (Lunch Buddy Program). No action was taken.

9. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Resolution #03-1 "Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code." 5 ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to adopt Resolution #03-2 "Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. 5 ayes motion carried.

11. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith wanted to thank the board for making good decisions on the Water Tower Project and the South Range Project. Keith said that he felt it would be a good idea to have a pop machine installed on the south side of the back doors into the building. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole, to put a pop machine on the outside of the building. 5 ayes, motion carried.

12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she thought that the Village could take \$5,000 out of the sewer checking account and put in the sewer repo; also \$10,000 out of the water checking account and put in the water repo.

13. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills or any bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements. 5 ayes, motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole said that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole opened the bids for the 1991 Chevy Caprice. There were six bids as follows: Warren Stephens (\$1050), Johnny Wiseman (\$500), Herman F. Calvert (\$303), Byron Sanders (\$1,005), Lonnie Wall (\$513) and Steve Postlewait (\$600). Motion by Carole, with a second by Jack, to award the bid for the 1991 Chevy Caprice to Warren Stephens. 5 ayes, motion carried. Mr. Stephens will need to bring a Cashier's Check for \$1,050.00 on Wednesday, March 12th by noon. Carole said that the Drug Identification for street officers that will be this Monday, March 10th, 2003, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Municipal building. Carole said that the trustees could come and have refreshments and attend the seminar. Carole said the new squad car is being decal and should be done by noon on Thursday, March 6th, 2003. Carole said that the committee had a meeting Tuesday, March 4th, 2003 at 5:15 pm to discuss the budget for the police department.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry said that the committee will have a meeting on March 13th, 2003, at 5:15 pm to go over the budget for park and the building.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack said that Gary had brought to Jack's attention that a small section of sidewalk has raised in front of Terry's Flower shop. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to give Gary permission to go ahead and have the sidewalk fixed. 5 ayes, motion carried.

D. Street and Alley: No report.

E. Water and Sewer: No report.

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F. Finance: Bill asked Jan if there was anything else that needed to be discussed. Jan said there was nothing more.

15. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole to go in to executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate at 7:57 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to come out of executive session at 9:20 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried. Bill stated that no action was taken on the discussion.

17. A motion to adjourn at 9:22 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**Illinois Department  
of Transportation**

**Resolution for Improvement by  
Municipality Under the Illinois  
Highway Code**

Construction

BE IT RESOLVED, by the PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the  
Council or President and Board of Trustees  
VILLAGE of OBLONG Illinois  
City, Town or Village

that the following described street(s) be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

Name of Thoroughfare	Route	From	To
SOUTH RANGE STREET		MAIN STREET	SOUTH CORP LIMITS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That the proposed improvement shall consist of WIDENING AND RESURFACING WITH STORM DRAINAGE

and shall be constructed 28 FEET wide  
and be designated as Section 03-00011-00-WR

2. That there is hereby appropriated the (additional  Yes  No) sum of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND  
Dollars ( \$85,000.00 ) for the  
improvement of said section from the municipality's allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funds.

3. That work shall be done by CONTRACT; and,

Specify Contract or Day Labor  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

APPROVED

Date

Department of Transportation

District Engineer

I, LADORA BOYD Clerk in and for the  
VILLAGE of OBLONG

City, Town or Village  
County of CRAWFORD, hereby certify the

foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted  
by the PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Council or President and Board of Trustees  
at a meeting on March 5, 2003

Date  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

6th day of March, 2003

(SEAL)

*Ladora C. Boyd*

Clerk  
City, Town or Village



BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board Trustees of the (Council or President and Board of Trustees)

Village of Oblong, Illinois, that there is hereby (City, Town or Village) (Name)

appropriated the sum of \$ 40,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those streets, highways, and operations as listed and described on the approved Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the period as given above, submit to the Department of Transportation, on forms furnished by said Department, a certified statement showing expenditures from and balances remaining in the account(s) for this period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall immediately transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation, at Effingham, Illinois.

I, Miss Ladora C. Boyd, Clerk in and for the Village (City, Town or Village)

of Oblong, County of Crawford

hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the President and Board of Trustees at a meeting on March 5th, 2003. (Council or President and Board of Trustees)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of March A.D. 2003.

(SEAL) Ladora C. Boyd Village Clerk (City, Town or Village)

APPROVED Department of Transportation District Engineer

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# April 2, 2003

April 2, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 2nd, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Myrl Littlejohn.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Sgt. Larry Fear, Custodian Byron Sanders, Debi Wilson, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem) and Demaree New, Kip Davis and Sharon Preston.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
  2. The Regular Meeting minutes of March 5th were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Bonnie. 5 ayes, motion carried.
  3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
  4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
  5. Kip Davis (Crawford County 4-H) came before the board to ask permission to tear out the old 4-H wash rack and build a new wash rack with a fence around it. Mr. Davis said that the new wash rack would measure about 35' x 60'. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to allow the 4-H to tear down the old rack and build a new one. 5 ayes, motion carried.
  6. Sharon Preston came before the board to talk about the horseshoe pits and the need for upkeep. She stated that she and her husband have been doing most of the upkeep. They would like some help from the Village. The board decided to maintain only four sets of horseshoe pits.
  7. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to go into executive session at 7:17 pm to discuss personnel. 5 ayes, motion carried.
  8. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to come out of executive session at 7:30 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.
  9. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-451 "Payroll Ordinance" which gives a \$0.35/ hour raise to all employees with the exceptions of the custodian (\$1/hour raise), police sergeant (\$1/hour raise) and Utility Worker (no raise). Ayes: Bill, ,Bonnie, Carole and Sherry. Nays: Jack. Motion carried.
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10. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to adopt the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2004. 5 ayes, motion carried.

11. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith asked that the Village Board give permission for the St. Jude Bike-a-thon on April 26th from 9 am to 12 pm (Noon). Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Carole, to allow the bike-a-thon. 5 ayes, motion carried. The mayor stated that SpringFest would be May 8th, 9th and 10th. This is the sixth year for the SpringFest. Rain or Shine there will be Fireworks. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the park for SpringFest. 5 ayes, motion carried. Keith stated that on May 2nd at 1:30 pm the bids will be opened for the Water Tower Project. The mayor also stated that the committees will be changed effective May 1st. On March 26th, the mayor was in Springfield and talk to some of the state representatives asking for help with the Route 33 Project. Spring Clean-Up will be April 11th. The mayor called to talk with Jamax about some problems that the Village is having with pick-up. The mayor, clerk and Trustee Gallion will be canvassing the Votes will be Friday, April 4th at 10 am.

12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that the Village had made their first principal interest payment to USDA Rural Development. She feels that the Village can now put the Water Bonds & Interest and the Water Reserve accounts into repos instead of a savings account, since these are accumulating a higher fund balance. Jan stated that after all the bills are in this month, she will see if there is a sufficient balance to transfer funds to their respective repos.

13. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills and bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. 5 ayes, motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole said that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that the fines are doubled from last month. Carole stated that the Chief had gone around and talked to all the Village board members about changes needed in the Police Policy and Procedure Manuals. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to change wording of the Police Policy and Procedures Manual. 5 ayes, motion carried. The Chief stated that he would update all the manuals with the new wording.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there was a light burned out at the entrance to the park. Possibly the Village will have an open house late June or early July at the new shop building. Gary stated that he had worked a deal with the Crawford County 4-H that Gary and his guys will be taking the old concrete out with the understanding that the Crawford County 4-H will buy some supplies for Gary and his guys to make a concrete pad for pipes to lay on and other item stored on pallets.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: There have been some problems with parking down at the grade school. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to put up sign stating no parking from South Washington Street to South Jefferson Street on the south side of West Missouri Street. 5 ayes, motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: Bonnie stated that Gary and his guys will be flushing hydrants later on this month.

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F. Finance: Bill asked Jan if there was anything else that needed to be discussed. There was nothing more.

15. A motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Carole. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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MAY 1, 2003

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-0-451

AN ORDINANCE SETTING AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF PAYMENT FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OBLONG, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2003, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2004.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Acting President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois:

Section 1. The rates of pay for the various employees in the following classifications shall be the base rate listed below:

CLASSIFICATION NAME	BASE RATE PER HOUR	
Superintendent of Public Works	Gary Lanter	\$ 16.06
Assistant Superintendent	Travis Smith	13.85
Utility Worker (A)	Rick White	11.50
Meter Reader/Utility Worker (B)	Jason Garrard	12.50
Water Office Administrator	Dale Davis	11.85
Village Treasurer	Jan Miller	13.76
Village Clerk	Ladora Boyd	10.85
Custodian	Byron Sanders	11.20
Chief of Police	Chad Pusey	16.06
Patrolman	Greg Coker	12.35
Sergeant	Larry Fear	12.14
Patrolman(PT-A)	Scott Plummer	11.49
Patrolman(PT-B)	Bill Rutan	10.85

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May 7, 2003

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The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 7th, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Sgt. Larry Fear, Custodian Byron Sanders, Tom Compton (Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Dale Davis, Martha Waldrop, Judy Shoffstall, Rich Shoffstall, Kelly Atkins, Norman Allen and Patrol Officer Greg Coker.

1. The clerk swore in Debi Wilson, Bonnie Finn, Bill Hatch and Sherry Catt as Trustees.
  2. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
  3. The Regular Meeting minutes of April 2nd were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.
  4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
  5. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.
  6. The Ray Atkins Family came before the board, Kelly stated that the family was appreciative to the town of Oblong for what it meant to their parents, Ray and Alberta Atkins. Kelly also stated that the reason the family came to the meeting was that the family is looking for a way to give back to the community by donating the lot their father owned in the 300 block of South Range for a park like setting to the Village. The family has made arrangements to have the building on the lot torn down and will have grass seeded, plant some trees, get a couple of benches and a monument in memory of the parent; then give it to the Village. The Village will then keep it up. The mayor wanted to table any decision on the proposal for 30 days. Trustee Hatch stated that the mayor could not table an issue, but the board could. The board discussed the proposal and decided to accept the donation with a motion by Jack and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.
  7. Shannon came before the board to talk about the Water Tower Projects bids. (See attached letter from Shannon to the mayor.) In the letter, Shannon stated that it was his recommendation that the Village make a "motion of intent" to award the contacts. Motion of intent by Jack, with a second by Bill, to award the contacts for the Water Tower Projects to the following: Section I. - Elevated Water Storage Tank to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. from Louisville, Kentucky for \$446,500.00; Section II. - Booster Station & Water Main to David L. Krick Building Contractor from Oblong, Illinois for \$123,451.86; and Section III. - Dismantling of Existing Water Tower to Oblong, Illinois, for \$12,775.00 subject to funding. All ayes, motion carried.
  8. Motion by Sherry, with second by Carole, to change the wording on the age of mobile homes brought into the Village from construct after December 31, 1983 to construct 20 years or newer.(Chapter 23, Section 23-1-1 "Manufactured Home") All ayes, motion carried.
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9. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to go into executive session at 7:25 pm to discuss personnel. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to come out of executive session at 8:00 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, upon Gary's recommendation to hire Derek Yager, Jess Randolph and Nick Inboden as Summer Help. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Under Mayor's Comments, Keith asked that the Village Board give permission for the Eastern Illinois Sportsman Club be allow to hold a Fishing Rodeo on June 14th from 9 am to 11:30 am. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bonnie, to allow the fishing rodeo. All ayes, motion carried. The mayor stated that G & W Stone Works (Roger Gibbons) donated an engraved stone to the Oblong Mini Park Ruritan's donated \$500 to the Mini Park. On June 7th at 6 pm, the Lake Committee will be holding a Garden party. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie to close from Ron Westall's Drive to the road going to the horse arena. All ayes, motion carried. The mayor mention that there will be spraying for mosquitoes this month. The mayor ask to have a notice put in the paper for weeds, garbage, autos a animals plus add "No person shall liter or deposit any foreign matter including grass clippings on any streets or sidewalks". The board approve of the notice in the paper. The mayor stated that there will be a conference for Newly Elected Officials in Collinsville, Illinois, on June 13th and 14th, for anyone of the board that wants to attend; need to let the mayor or Ladora know by Wednesday, May 14th. Keith stated that the Meter Reader's Truck for \$292 over state bid the Village to buy locally and get a better package deal. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to purchase the truck locally. All ayes, motion carried. The Shriner's will be using the sidewalks in front of the Oblong IGA and Harmon's to pass out info on a mini clinic in Robinson. Keith stated that the Shriner's will be sending a certificate of insurance with the Village as an addition insured. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry to grant the Shriner's permission. All ayes, motion carried. Keith stated that IML Risk Management is asking that all municipalities ask for certificates of insurance from individuals or group that want use any Village owned property or street. Keith stated that Norman Allen had approached him about volunteers to help servicemen's family, while the servicemen are overseas, with odd jobs. This will be coordinated through the Robinson American Legion. Keith asked the board if they would like for the Village to sponsor a hole for the Oblong Chamber of Commerce and Senator Dale Righter golf outings. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to sponsor a hole for the Oblong Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing at \$100/ a hole. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Sherry and Debi. Nays: Jack. Motion carried.

13. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to adopt the Village Investment Policy. All ayes, motion carried. Sherry asked Jan about her training session. Jan stated that the Village will be receiving a check for overpayment on the Village's Sewer Bonds. Jan talked about the Cash for Dash.

14. Motion by Debi, with a second by Carole, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Keith said that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that with everyone looking at the monthly report it shows why the Village should have a third full-time officer.

Carole stated that the Chief and possibly another officer will be attending a Meth Lab Class in Lawrenceville on May 14th sponsored by the Mobile Training Unit. Click or Ticket will be May 19th thru June 1st. The Chief said there will also be a county wide dealing with DUI and other traffic violations.

B. Buildings and Park: No Report.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: The Chief was approached about speeding in front of the Kid's Kingdom Preschool and Daycare on West Missouri Street. The Chief suggested that the Village make West Missouri Street from South Adams to South Jefferson a School Zone and also make it so that there is no parking from South Adams Street to South Jefferson Street on the south side of West Missouri Street. The motion was made by Jack, with a second by Bill, to make West Missouri Street from South Adams to South Jefferson Street a school zone and also have no parking on the south side of West Missouri Street from South Adams Street to South Washington Street. All ayes, motion carried. Keith stated David Connor stopped in and stated that IDOT will be here tomorrow to look over the South Range Street Project.

E. Water and Sewer: No Report.

F. Finance: Bill asked Jan if there was anything else that needed to be discussed. There was nothing more. Jan stated that there is a bill that will require any municipality to tape or video close session. Keith stated that it has not passed yet.

16. Bonnie had a comment about the budget for this fiscal year and the advertisement for another full time police officer.

17. A motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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MAY 1, 2003

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
General Fund  
Law Enforcement Department # 1  
Proposed Budget  
2003-2004

Expenditures: 2003-2004  
4010 Salaries 129,400.00  
4210 Utilities 2,000.00

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4220	Insurance	18,600.00	
4240	Education & Training		4,000.00
4301	Professional Expense	1,500.00	
4340	Publication	500.00	
4341	Dues	500.00	
4306	Major Projects	.00	
4390	Clothing Allowance	3,000.00	
4550	Supplies & Materials		1,500.00
4560	Fuel Expense	5,500.00	
4561	Vehicle & Equipment Repair		1,500.00
4230	Office	1,500.00	
4920	Radio Fees	3,550.00	
4940	Capital Outlay	1,000.00	
4910	Miscellaneous	2,500.00	

Total Expenditures 176,550.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

General Fund

Street & Alley #2

Proposed Budget

2003-2004

Expenditures: 2003-2004

4010	Salaries	42,800.00	
4122	Contractor	8,000.00	
4210	Utilities	16,000.00	
4220	Insurance	9,500.00	
4340	Publication	250.00	
4341	Dues	0.00	
4306	Major Projects	57,194.00	
4390	Clothing Allowance	250.00	
4550	Supplies & Materials		9,000.00
4560	Gas	2,800.00	
4561	Vehicle & Equipment Repair		2,700.00
4565	Sidewalks	16,473.00	
4566	Equipment Rental	500.00	
4570	Storm Sewer & Drainage	2,500.00	
4910	D&A Testing	600.00	
4940	Capital Outlay	4,350.00	

Total Expenditures 172,917.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

General Fund

Building #3

Proposed Budget

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2003-2004

Expenditures: 2003-2004

4010	Salaries	64,100.00	
	Trustees	9,600.00	
4210	Utilities	7,000.00	
4220	Insurance	21,350.00	
4230	Office	4,000.00	
	4240 Education & Training	6,600.00	
4300	Engineering/CleanUp	1,000.00	
4301	Professional	15,000.00	
4306	Major Projects	10,000.00	
4340	Publication	1,250.00	
4341	Dues	1,250.00	
4552	Operations/Building	0,000.00	
4910	Other	5,000.00	
4940	CapitalOutlay	11,500.00	
Total	Expenditures	167,650.00	

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

General Fund

Park #4

Proposed Budget

2003-2004

Expenditures: 2003-2004

4122	Contractor	1,175.00	
4210	Utilities	9,000.00	
4220	Insurance	500.00	
	4550 Supplies & Materials	2,800.00	
4560	Gas	400.00	
	4561 Vehicle & Equipment Repair	600.00	
4566	EquipmentRental	500.00	
4940	CapitalOutlay	11,270.00	
Total	Expenditures	26,245.00	

VILLAGE OF OBLONG

General Fund

TIE Fund #5

Proposed Budget

2003-2004

Expenditures: 2003-2004

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4200 Expense	2,000.00
Total	2,000.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
Sewer Fund  
Proposed Budget  
2003-2004

Expenditures: 2003-2004

4010	Salaries	36,500.00	
4122	Contractor	7,600.00	
4210	Utilities	4,000.00	
4220	Insurance	7,750.00	
4230	Office	500.00	
4240	Education & Training	500.00	
4300	Engineering	1,200.00	
4301	Professional	800.00	
4302	Lab, Testing & UPS	2,000.00	
4306	Major Projects	5,500.00	
4340	Publication	100.00	
4341	Dues	125.00	
4390	Clothing Allowance	250.00	
4550	Supplies & Materials	12,000.00	
4560	Gas	300.00	
4561	Vehicle & Equipment Repair	350.00	
4565	Equipment Rental	500.00	
4910	Miscellaneous	350.00	
4940	Capital Outlay	8,680.00	
Total	Expenditures	89,005.00	

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
Water Fund  
Proposed Budget  
2003-2004

Expenditures: 2003-2004

4010	Salaries	82,500.00	
4122	Contractor	8,000.00	
4210	Utilities	5,000.00	
4220	Insurance	22,150.00	
4230	Office	7,000.00	
4240	Education & Training	750.00	

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4300	Engineering	5,000.00
4301	Professional	4,500.00
4302	Lab, Testing & UPS	1,200.00
4306	Major Projects	6,800.00
4340	Publication	500.00
4341	Dues	500.00
4390	Clothing Allowance	500.00
4550	Supplies & Materials	13,000.00
4560	Gas	2,400.00
4561	Vehicle & Equipment Repair	1,000.00
4565	Equipment Rental	500.00
4700	Water Purchases	130,000.00
4910	Miscellaneous	2,000.00
4940	Capital Outlay	8,900.00
Total	Expenditures	302,200.00

VILLAGE OF OBLONG  
 Motor Fuel Tax Fund  
 Proposed Budget  
 2003-2004

Expenditures: 2003-2004

4120 Maintenance Streets  
 4550 Supplies & Materials  
 4565 Equipment Rental

Total Expenditures  
 Resolution Figure (General Maintenance) 40,000.00  
 Resolution Figure (South Range Project) 85,000.00  
  
 Total Resolution Figure 125,000.00

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**June 4, 2003**

June 4, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 4th, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

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Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Sgt. Larry Fear, Custodian Byron Sanders, Tom Compton (Daily News), David Connor (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Dale Davis, Linda Cravens (Oblong Gem), Amy Christman, Stacie Pohl, Kate Henderson and Kim Priest.  
Executive Session: Jeremy Robertson, Elise Nave, Kristin Avery and Randy Pine.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
  2. The Regular Meeting minutes of May 7th were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.
  3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
  4. There were two delinquent water bill customers asking for extensions at the meeting this month. Peggy Williams can not be at the meeting so she left a note with Dale to present to the board. In her note, Mrs. Williams stated that she had a water bill due in the amount of \$111.54. She wanted an extension until Friday, June 13th. The board granted the extension. Kim Priest came before the board to ask for an extension until Tuesday, June 10th. The board granted the extension.
  5. David Connor came before the board with the results of the bid letting for the South Range Street Project. There was only one bid sent in. There was some discussion on the subject before the vote. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole to award the South Range Street Project to Kieffer Brothers Construction Company, Inc. of Mt. Carmel, Illinois for the amount of \$160,700.37. Ayes: Bonnie, Jack, Carole, Sherry and Debi. Abstain: Bill. Motion carried.
  6. Motion by Sherry, second by Bill, to adopt ordinance #2003-0-456 "Prevailing Wage". All ayes, motion carried.
  7. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to adopt ordinance #2003-0-457 "Appropriation". All ayes, motion carried.
  8. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the Lake Committee's Garden Party will be Saturday, June 7th at 6 pm (meal) and 7 pm entertainment. Tickets are on sale until Thursday, June 5th.  
b.) The mayor stated that at 506 East Indiana Street that weeds as tall as the board room table. He contacted the bank that is supposed to have possession of the property, the bank stated that they do not have possession. Keith asked the board about hiring someone to mow the property and then put a lien on it to recover the cost. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to hire someone to mow at 506 East Indiana Street and have the attorney put a lien on the property to recover the cost of mowing and attorney's fee. All ayes, motion carried.  
c.) Keith stated that Eastern Illinois Sportsman Club will be holding a Fishing Rodeo on June 14th from 9 am to 11:30 am.  
d.) Keith called Shannon Woodard to ask about the Water Tower Project funding. Shannon stated to Keith that the EPA was reviewing the bids today, what EPA had looked at were fine. In a week or two, the Village can officially award the bids on the Water Tower Project.
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e.) Joy Fitzmaurice contacted Keith about a tree on her property (406 North Wilson Street) that could be a hazard. She would like to have the tree removed. The tree is also located on Village right-of-way. Gary and Jack have went up and looked at the tree. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to have the tree removed and the Village will pay 50% of the bill and Ms. Fitzmaurice will pay the other 50%.

f.) Keith gave some figures for the board to think about. In Fiscal Year 2001, the Village received \$120.38/per capita. In Fiscal Year 2002, the Village received \$111.50/per capita. In Fiscal Year 2003, the Village received \$103.11/ per capita. In Fiscal Year 2004, the Village is to receive \$97.00 (estimated)/ per capita. The Village's population is 1580.

g.) Keith stated that there will be two new signs for the Oblong High School Math Team getting 2nd place in the state contest this year.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she will be contacting the banks for bids on the CD's that are coming due next month. Jan stated that right now the Village should hold off on transferring any money from checking to CD's.

10. Keith stated that the General Maintenance of the Streets bid letting was this morning. Bid were awarded to Lee Kintner & Sons, Inc. - Group 1 (Bit Materials{Seal Coat} & Seal Coat Aggregate CA-16{Crushed Stone}); Ambraw Asphalt, Inc. - Group 2 (Bit. Patch Mix); Jerry Ping Trucking, Inc. - Group 3 (Aggregate CA-6{Crushed Stone}) and Group 4 (Aggregate CA-3{Crushed Stone}); and Energy Culvert - Group 5 (Pipe Culverts TY1 10" Corr. Steel & Pipe Culverts TY1 12" Corr. Steel).

11. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole said that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that the committee met on May 29th to interview 6 applicants for the officers position. The committee would like to hire 2 full-time officers. Carole stated that the Chief and Sgt. Fear will be attending an Anti-terrorism training session in Olney on June 11th sponsored by the Mobile Training Unit. The Chief and Sgt. Fear will also be attending a Search and Seize training session in Robinson on June 27th.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there had been some trees and shrubs planted to replace some trees and shrubs that had died over the winter. Sherry also stated that there were 6 evergreen trees planted around the Santa House and had been purchased by the Oblong Ruritan. Corky Bolton purchased two small pine trees in memory of her husband.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that there is some repair work needed on the sidewalk on first block of South Range Street. There was a much needed repair done on the street at East Florida Street and South Range Street.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

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E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that there will be a wastewater training session around the first part of July sponsored by IRWA, in St. Elmo, Gary or Travis or both of them would like to attend. Later this month there is a session on hydrants and valves at Shebyville that Gary and Travis would like to attend if their schedules will let them. The board approved.

F. Finance: Jan stated that she would be attending the Illinois Municipal Treasurer's Conference on June 29th thru July 1st at Tinley Park (near Chicago). Debi stated that the auditor will be meeting with the committee before the board meeting next month at 6 pm.

13. Bonnie wanted to clear up a misunderstanding about some lighted decorations purchased. The Lighting Committee had approached the Mayor about the Village paying half on some lighted decorations for the Park at Christmas time.

14. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to go into executive session at 8 pm to discuss personnel. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to come out of executive session at 9:05 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to hire Randy Pine and Kristin Avery as full-time officers and Elise Nave as a part-time officer. All ayes, motion carried.

17. A motion to adjourn at 9:08 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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July 2, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 2nd, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Tom Moore (Kemper CPA), Jodi Machtley (Kemper CPA) and Rep. Roger Eddy.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.

2. The Regular Meeting minutes of June 4th and Special Meeting minutes of June 9th were approved with a motion by Carole and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.

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3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Keith stated that there was a water bill customer who came to him with a problem about the bill. Keith stated that the Water/Sewer Committee would be meeting soon and they would look into the problem.

5. Shannon Woodard stated that the loan and application had been approved by IEPA and has gone ahead and issued a notice of award to the contractors. Shannon came before the board to ask the board to give permission to the Mayor Keith Waldrop and the Clerk Ladora Boyd to execute agreements involved with the Water Tower Project. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to grant permission for the Mayor and the Clerk to execute agreements on the Water Tower Project. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon also brought the first set of invoices (Design{80%}, Right of Ways, Applications, Soil Borings and Tower Site Survey) for the board to approve for payment after the invoice are approved by the IEPA and the Village receives the disbursement check from IEPA. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to approve the invoices present at the meeting for payment. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon also asked that the Board approve the request for disbursement for the EPA loan. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to approve the request for disbursement in the amount of \$54, 819.96. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Tom Moore of Kemper CPA, the Village's Auditor, came before the Board to present a summary of the Village's Audit for Fiscal Year 2003. He also introduced Jodi Machtley, who actually did the audit this year for the Village. He gave the Board copies of the Audit which included graphs showing the Village's financial status. Tom stated that the Village's revenue was down due to state tax cut backs and low interest rates. Tom stated that the Village is still in good financial shape. Tom said that if any of the Trustees had questions for them to feel free to call him at Kemper and he would answer the questions. There was some discussion on the Five Year Plan.

7. Rep. Roger Eddy came before the Board to introduce himself to the Board and stated that anytime there were some questions about legislation or problems or issues that he could help with to contact his office in Springfield or Hutsonville. He is trying to visit all the communities that he represents this summer and fall.

8. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, to approve the mobile home permit submitted by Randy Pine. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments:

a.) Keith stated that the Village has two repos coming due July 22nd (General & Water). The repos will need to be let for bids and open the bids before the next board meeting (August 6th). Jan will send out letters for bids on the repos. The letters will state that the bids have to be back to the Village no later than July 31st. Finance Committee will have a meeting on July 31st at 5:15 pm, to open the bids and decide where the best rate is. The committee will then let the rest of the board know and refinance the repos with the best rate.

b.) Keith stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Weber, Village's Attorney, about the dismissal of Jean A. Randolph's suit with the Village thru the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

c.) Keith stated that the Village has gotten the New Meter Reader Truck. Keith said that the Village will be putting the Old Meter Reader Truck up for sealed bids. The bids will be opened at the next board meeting (August 6th). Gary is to write up the ad for the bids.

d.) Keith brought up about what type of bed liner the Board would like to purchase for the New Meter Reader Truck. The price to have a rhino liner spray would be about \$320 or purchase a truck bed mat for about \$70. Motion by Debi, with a second by Jack, to purchase a truck bed mat for about \$70. All ayes, motion carried.

e.) Keith mentioned that the IML Conference will be September 18th thru the 21st in Chicago. If anyone would like to attend the conference please let Keith or Ladora know by July 15th, so that hotel and train ticket reservation can be made and registration for the conference can be sent in.

f.) Keith stated that the Village had received a letter from Neeley Oil Company stating that as of the end of the business day on June 28th they would be closing the Marathon Station and would no longer be delivering bulk fuel. Keith stated that since the closing of the station the Village vehicles will need to start going to Freedom Oil a month earlier. Now that there are only three filling stations in the Village the gas rotation schedule will be for four months instead of three.

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that Tom Moore will no longer be doing the Village's audit that Jodi Machtley will be from now on. Jan stated that she thought Jodi is real easy to get along with. Bill asked if this was the last year of the contract with Kemper or is it next year. Jan stated that she asked and that it is next year. Jan stated that the Village will not have to comply with GASB34 until 2005. Jan asked how the Board would like the bids be for one year or six months. The Board wanted the bids for both and six months term and a year term. Jan stated that she had a very educational trip to IMTA Conference.

11. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to allow that there can be checks added on to the Vouchers up to a \$1,000 per check as needed for unexpected bills that come due during the month. All ayes, motion carried.

### 13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole said that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Service calls were down a little last month. Carole stated that both of the Village's new full-time officers are in school. Kristin and Randy both passed their agility test. July 11th there will be certified firearms training qualifications. July 14th thru 17th, Elise Nave will be attending a forty hour firearms training course in Carbondale. The chief gave a six month total of 254 cases, 179 traffic citations and 14 drug arrests. The department needs two more radios. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to purchase two new radios for the police department at a cost of \$862.34/a piece. All ayes, motion carried. Bonnie asked about the pay and evaluation of the new officers. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, that the full-time officers start at \$11/hour until graduation from the academy then it will be \$12/hour and the part-time officer start at \$9.50/hour. Also, that evaluation will be at 3 months, 6 months and a year for new full-time

officers. The full-time officers will have 6 months to move to town after graduating. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that the landscaping has begun around the restroom on the northside of the Park. Sherry stated that there will be some more landscaping on the southside later. Sherry stated that Paula is doing a good job. Sherry mentioned that Max Nave of Willow Hill donated a piece of wooden playground equipment in the shape of a truck (it is close to the Santa House).

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack stated that the sidewalks in the first block of South Range were about complete and that there are a few more projects and repairs that will be done this year.

D. Street and Alley: The South Range Project has been started as of July 1st. There was a problem with the design, but it has now been corrected.

E. Water and Sewer: Bill stated that there will be a committee meeting on July 9th at 4 pm. Gary stated that there will be a training session on July 23rd and 24th at Manteno first annual underground symposium, free of charge. Gary and Travis would like to go this year and see if it is good if so Gary would send somebody else next year to the symposium. The Village would be out the hotel bill. The board granted the request. Keith mentioned that Dale is having some serious health problems.

F. Finance: Everything has already been discussed. Debi stated again about the committee meeting on July 31st at 5:15 pm.

14. Keith asked if there was any other business. No other business needed to be discussed.

15. A motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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July 14, 2003

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met for special session on July 14th, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Present: Chief Chad Pusey, Sgt. Larry Fear, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter,

Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Juanita Bowman, Wanda Holliday, Violet Gilman, Beverly Hoke, Charles L. Hoke Jr., Linda Cravens and Phillip Akeman.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by Mayor Waldrop.

2. Mayor stated that all the trustees should have received a call complaining about rabbits being raised in the 400 block of West Illinois. Mr. Hoke handed the Mayor, a signed petition by neighbors of the problem. A copy of the petition is attached. There was some discussion on where to draw the line on how many rabbits are to many. There was a copy from page 63 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois.(See second attachment) There also was some discussion about other farm animals inside the village limits. Carole stated that the Village Board is not against 4-H Projects but when going into business that is another thing.

3. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to have Matt and Cathy Ping remove all their rabbits from behind their house at 406 West Illinois Street, by Friday, July 25th, 2003. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Carole, Sherry. Abstain: Debi. Motion carried.

4. Mrs. Bowman came before the Board to complain about neighbors' dogs and condition of a dog pen. Mrs. Holliday, who is also a neighbor of said dogs, has had a bush torn up by one of the dog getting out of its yard. The Mayor stated that they need to call the police when the dogs get loose or caught in the fence, so that the police can handle the problem when it happens.

5. Bonnie stated that Jerry Stephens had contacted her about a stray dog around his residence.

6. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 5:48 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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## August 6, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 6th, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Absent: Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Ruth Adams, Gerald Adams, Kim Shafer, Kevin Weck, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem) and Sgt. Larry Fear.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.

2. The Regular Meeting minutes of July 2nd and Special Meeting minutes of July 14th and July 22nd were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. The Mayor stated that there has been a complaint by Kim Shafer about the animals up on Jerry Adams' property located on West Iowa Street. The Mayor stated that all the trustees had copies of the letter sent to Miss Shafer and Chief Pusey from the Crawford County Health Department. (See Attachment) Keith stated that he, Jack Gallion, Chief Pusey and a gentleman from the stated department of agriculture was up there on Monday. The gentleman from the Department of Agriculture could not find anything wrong pertaining to the state. Mr. Adams stated that there has always been livestock on the property since 1978. Bill asked Keith, who all went onto the property. Keith stated that just the gentleman from Dept. of Ag and the Police Chief. The Chief stated that he could see 4 cows, or 4 pigs and numerous chickens. Bill asked Mr. Adams if there had been any complaints previously. Mr. Adams stated that he was not aware of any complaints previously. Mayor asked the board what they wanted to do. Jack stated that the ordinances needed to be enforced. Bill stated that the board is not singling out any one individual. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi, to give Mr. Adams 30 days to remove his livestock from inside the village limits. Ayes: Bill, Jack, Carole, Sherry and Debi. Abstain: Bonnie. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Resolution #03-01 "Homecoming Parade Permit". All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to adopt Resolution #03-02 "Halloween Parade Permit". All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi, to adopt Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the Village needs to have credit cards with a \$1,000.00 limit for reserving hotel rooms for conferences and seminars. There was some discussion. Motion by Carole, with a second by Debi, to have a village credit card with a \$1,000.00 limit. All ayes, motion carried.

b.) Keith stated that the Village has received a Thank You card from the Oblong Public Library. The card read "The Oblong Public Library would like to thank you for the use of the Community Room at no charge for the Summer Reading Programs. All of the program presenters were very impressed by the facility and the cooperation between the Village and library. Your generosity brought smiles, laughter and fun to over 100 people each week." The card was signed Diana (Sparks) and Judy (Plunkett).

c.) Keith stated that the Village has received a Thank You card from Linda Cravens. The card read "Oblong Village Board Members, Thanks to each and everyone of you for helping me with the news for the Gem. I appreciated all your information during the years. Hope you will continue to aid the new writers." Signed Linda Cravens.

d.) Keith brought up that the Village needs to purchase a piece of land from Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bilyew to build the New Water Booster Station, which is located north of existing Booster Station. If the Village does not purchase this piece of property then the Water Dept. would need to shut the water pumps down for at least 10 days possibly 14 days. A motion to proceed with the purchase of real property from Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bilyew, in benefit to the new water booster station installation was made by Jack, with a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.

e.) Keith stated that the Finance Committee met on July 31st to look at the bids for the 2 CD's that came due on the 22nd of July. (See attached copy) Motion by Debi, with a second by Carole to leave the 2 CD's with Casey State Bank at a rate of 2% interest. All ayes, motion carried.

f.) Keith stated that the \$5,000.00 check for the NPDES permit fee was sent out on July 31st with a protest letter to Illinois EPA. Keith stated that he attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 5th in Mt. Vernon with Robinson Mayor Wally Dean and Hutsonville Mayor Bernie Gray. The Southern Illinois Mayor Association is talking about getting a resolution made up for the municipalities to pass. The general idea for this resolution is to have the state raise either the sales tax or state income tax temporarily for two years to offset the loss of revenue. The next meeting will be September 28 in Carbondale to finish up the wording of the resolution.

g.) Keith stated that the Village had received what the health insurance increase will be on September 1st. The increase is 21%. The board wants to contact some other insurance and get quotes.

h.) Keith told about grass clippings on the Village streets. There was some discussion on this issue. I was finally decided that Keith and Gary would get together and compose a letter to be sent to the residence of Oblong.

i.) Keith stated that South Range Street looks real nice with the new surface down.

10. The treasurer's report was given by the Mayor. The Mayor stated that he would get with Jan and Ladora after all the bills are in to see if there might be a possibility of transferring some money from checking to their respective repos. The Mayor stated that there will be three repos due later on this month. The Board wanted the bids for all three on a six month term and a year term. Finance Committee will then meet on Thursday, August 21st at 5:15 pm to open the bids and then contact the other trustees to let them know what the highest bids is and where it is from.

11. The board took a five minute break at 7:55 pm.

12. Motion by Debi, with a second by Carole, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried. Jack stated that he felt that the Village of Palestine is doing a good job about the spraying for the mosquito here in town.

13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole said that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that Bill Rutan has been a big help in that he has been working for the Village on his days off from Robinson Police Department. Carole stated that the Chief and Part-Time Officer Elise Nave had a meth bust th

week. Graduation for the Village's two new full-time officers will be September 18th. Hand on training for Elise Nave will start November 1st. The Chief stated that he had been up to the academy and got status update on Officer Pine and Officer Avery.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there have been some trees removed and that Paula has been doing some planting and replacement planting.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: The Village opened the bids for the 94 Chevy S10. The Village received three bids. They are as follows:

Johnny Wiseman \$1,001.00

Byron Sanders \$300.00

Phil Boyd \$1,675.00.

Motion by Sherry, with a second by Jack, to reject all bids. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Debi, with a second by Carole, to sell the 94 Chevy S10 for \$4,000.00 or Best Offer. All ayes, motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: Bill stated that all the trustees should have received a copy of the minutes of the 9th committee meeting. In this meeting, there was some discussion on issues and compliance & accountability. There were some suggestions on how to comply with these issues. The committee suggested to appoint a committee to look into finding a new software and server for the whole Village departments. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to appoint the Mayor, Debi and Jan to search for new software and a server with Gary being adjunct member. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Sherry and Debi. Abstain: Jack. Motion carried. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to bring all accounts to go thru Jan. All ayes, motion carried.

Carole asked what the Village needs to do about the bird problem.

F. Finance: Everything has already been discussed.

14. Keith asked if there was any other business. No other business needed to be discussed.

15. A motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm was made by Jack, with a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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# September 3, 2003

September 3, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 3rd, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Gerald Adams, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Shannon Woodard, Melody Woods, Patrol Officer Bill Rutan, Susie Tracy, Sara (Hill) Brotherton, Mindy (Hill) Miller and Margaret White.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of August 6th were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were two additions to the agenda this month. Mr. Adams and Mrs. Brotherton asked to be added to the agenda.
4. There were two delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Melody Woods asked for an extension on her water bill until October 1st. Margaret White asked for an extension on her water bill until September 12th. Both extensions were granted by the board.
5. Mr. Adams came before the board to ask for an extension on moving his cows, pigs and chickens out of the Village limits of 30 days. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to grant an extension until October 1st. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Sherry, Debi. Abstain: Jack. Motion carried. Mr. Adams stated that he had another question. His question was what the Village was going to do about the rest of the illegal animals that are in the Village limits. Mr. Adams made a complaint that all illegal animals should be removed from the Village limits. There was some discussion and the decision was postponed until next month. The mayor appointed Debi Wilson, Jack Gallion and Bill Hatch to look into the illegal animals in the Village limits.
6. Mrs. Brotherton came before the board as a representative for her father, Bob Hill. She stated that her father was told that his horse was grandfathered in. The horse is located at the northeast side of the Village. Mrs. Brotherton and Mrs. Miller asked that the board would consider to make an exception in this case that this is the same horse that was grandfathered in. Carole stated that she did not have a problem with this particular case.
7. Shannon came before the Board to give a update on the water tower project. Shannon stated that the foundation for the water tower will be started next week pending on the weather and also that Krick

would start laying line for the emergency hook-up next week weather permitting. Shannon suggested that the Board should start thinking about a logo and color for the water tower.

8. Motion by Carole, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-458 "Tax Levy". All ayes, motion carried.

9. The Village Board looked over insurance bids for the employee group health and decided on two companies to present to the employees at their meeting Friday, September 5th at 10 am. The Board then make a decision on Tuesday, September 9th at 5:15 pm.

10. The Board gave permission to the Crawford County Shrine to use the 4-way stop to pass out their newsletter.

11. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Oldies in the Park on September 13th. Car Cruise-in.

b.) Keith stated that the old water meter truck was sold.

c.) Keith stated that he would not be in town at the next board meeting. He stated that Debi would be in charge at the next board meeting.

d.) Keith stated that there are some abandoned building in the Village that need to be taken care of. Buildings are located on South Range Street, East Indiana Street and East Alabama Street. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, for the Chief to give the property owners 30 day notice to either fix up and tear down the buildings on their property. All ayes, motion carried.

e.) Keith stated that Ladora, Jan, Debi and himself will be attending the IML Conference in Chicago on September 18th, 19th and 20th.

f.) Keith stated that his next Mayor's Association meeting will be September 27th.

g.) Keith stated that the auditor suggested a bookkeeping change in paying a water employee's salary. The board decided that the water employee will no longer be paid out of the general fund, instead he will be paid out of the water fund.

12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that all the trustees had a copy of the bids on CD's that came due last month after the August 5th Board Meeting. (See attached copy.) Motion by Debi, with a second by Carole, to accept Casey State Bank's bid of 2%. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole said that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that graduation for full-time officers Pine and Avery will be September 18th at 2 pm. September 12th there will be a class on Anhydrous Ammonia in Robinson. Officer Pine and Officer Avery are in the top 90% of the academy.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that she had received some nice comments from campers out at the park. Sherry is getting information together for bids on the rest room up at the Mini Park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that he had received a complaint about water standing on the sidewalk in front of the Masonic Lodge. He stated that he would take a look and see if while his department is doing some sidewalk repairs in that area if the could saw out a section of the sidewalk and slope it a different way to see if that would help the situation.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that he had a couple of bids for a new salt spreader. The board gave Gary permission to purchase the model he thinks will best suit the needs of the Village.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that there had been a major water leak on East Indiana Street on September 1st. Gary stated that this was the worst leak the Village had in a couple of years.

F. Finance: Everything has already been discussed.

15. Keith asked if there was any other business. It was mentioned that Jan and Ladora will be attending a SEICTA regional meeting in Effingham on September 25th. Gary mentioned that he had received a invitation to an open house sponsored by Schulte Supply. Gary stated that he will sent Jason and Ric this year, since Travis and him went last year.

16. At 8:35 a motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to continue the meeting on September 9th at 5:15 pm . All ayes, motion carried.

September 9th reconvened meeting -

17. The meeting started at 5:15 pm. Those attending were Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Carole Jones and Trustee Debi Wilson.

18. There was some discussion on the group health insurance bids. It was decided that the board would not make a decision until getting back a truer estimates from American Medical Security and StarMar. There will be a Special Board Meeting to make the decision on September 24th at 5:15 pm.

19. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bonnie to adjourn at 5:30 pm. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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October 1, 2003

October 1, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 1st, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Trustee Debi Wilson (Mayor Pro-Tem), Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Mayor Keith Waldrop.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Gerald Adams, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Shannon Woodard, Ron Finn, Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Officer Randy Pine, Sgt. Larry Fear, Sara (Hill) Brotherton, Bo Brotherton, Jimette Ross and Rex Finn.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Wilson.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of September 3rd and Special Board Meeting minutes of September 24th were approved with a motion by Carole and a second by Sherry. 5 ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Mr. Adams asked to be added to the agenda.
4. There was one delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. Jimette Ross asked for an extension on her water bill until October 6th. The extension was granted by the board.
5. Shannon came before the Board to give an update on the water tower project. Shannon brought bills for the Water Tower Project. The pay out is as follows: Caldwell Tanks, Inc. (\$ 78,435.00), David L. Krick (\$ 33,522.77) and Connor & Connor, Inc. (\$ 5,627.12). Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills on the Water Tower Project on approval from the Illinois EPA. 5 ayes, motion carried. There were some questions on the time table of the project.
6. Motion by Carole, with a second by Jack, to set Trick or Treat Night for Thursday, October 30th from 6 pm to 8 pm and only go to house with porch lights on
7. Mr. Adams stated that the pigs have already been moved out. Mr. Adams came before the board to ask for an extension on moving his cows out of the Village limits of two weeks with the stipulation that this will be the last extension. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to grant an extension until October 15th. Ayes: Bill, Sherry, Debi. Abstain: Bonnie, Jack. Nays: Carole. Motion carried.
8. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Debi stated that two of the abandoned buildings in the Village have been torn down and the third building has now been turned over to the Oblong Fire Department. There has been a question asked about an abandoned building next to Neeley's station. Chad stated that he will check with John Neeley about the building.  
b.) Debi stated that Ladora will be going to Clerk Academy October 13-17.

c.) Debi stated that the Fall Clean Up will be October 3rd. The board felt that the date was too soon and asked that it be rescheduled for a later date. Ladora will contact JAMAX in the morning and get a new date for the Clean Up. There was some discussion about the service problem with Jamax.

d.) Debi stated that there was a problem with the employee health insurance. The quote was a different plan than what the board had looked at before. The increase was \$431.08. This bid is still below the other quotes. The change will be effective November 1st. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to stay with Starmark as the employee's group health insurance. 5 ayes, motion carried.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that there will be 3 pays this month, so it does not look like there will be any transfers from checking to the repos this month.

10. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. 5 ayes, motion carried.

#### 11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole said that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that officers Avery and Pine graduated from the police academy on September 18th. Debi congratulated them. Carole stated that there was another drug bust Tuesday, September 30th, here in town. October 16th there will be a training session on Tactile Handgun scenario shoot in Olney, Chad, Kristin and Randy will be attending. October 29th, there will be a training session on Low Lite conditions shoot in Newton, Chad, Kristin, Randy and Larry will be attending. Chad stated that the trustees all had a copy of Elise Nave's Resignation Letter attached to their monthly police report.

B. Buildings and Park: No Report.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack stated that Gary stated he has got a price on replacing the sidewalk in front of the Masonic Lodge. Gary stated that at last month's meeting he felt that he and the guys could fix the problem after the meeting Gary found out that the Masonic Lodge wanted a ramp for wheelchair accessibility like what is in front of Doctor Slaughter's Office. Gary contacted Consolidated Concrete Construction Company which gave him a price of \$995.00. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to go ahead and have Consolidated Concrete Construction Co. replace the sidewalk in front of the Masonic Lodge for \$995.00. 5 ayes, motion carried.

D. Street and Alley: The committee met on September 17th, and decided that painting crosswalks at the corner of South Adams and West Missouri streets and put up School Signs.

E. Water and Sewer: Bill asked Gary if there was anything besides what Gary had handed Bill. Gary stated nothing other than everything south of town seemed to be on schedule (emergency connection with Hardinville). Gary stated that he had not heard very many complaints from the people, whose yard is having to be dug up. Bill stated that Gary had received a notice of a training session that Gary and Travis would like to go to. The training session will be held in Mattoon on October 16th. Gary and Travis would get credit, which would go towards their recertification. The session is sponsored by 15 County Water Supply Operators Association. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie, to grant the request. Bill brought up the matter about the Public Works Office being closed for breaks and lunch. There have been some complaints about not being able to pay the water bill due to the office being

closed for 15 minute breaks and a hour lunch. There was some discussion. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole, to have Jan or Ladora cover the office during the breaks and lunch. Ayes: Bill, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Bonnie, Jack. Motion carried.

F. Finance: No Report.

12. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to accept Elise Nave's letter of resignation. 5 ayes, motion carried.

13. Debi asked if there was any more village business to be discussed. There was none mentioned.

14. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to adjourn at 7:40 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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November 5, 2003

November 5, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 5th, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Gerald Adams, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor Inc.), Sean Helmer, Ron Finn, Michael McReynolds II, Mike McReynolds, Cindy McReynolds, Elizabeth Inboden, Sara (Hill) Brotherton, Todd Criswell (Jamax Corp.), Frank Weber (Village Attorney), Emmalee Priest (Kim Priest's Daughter) and Rex Finn.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop. The Mayor wanted to thank Debi for standing in while he was out of town and everybody that helped out.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of October 1st and Special Board Meeting minutes of October 27th were approved with a motion by Bill and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. Kim Priest's daughter ask

for an extension on her mother's water bill until November 19th. The extension was granted by the board.

5. Michael McReynolds II came before the board to speak about a concern he has about the need for ordinance officer for the Village. Mr. McReynolds had sent and talked to all the board members. (See attached memo) Mr. McReynolds would like to be considered for the position of Ordinance Officer. The Mayor stated that the board could consider this proposal and possible budget for it next fiscal year.

6. Todd Criswell (Jamax Corp.) came before the board to give some information and answer some questions. Mr. Criswell stated that they do tone down the back up beep until the sunrise, so as not to disturb the residents. Carole asked if Jamax was licensed in Illinois (She had heard that Jamax was not). Mr. Criswell stated that Jamax is licensed to run in Illinois. Carole asked if Jamax will be picking up appliances on Friday, November 7th (Fall Clean-Up). Mr. Criswell stated that Jamax would pick-up washers, dryers and stoves. Mr. Criswell stated that the company will pick-up refrigerators if the compressor unit is taken off. It was asked how long the current contract was for. The contract will expire June, 2005. Mr. Criswell stated that if there are any problems, it would be best to contact the Vincennes Office instead of the Terre Haute Office.

7. Shannon came before the Board to bring bills for the Water Tower Project. The pay out is as follows: David L. Krick (\$ 28,121.42) and Connor & Connor, Inc. (\$ 4,296.11). Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills on the Water Tower Project with approval from the Illinois EPA. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon stated that the steel for the new water tower will be delivered in two weeks but the welders may not be here for a month. Shannon stated that there are a couple small diameter lines that run parallel to the new lines that would be best to replace them now instead of later. The lines are located on East 975th Avenue (Southeast side of Oblong). The cost of replacing the lines would be between \$3,500 to \$5,000. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to replace the small diameter lines on East 975th Avenue. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Bill stated that the Animal Committee had a discussion on the animal issue and ordinances involving animals in the Village. Bill stated that the committee asked the mayor if it would be alright for the committee to set up a meeting with the Village Attorney, Frank Weber. The committee met with Frank Weber and discussed making some changes to the ordinance dealing with animals inside the village limits. Bill stated that so far the Village has dealt with 2 complaints which involved public safety and nuisance. Therefore the Village enforced that ordinance as it is written.

9. Mr. Weber has some suggestions on changing the Village animal ordinances. Mr. Weber suggested changing the ordinance to accommodate 4-H projects and possibly have pleasure horses (Not Work Horses) with the owner getting a permit from the Village. Mr. Weber will draft the changes and give to the animal committee to look over and share the draft with the rest of the board. The board will vote on the changes to the Animal Ordinance at the next board meeting possibly. Mr. Weber stated that he had been contacted by the Police Chief about making a change to the ordinance contained in Chapter 21, Section 21-3-20. Mr. Weber would like to research the State Statutes and bring the changes back next month.

10. Under Mayor's Comments:

a.) Keith stated that he had received a letter from Dani Pitt (Crawford County Health Department).

Dani stated in the letter that she had investigated the property at 601 East Kentucky Street. Mr. Weber asked if he can give the Village some advice on how to proceed with the condemning of this property. Motion by Carole, with a second by Debi, to adopt an ordinance to have the property at 601 East Kentucky condemned. All ayes, motion carried.

b.) Keith stated that Larry Fear is in the hospital with kidney problems. Keith wondered if the board would like to get a card and have everyone sign it and send it to him. Chad stated that for now Larry has been taken off the police schedule.

c.) Keith stated that the Village had received a Thank You card from Betty Lindsay for the Grapevine Wreath that was sent to Max's Memorial Service.

d.) Keith stated that the Village Police and Public Works Department are having an open house out at the park on November 14th from 3 pm to 7 pm, to show the community the new Public Works Building and the new vehicle (Police and Public Works). There will be tours given of the new building. There will be a Free Feed (Pork Burger, Hot Dogs, Chips and Pop). First Robinson Savings Bank is going to loan the Village their big grill.

e.) Keith stated that the Village Trustees' and Employees' Christmas Party will be December 19th at 6 pm. The party will be held at the HiWay Cafe. Keith stated that he will need to know how many will be attending about a week before December 19th.

f.) Keith stated that the VFW would like to use the 4-Way Stop for Poppy Day, on November 8th from 8 am to 12 (noon). Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to allow the VFW to use the 4-Way Stop for Poppy Day. All ayes, motion carried.

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan suggested that the Village close out Repo # 15055. needs to transfer \$10,000 into the Unemployment Fund.

12. There was some discussion on the bills that were on the vouchers. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bonnie, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that she has received a couple of complaints of too many stops by the police. Carole stated that she had a letter commending the Chief on handling a child custody problem. The letter was from James and Penny Carman. Mayor asked the Chief in the last three weeks how many of the businesses uptown have been found with unlocked doors. The Chief stated that there have been seven businesses found with their doors unlocked, one of them being the dentist office.

B. Buildings and Park: No Report.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Jack stated that Gary and the guys have completed the majority of the sidewalk repair needing to be done.

D. Street and Alley: Gary felt that things are going pretty smooth with the leaf pick-up. The leaf vacuum will be running on Monday the whole month of November. The Public Works Department will pick-up bagged leaves anytime during the week.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that the new water booster station construction may start the end of this week. Gary ask Jan a question about the water fund. Jan answered Gary's question.

F. Finance: Motion by Debi, with a second by Bill, to close out Repo #15055 and transfer it to the general checking account. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Under other items:

a.) Keith stated that the Oilfield Museum's parking lot will be black topped shortly and also, that the construction on the Oilfield Store building is coming along. Keith stated that the Museum board is hoping to move pictures, documents and other information that is inside the old museum building out to the new museum building. Keith stated that he had seen where the Museum board has applied for some more grant money.

b.) Debi stated that some concerned citizens had contacted her and asked her why the mail is not be delivered to the Clerk's Office instead of the Public Work's Office and also, about the copier usage.

c.) Bonnie asked the Chief if Officer Plummer had been released from the doctor. The Chief stated th Officer Plummer had been released.

15. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 8:18 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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December 3, 2003

December 3, 2003

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 3rd, 2003, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Gerald Adams, Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Ron Finn, Norma Carder, Cliff Schiller, Rick Catt, Chris Hinterscher, Ron Tuel and Rex Finn.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of November 5th were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one delinquent water bill customer at the meeting this month. Ron Tuel asked for an extension on his water bill until December 12th. The extension was granted by the board.
5. Cory came before the Board to bring bills for the Water Tower Project. The pay out is as follows: Caldwell Tanks, Inc. (\$71,325.00), David L. Krick (\$ 37,781.20) and Connor & Connor, Inc. (\$ 810.24). Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills on the Water Tower Project with approval from the Illinois EPA. All ayes, motion carried. Cory stated that the new water tower could start coming in anytime now. Cory stated that Krick's has the new water main booster station building up but there is still some things to be finished. There will need to be some lines laid to hook-up the new water main booster station. Krick will take care of the old water main booster station. There were some question about the bills and amounts of the loan that have been disbursed to the village.
6. Chris Hinterscher came to the board to ask for extended hours on New Year's Eve as follows: 1 am last call and everyone out at 1:30 am. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to allow the two taverns in the Village to stay open until 1:30 am (last call at 1 am). All ayes, motion carried.
7. Chris Hinterscher also came to the board to request that there be extend hours on Friday and Saturday nights. Motion by Bill, second by Debi, to extend the tavern hours by one hour (12:30 am last call and everyone out by 1 am) for a 90 day trial period. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Debi. Nays: Carole, Sherry. Motion carried.
8. Norma Carder stated that first she wanted to thank the board for their financial support over the years. Norma Carder came before the board to give an update on what Crawford County Development Association (CCDA) is doing. She stated that the Ethanol Plant construction is on schedule with the plant up and going by late spring or early summer of 2004. Keith asked if the state was going to come thru with the money for the road work. Norma stated that as far as she knew everything was okay. She stated that for now Midwest Transportation is in Crawford County. Midwest's office is on South Cross north of Sparks Floral and the trailer shop is located in the old Rumpke building. Norma stated she is taking a class in leadership program and hoping to start a leadership program in Crawford County next spring. Norma stated that the last thing she wanted to talk about was International Marketing and how it could possibly help Crawford County. She has been talking to a gentleman (used to be the Foreign Investment Director for the State of Illinois) who would possibly represent the county. She asked that the Village commit to donating \$1,000/a year for two years to help with the cost to pay the gentleman to represent the county. There were some questions. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to commit to pay \$1,000/a year for two years to CCDA. Ayes: Bonnie, Jack, Carole, Sherry, Debi. Nays: Bill. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-460 "Amendment to Chapter 21-1 Liquor, Article III - Regulations, Section 21-3-20". All ayes, motion carried

10. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi, to table the animal ordinance until next board meeting due to the village attorney needs some more time to do research. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Carole, second by Jack, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-461 "Truancy and Curfew". All ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Bill, second by Sherry, to adopt Resolution #2003-3 "Amending the Village of Oblong Cafeteria Plan". All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to purchase new software (General Ledger, Payroll, Utility Bill) from LOCIS. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the Village Trustees' and Employees' Christmas Party will be December 19th at 6 pm at the Hi Way Cafe. Keith stated that he will need to know how many will be attending by December 12th.

b.) Keith mentioned Christmas Bonuses for the employees. He stated that last year the Village paid \$115 to Full-Time and \$85 to Part-Time as Christmas Bonuses. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi to give a Christmas Bonus as follows: all full-time employees, Larry Fear and Bill Rutan \$115 and part-time employees (excluding Larry Fear and Bill Rutan) \$85. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Sherry, Debi. Abstain: Jack. Motion carried.

c.) Keith made a suggested that the Municipal Building should be open at 8 am instead of 8:30 am. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to have the Municipal Building open at 8 am Monday - Friday. All ayes motion carried.

d.) Keith mentioned that he felt that the mail should be delivered to the clerk or mayor. The most of the board felt that the mail should be delivered to the clerk.

15. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. May be able to transfer some money from sewer checking to the sewer repo. Jan stated that she had given all the trustees a copy of a letter about the next SEI meeting on December 12th. Jan stated that if any of the trustees, mayor or village employees wants to attend they can but let Jan or Ladora know if coming for the meal so that Jan can have a head count.

16. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

17. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole mentioned that Randy Pine prevented the high school from burning down over the Thanksgiving weekend. Carole stated that the Chief will be attending Taser school at Danville on Thursday, December 4th, and Friday, December 5th. Carole mentioned that Officer Avery has gotten moved into the Village limits.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry asked how the open house went out at the new maintenance building. Gary stated that he felt it went well and that there was probably about a hundred (100) people come out.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that the department will still pick-up bagged leaves. Keith stated that the South Range Project is finished and all bills are paid.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary wants to make sure that the water bills get to Dale as soon as possible. Gary felt that we can work everything out. Gary stated that he has just received information on the Annual JULIE Breakfast Meetings there will be one in Olney and one in Effingham again this year. He stated that the Public Works Department will be attending. The mayor would like to attend one of the meetings also. The meetings will be in January or February

F. Finance: No Report.

18. Keith mentioned that he had been contacted about having a wedding out at the park on June 12th. The person wanted to know if the Village would be willing to close the street around by the memorial wall for a couple of hours. Keith told them that they need to come to a board meeting to make the request a little closer to the date of the wedding.

19. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 8:21 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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January 7, 2004

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 7th, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Gerald "Jerry" Adams, Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Ron Finn, Frank Weber (Village Attorney), Sara Brotherton, Susie Tracy, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), J.J. Jones, Myrna (Finn) Webber, Norma Thompson, Betty Gish, Jan Finn, Myrl Littlejohn, Randy Pine, Kristin Avery, Mr. Grundon, Bobbie Grundon and Rex Finn.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.

2. The Regular Meeting minutes of December 3rd were approved with a motion by Bill and a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Shannon came before the Board to bring bills for the Water Tower Project. The pay out is as follows: David L. Krick (\$ 18,840.55) and Connor & Connor, Inc. (\$ 1,244.85). Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills on the Water Tower Project with approval from the Illinois EPA. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon stated that contract time for Krick had expired on December 17th. Shannon has done a change order to extend Krick's contract until June 30th, 2004, and adjusted the quantities in the amount of \$13,761.17. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to approve the change order #1. All ayes, motion carried. Shannon stated that the steel had been delivered. Cory had contacted Caldwell but had not received a call back yet.

6. Betty Gish came before the board stating that she has had to spray for cockroaches the past four years due to a neighbor of her's. She would like for her neighbor to clean up around their property. She wanted to know if there was anything the Board could do. Chad stated that he had called the Health Department, but had not gotten a call back yet. Frank stated that he and Chad had discussed the issue and thought maybe it would be covered under the nuisance ordinance the Village has. Keith stated that the Village will look into the problem and see if anything can be done.

7. Keith stated the audience had a maximum of five (5) minutes to speak their opinions on the issue of having livestock inside the Village limits. Several were for having pleasure horses in the Village. Some were against having any kind of livestock in the Village.

Sara Brotherton referred to minutes of August 6th, 1997, where it states in Item #10 E - ...Livestock in the Village was discussed, and all agreed the livestock needs to be identified. Motion by Waldrop, second by Lindsey, to restrict the bringing in of livestock within the village limits, and livestock that is now present cannot be replaced. All votes were aye, the motion carried. There was some more discussion. Sherry stated that she had not heard one way or the other on this issue. Sherry stated that she wished there was some more option and that this issue could be resolved peacefully. Carole also stated that she had not heard one way or the other on this issue either.

Frank stated that ordinances supersede motions by law.

J.J. asked what the true reason was that Mr. Adams and the Pings were asked to remove their animals. Keith told J.J. he would let her know later if she came in his office.

8. Bill read the minutes from December 16th, 2003, minutes of the Animal Committee meeting. There was some discussion on the three (3) options for changes in the ordinance on animals that the committee had come up with. Two of the options lacked a second on the motions, so they were not voted on.

Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Ordinance #2003-0-462 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Animals, Article I - General Provisions, Section 3-1-9, Animals, Etc. in Village, Of the

Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois"; with some changes in Item # 3. The changes are as follows: 1. change 90 days to 30 days and 2. Add the following two (2) sentences before the last sentence in Item #3. The application hereunder shall be accompanied by a consent executed by the adult residents directly adjoining the facility in which such animal or animals are proposed to be kept. In the event such application is not accompanied by that consent, then a permit shall be issued upon motion of the Board of Trustees. Ayes: Bill, Jack, Sherry, Debi. Nays: Carole. Abstain: Bonnie. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Debi, second by Bill, to adopt the Investment Policy of the Village of Oblong for 2004. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Keith stated that a ten (10) minute break was being taken at 8:21 pm.

11. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that he had a Thank you card.

b.) Keith said that he felt that there was a good turn out for the Employee-Trustee Christmas meal and everyone had a great time.

c.) Keith stated that with the new software that he had Danny Deathrage go over the specs. Danny felt that the contract and spec look good, but he felt that the Village did not need to purchase everything once. Danny has talked with Frank from Locis. Keith stated that the Village is going to be sending in half the amount for the software on Thursday. Keith thinks that with in a couple of weeks Locis will be ready to load the new software.

d.)Keith mentioned that the Water Department will be purchasing a new computer for the office.

e.)Keith stated that he knew this is only January, but the departments need to start working on their budgets before long.

f.)Keith said that he had received a letter from Mediacom. The letter states that by February 1 the rate will be raised and the customer will be getting one (1) new station.

12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that the funds look low this month, so she will keep a close eye on the fund balances.

13. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report and also the year end report. Carole mentioned that service calls were down a little last month. Carole stated that last year department took in over \$20,000 in fines, so that proves the Village needed the extra full-time officer. Chad explained some of the statistics on the year end report. There will be a class for the Police on January 21st from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm here in Oblong.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry asked about the welcome signs on the edge of town. She wanted to know who was in charge of the upkeep of the signs. Keith stated that the Chamber of Commerce was responsible for the upkeep.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Annual JULIE Breakfast Meetings will be on January 14th in Olney and on January 16th in Effingham.

F. Finance: No Report.

15. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to go into executive session to discuss some personnel matters at 8:50 pm.

16. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, to come out of executive session at 8:59 pm.

17. No action was taken by the board on the personnel matters.

18. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 9:01 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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February 4, 2004

February 4, 2004

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 4th, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Ron Tuel and Pam Tuel.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.

2. The Regular Meeting minutes of January 7th were approved with a motion by Jack and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tuel came before the board about an incident on Tuesday, January 27th. Mr. Tuel stated that Patrol Officer Randy Pine knocked on the Tuel's door to talk to them about a report on an ATV that was pulling a toboggan around in their yard. Mr. Tuel stated that Officer Pine stated that it was a Trustee that complained. Mr. Tuel stated that as far as he knew there was no law against riding an ATV in his yard. The Tuels feel that the Trustee was misusing their position on the board. Chief Pusey stated that he was the one that had called and told Officer Pine to go and talk to the Tuels. The Chief also stated that there was not a law against riding ATV's in property owner's yard but when there is a complaint made then the offense came under the nuisance ordinance. Mrs. Tuel asked a hypothetical question to the Chief. She asked if she was cutting her yard with a riding lawnmower and a neighbor called in a complaint about it; would she have to stop mowing? The Chief said technically yes, that it would come under the nuisance ordinance. The mayor stated that he would get with Officer Pine and the Chief to find out what was done that day and get back with the Tuels.

4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-463 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 23, Manufactured Housing Code, Article I - General Provisions, Section 23-1-1, Definitions, Mobile Home, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.

6. There was some discussion about the wording of Ordinance #2004-0-462, so it was decided to amend the Ordinance. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-464 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Animals, Article I - General Provisions, Section 3-1-9, Animals, Etc. in Village, Of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois, as amended". Ayes: Bill, Carole, Sherry, Debi. Nays: Jack. Abstain: Bonnie. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to allow Labor Local #1280 to collect donation for The Therapy Center at the 4-way stop on Saturday, May 22nd, from 9 am to Noon (12 pm). All ayes, motion carried.

8. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated the lien that the Village had on the property at 601 E. Kentucky was paid last month. He also stated that the house is starting to be torn down. The check was for \$1,330.

b.) Keith brought up the fact that there are people riding horse in town; they should bring supplies to clean up manure if the animal goes while in town.

c.) Keith stated that Ashley Dart had sent a letter to all the board about recycling. The letter was a clarification project for her. Keith call to let her know that Oblong has a building for recycling.

d.) Keith stated that Mary Middleton had come in to see him about a neighbor's dog. Keith stated that Jack and the Chief looked into the problem.

e.) Keith said that the Crawford County Fair Board had sent a check with Gary for payment of half the cost of putting up the park entrance lights. The check was for \$1307.35.

f.) Keith mentioned that with the bad weather Gary and the guys have had to put in some overtime to try and get the streets cleaned off. There was some discussion on how the streets are plowed and why they are plowed.

g.) Keith stated that the complaint from Mrs. Gish is being look into by the Chief. The Chief stated that he is waiting on DCFS to come and inspect the property. Keith mentioned that the trustees all had a copy of the letter from the Crawford County Health Department.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that the trustees will notice that there has been a change in the investment list.

10. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report and also the year end report. Carole mentioned that everything seem to be quiet for the department. There will be a class for the Police on February 11th from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm here in Oblong on Verbal Judo. The Chief stated that he will be in class on February 17th thru 20th at Carterville. The class will be on Hostage Negotiations sponsored by the FBI.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that the budget will be worked on this month. Keith stated that there had been some damage done to the northside restrooms recently. There was some discussion on some solution talk about it. It was decided that the police officer on duty will start checking the restrooms on a more regular basis. There will be a piece put in crime stoppers to possibly find out who has done the damage.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Bill stated that Gary and Travis would like to attend classes in Effingham on February 25th and 26th sponsored by Illinois Rural Water Association at a cost of \$60/each.

F. Finance: Keith stated that the cut off date for budgets to be turned in to the committee is March 12th.

12. Tom Compton mentioned that the Tourism Committee will met on February 17th at 6:30 pm in the Oilfield Museum Building.

13. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 8:04 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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# March 3, 2004

March 3, 2004

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 3rd, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Sherry Catt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Cory Utterback (Connor & Connor, Inc.) Jackie Graham, Ron Finn, Brandy Kocher and her son.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of February 4th were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Bill. 5 ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Brandy Kocher came before the Board to request an extension on her water bill until March 10th. The Board granted it.
5. Shannon Woodard came before the board to present some bills from the Water Tower Project. Shannon stated that the following amounts are being requested upon approval from EPA: Pay Estimate #3 to Caldwell Tank Service for \$168,665.00; Pay Estimate #4 to David Krick for \$25,381.40; and Connor & Connor, Inc. (inspection) for \$779.71. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to pay the submitted bills upon EPA approval. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Shannon also brought before the Board a sample of the Logo to go on the new Water Tower upon the Boards approval. There was some discussion about the lettering design. The Logo will be an additional \$5,000. There was some questions about how the new Water Tower is to be painted. Shannon stated that the paint will be rolled on. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to go ahead with the Logo as shown to the Board. The Logo is block four foot (4') letters, panther paws and the American Flag. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Debi. Nays: Carole.

6. Motion by Carole, with a second by Jack, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-465 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Utilities, Article V - Wastewater Systems, Section 38-5-75, Sewer Rates, Of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". 5 ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie, to allow Conservation Day to be held on May 12th out at the Park from 8:30 am to 3 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

8. Under Mayor's Comments:

a.) Keith passed around a thank you card from Ladora.

b.) Keith reminded the department heads that the cut off date for budgets to be turned in to the committees is March 12th.

c.) Keith stated that the Farm Rent has been paid this year. The amount was \$1,500.

d.) Keith stated that the tavern extended hours probation period is up this month. Keith suggested that the Board give another 90 day probation period. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to give the taverns in town another 90 day probation period. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Debi. Nays: Carole. Motion carried.

e.) Keith stated that there will be two (2) new computers put in the budget for next year to be placed in the clerk and treasurer's office. Keith stated that with the changing of software now it would be better to go ahead and get the computers now. There is money left in the budget to get them. Keith stated that he would like to use \$3,500 for the new computers. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi, to go ahead and get the two (2) new computers now. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Carole, Debi. Nays: Jack. Motion carried.

f.) Keith stated that Sharon Haley would like to use the Park on April 24th from 9 am to 12 (noon) for St. Jude Bike-a-thon. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to allow the St. Jude Bike-a-thon to be held out at the Park on April 24th. 5 ayes, motion carried.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that the interest would be put on later this month.

10. Motion by Debi, with a second by Carole, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. 5 ayes, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. There will be a committee meeting on March 9th at 1 pm. Chad stated that there will be a training session on March 12th at Robinson this is an annual training session required by the state on hazmat and blood bourn pathogens. There was some discussed on Race Profiling this will be a four (4) year study.

B. Buildings and Park: No Report. Debi asked about the vandalism out at the Park. Chad and Gary both said that it has slowed down.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Keith stated that there is a committee meeting to follow after the adjournment of the Board meeting. Bill ask how the new software was going. Gary stated that he felt that it is going well. The new software will be going by May 1st.

F. Finance: Debi stated that she is waiting to see when the budgets are turned in. The Finance Committee will have a meeting after the budget is turned in.

12. Ladora mentioned that there is to be a SECITA meeting on March 11th at Neoga, that she and Jan may attend if everything is so they can. Jan stated that possibly Dale would like to go with Ladora and her, to maybe look at Neoga's Locis Utility Billing Program.

13. Motion by Jack, with a second by Carole, to adjourn at 7:54 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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Wed 27<sup>th</sup>

City of Okla,

Thank you so much for  
your friendly Park Personnel &  
People living around the Lake,  
We came in on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, My  
husband was working on the new  
school. We really enjoyed your  
Park, as so many other people  
do. You should be very proud.

I was so in hopes to see  
the xmas lights turned on,  
Maybe next year.

May you all have Happy Holiday's  
and May God Bless.

Thank you!  
Ray & Susie  
Culp  
Okla, Ok

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April 7, 2004

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 7th, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Ron Finn, Sgt. Larry Fear, Nedra Clark, Mr. F. Clark, Norma Carder (CCDA) and Rick Catt (CCDA).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of March 3rd were approved with a motion by Carole and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Nedra Clark came before the Board to request an extension on her water bill until April 14th. The Board granted it.
5. Shannon Woodard came before the board to state that there were no bills this month. Shannon updated the board on the progress of the Water Tower Project. The painting of the new Water Tower has started. Shannon asked to meet with the Water/Sewer Committee on April 13th at 5 pm. The committee meeting is to discuss some issues about the dismantling of the old water tower. Shannon feels like the committee can handle the issues. Shannon stated that the other meeting he has to go to is dealing with a petition for an extension on the Rural Water Extension, which would be North and East of the existing extension. Shannon hopes to have a package for the Trustees to look over at the next regular Board Meeting. Shannon brought the Trustees up to speed. Shannon stated that the Eaton Water District strictly gets their water from Robinson-Palestine Water Commission (they're on the EPA's restricted list which prohibit them from any extensions) whereas Oblong has the emergency connection with Hardinville Water the EPA views that the Village has additional capacity. Shannon stated, because the Village is not strictly restricted to getting water from Robinson-Palestine, the Village could get a permit to extend the water line.
6. Norma Carder (Crawford County Development Association) came before the board to ask that CCDA's annual donation (under \$5,000) be considered for the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget. There was a question asked about who in Oblong has been helped by CCDA. Norma stated that CCDA has helped T Graphics, Kids Kingdom Daycare, Gary Plummer and Illini Quik Pak. Norma also stated that the investment made in Lincolnland (Ethanol Plant) most shares are from farmers around Oblong. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to have the CCDA's annual donation be put in the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget as a line item. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to adopt Resolution #04-2 "Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code." All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Resolution #04-3 "Resolution for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program." All ayes, motion carried.
9. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith passed around a thank you card from Travis Smith and his family.  
b.) Keith informed the Trustees that he had received a call from MediaCom and they are donating the building under the old Water Tower that they own to the Village. Keith asked the Trustees about putting both of the buildings under the old Water Tower up for bids. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie, to have Gary advertise the two building for sale by sealed bid. All ayes, motion carried. The bids will be opened at the next Board Meeting.  
c.) Keith stated that the committees would be changed next month.

d.) Keith stated that Spring Clean-Up will be April 23rd with Jamax. Jamax will not pick up any auto parts, any construction material or any appliance that has freon. Jamax will be advertising the dates in the Robinson Dam and the Oblong Gem.

e.) Keith stated that Mr. Wilson's Property on East Indiana is ready to be torn down. Keith talked to Gary about getting the house down in a pile and then the fire department will burn it. Keith stated that Larry Fear talked to the bank about the property at 506 East Indiana. Motion by Bill, with a second by Bonnie, to put a lien on the property for upkeep of the property until it sells. All ayes, motion carried. Bonnie asked about a property next to her.

f.) Keith stated that Mr. Piper has not paid for the last year's mowing bill and already has a mowing bill this year. There has been a letter sent to Mr. Piper stating that if he has not sent a check to the Village by April 30 for the amount of \$1,408.00 there will be a lien put on the properties.

g.) Keith stated that AG Day will be April 23rd from 9 am to 2 pm out at the Park.

h.) Bill stated that the Atkins' property on South Range Street will be ready in a couple of weeks to be deeded over to the Village. Bill stated that the Atkins' family will be getting two benches and octagonal picnic table. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to accept the deed as is. All ayes, motion carried. (See attached copy)

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

11. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Chad stated that there will be training session on April 14th here at Oblong. This is a training session on Ground Control/Arrestee Control. There is a training session on April 28th at Newton on Criminal Law updates (Requirement). Mutual aid agreement plan through the State of Illinois (Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System), this is an agreement that the Police Department would like to incorporate into the Police Manual. There is not a fee for participation in ILEAS. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to incorporate the mutual aid agreement into the Village Police Manual. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Buildings and Park: No Report. Bonnie stated that the Lake Committee will be holding a Special Event on June 4th-6th. The Lake Committee will probably want to block off a street out at the Park during the event.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Gary stated that the fire hydrants will be flushed on April 13th thru April 16th.

F. Finance: No Report. Jan stated that she will be attending the Treasurers' Symposium in Springfield on April 21st and 22nd sponsored by the State Treasurer if she is caught up. Trustee Sherry Catt told Jan to go either because this is education. Jan also stated that she will need to attend an IMRF session on the new reporting system. Jan informed the Trustees that Ladora and her would like to go to Neoga and watch them do a payroll run and small bill run.

13. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to go into executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss personnel.

14. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Carole, to come out of executive session at 8:09 pm.

15. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-466 "Payroll Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried. The two full-time police officers will not receive their raises until their one (1) year anniversary.

16. Motion by Carole, with a second by Debi, to adopt the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2005. All ayes, motion carried.

17. In other items of business: Sherry stated that she would like to see new playground equipment budgeted Fiscal Year 2006.

18. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to adjourn at 8:24 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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## May 5, 2004

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 5th, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Karen Johnson (RHS Recyclers Sponsor), Matt Briner (RHS Recyclers), James McCullough (RHS Recyclers), Chris Forde (Leadership Crawford County) and Randy Rich (Rusty Nail Hardware).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of April 7th were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Carole. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Bill suggested that the agenda item delinquent water bills item be changed to just read Water Bills.
5. Matt Briner and James McCullough (RHS Recyclers) made a power point presentation on the recycling of old tires. The RHS Recyclers will be accepting old tires on May 21st and 22nd from 8 am to 2 pm. The direction to drop off the old tires are as follows: From Route 33 to Mitchell Avenue go North to Wastewater Treatment Plant East Gate then exit at the West Gate onto Wilkin Avenue Northeast to North Jackson street. Illinois EPA will then have a tire recycling company come down and pick up the tires. There were some questions about local use of the tires that are collected. The tires must be off the rims for the RHS Recyclers accept them. There will be a statement to be signed.

6. Shannon Woodard came before the board to state that there were no bills this month. Shannon stated that Connor & Connor had received the lab report on the paint complaint. The report stated that the sample consisted of silica sand material and pollen particles. The silica sand appeared to be of soil origin while the pollen particles resembled certain tree pollens. (See attached report.) Shannon updated the board on the progress of the Water Tower Project. The painting of the new Water Tower is about completed, the painters have started putting on the last coat of paint. Shannon stated that he had prepared a motion that he would like the board to make. Motion by Bonnie, with second by Jack, to authorize the issuance of the "Notice to Proceed" to Munson Construction upon the completion of the new water tower and subject to the approval of the engineer, Village Superintendent and Village President and notification of adjacent property owners. All ayes, motion carried. There were some questions about the dismantling of the old water tower. Shannon stated that there are several facts (weather & etc.) that will need to be done before the project can start. Bill asked if there was anything

new about the water extension. Shannon stated that as of now it looked like there were 78 people interested

connecting to the Village's water system. Shannon hopes to have everything ready to present by the next board meeting.

7. Chris Forde (Leadership Crawford County) came before the board to inform the board on the plans for starting a leadership program in Crawford County. The goal of this program is to make good community leaders.

8. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #04-4 "A Resolution Opposing the Closure of the Vandalia Correctional Center." All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-467 "An Ordinance Implementing the Provisions of the State Officials and Employment Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1 ET Seq.) in the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois." All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to grant the mobile home permit submitted by Gary and Carole Lance. All ayes, motion carried. There was some discussion on making some changes to the mobile home ordinance. It was tabled until next month so that there can be some research done.

11. The Bids were opened that were submitted for the purchase of the two building under the old Water Tower. The bids are as follows:

For the Yard Barn  
Emril McKee \$75.00  
Jeff Allen \$65.00  
Doug Jones \$75.00  
Rick White \$20.00

For the Storage Building  
Rick White \$20.00

The board decided to accept the bids from Emril McKee (Yarn Barn) and Rick White (Storage).

12. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the signed deed for the Atkins' property is at the attorney's office. The attorney is preparing paperwork to have the property taken off the tax roll.

b.) Keith informed the Trustees that Marathon is going to collect Hazardous Material. The cost of this project will be around \$10,000.00. Marathon is paying around \$5,000.00 and would like for the Village to donate \$500.00. Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, for the Village to donate \$500.00 towards the cost of disposing of hazardous materials. All ayes, motion carried. The mayor will be going to a meeting over at Marathon on May 13th and will probably get more information on the matter such as when and where.

c.) Keith stated that there is a problem with grass being thrown into the streets, which causes problem with the storm sewers. It was stated that the first time the property owner/renter will receive a warning. The second time the property owner/renter will receive a citation.

d.) Keith stated that the First National Bank in Olney would like to use the Park on June 17th for Customer Appreciation Day from 5 pm to 7 pm. Motion by Carole, with a second by Bonnie, to grant permission to the First National Bank in Olney to use the Park on June 17th. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Carole, with a second by Bill, to grant permission to the Oblong Antique Tractor and Engine Association permission to use the Park on August 13th, 14th and 15th for their annual show. All ayes, motion carried.

e.) Keith stated that the Lake Committee would like to use the Park on June 4th, 5th and 6th for a big party. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to grant permission to the Lake Committee to use the Park on June 4th, 5th and 6th. All ayes, motion carried. Carole asked if the meters will be read like when the Antique Tractor and Engines Show is going on. Bonnie stated that event is only Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning

Bill asked if the Lake Committee coordinate with the Village Building/Park Committee and if not why. Bonnie stated that it had never been done that way before.

f.) Keith stated that there will be a wedding on June 12th at the Memorial Wall. The couple would like for the fountains to be on during the ceremony.

g.) Keith stated that in looking at the Horseshoe Pits; he thinks that the North and South Horseshoe Pit is the better of the two and that it should be the one to keep. The East and West Horseshoe Pit will be the one to be taken out and the Basketball Court put in. The Board agreed.

h.) Keith stated that George Carpenter, from C & S Paving, had come in and talked to him about seal coating the walkway out at the park and the back parking lot at the Municipal Building. Keith told Mr. Carpenter to give two separate bids, one for the walkway and one for the parking lot. Mr. Carpenter brought the bids to Keith. The bid for the walkway was for \$4,488.00 and the bid for the parking lot was for \$940.00. The board felt that the bids were reasonable. Motion by Bill, with a second by Carole, to accept the bids from C & S Paving. All ayes motion carried. It will be about a month before the walkway at the Park will be ready.

13. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained to the board why the difference was in the CD balance from last month's report.

14. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the voucher and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Carole stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Carole stated that Kristin Averill will be attending Juvenile schooling on May 18th thru 21st. The Chief will be going to get the new police car tomorrow (5/6/04).

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that she would like to remind people that walk the dogs around the lake pick up and dispose of the deposits that the dogs make. Debi asked to know what the committee would like to plant at the Park, flowers, shrubs or trees because Ridgeview Nursing Home will be planting next week and would like to get it ordered. The committee will get together and take care of the details.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Bill told Randy Rich that he could go first. Randy came before the board to express some concerns about safety during the dismantling of the old water tower. Randy stated that the project could possibly take five days depending on the weather. Randy stated that he would be shutting down his business (Rusty Nail Hardware) during the dismantling of the tower, but he would lose money. He is asking that the Village Board be considerate and compensate him for lost revenue. Bill asked Randy if he could get figures together. There will be an All Committee Meeting on May 17th at 8 am.

Bill stated that for the past year he has been chairperson of the Water/Sewer Committee. There have been some things that have come to his attention that he feels should be addressed. One is the difference between water purchased from Robinson-Palestine Water Commission and the water sold by the Village. The difference runs between 11% to 35.2%, which means that 1 out of every 5 gallons or even sometimes every 3 gallons of water purchased is lost. Bill stated that he had called the Chairperson of the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) to ask for some suggestions on how to solve this problem. Bill was told that losing 6% would not cause trouble. Bill does not know how Gary figures the numbers but stated that Gary was giving honest figures; this has weighed on Bill's mind for the whole year. Bill stated IRWA has offered to assist the Village, some of the assistance would be free and some have fees. IRWA said it might be the accounting system, which the Village has now purchased a new accounting software. Bill stated that there are some detail still to be worked out with

the new system. Bill stated that Gary informed Bill that there are some businesses in town that do not have water meters. Bill feels that to solve this problem there needs to be meters installed where there aren't any right now. Bill feels that there needs to be a system set up for meter replacement. There was a problem that developed where there was a water leak and the water line had been identified as a private line, but the water was not going thru the meter so it was decided that the problem was the responsibility of the Village. Bill stated that the point is that the Water Department needs to show some accountability to the Board. Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to require the Superintendent of Public Works to give a report to the Village Board at their regularly scheduled monthly meetings to include but not limited to the following items:

(1) Amount of water purchased and the amount of water sold, the difference if any, and what is being done to correct the discrepancy.

(2) List of all delinquent water bills and a list of water meter reading deviating from their norm -- high or low -- and what is being done to find a reason for the difference from month to month.

(3) Major projects report -- streets and water - new meter replacements - testing of meters - installation of meters - tracking of water loses - Seasonal projects; projection of time to start and complete the projects. (ex. public restrooms, Park - Basketball court. Ayes: Bill, Carole, Sherry, Debi. Nays: Bonnie, Jack. Motion carried.

Gary would like to send Rick & Jason to a class on underground construction on July 21st. Rick and Jason would go up the day before and come back the next day. Gary and Travis would like to go to Effingham to attend the American Water Works Association (AWWA) on June 10th.

F. Finance: No Report. Sherry asked Jan what she learned at the Treasurer Symposium. There was some discussion because Jan had not attended. Gary asked to go ahead and purchase some of the items that he had budgeted for. The board told him to go ahead because it was in the budget.

16. Motion by Carole, with a second by Debi, to go into executive session at 8:55 pm to discuss personnel. All ayes, motion carried.

17. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to come out of executive session at 9:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

18. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to hire Jesse Randolph, Jared Pepmeier and Jesse Stephens as Summer Help for this year. All ayes, motion carried. Sherry asked Gary if he had ever fired anyone. Gary said yes he had.

19. In other items of business: Keith passed out the new committees' page to all the Trustees. They are as follows:

POLICE: Jack Gallion, Debi Wilson, Bill Hatch

FINANCE: Bonnie Finn, Debi Wilson, Jack Gallion

WATER/ SEWER: Debi Wilson, Bonnie Finn, Sherry Catt

BUILDING/PARK: Sherry Catt, Bonnie Finn, Carole Jones

STREET/ALLEY: Carole Jones, Bill Hatch, Sherry Catt

SIDEWALK/LIGHT: Bill Hatch, Carole Jones, Jack Gallion

20. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to adjourn at 8:24 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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June 2, 2004

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 2nd, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Cyndi Reynolds (Oblong Gem), Dale Davis, Sgt. Larry Fear, Joni Decker, Greg Bloom, Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Monte C. Gillaspie, Brenda L. Gillaspie, Bill Cox, Jr., Chris Hinterscher, Rita Baud and Paul Perrine, Jr.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of May 5th were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one deletion to the agenda this month. Shannon Woodard called the Mayor and stated that he had another meeting to attend and that there were no bills to be paid at this time.
4. There were three delinquent water bill customers at the meeting this month. Joni Decker asked if it would be alright if she paid \$50 extra a month until she pays off her water bill of \$ 128.71 starting June 4th. The trustees granted permission. Rita Baud stated that she would be able to pay her water bill on June 14th. The trustees granted permission. Greg Bloom ask for an extension for Jimette Ross of June 7th to pay her water bill. The trustees granted permission.
5. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-468 "Prevailing Wage Ordinance." All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-469 "Appropriation Ordinance." All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Carole, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-470 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 23, Manufactured Housing Code, Article I - General Provisions, Section 23-1-10, Prohibited Residential Uses, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois." Ayes: Bill, Carole, Sherry. Nays: Bonnie, Jack. Abstain: Debi. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-471 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Liquor, Article III - Regulations, Section 21-3-1, Hours, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois." Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Debi. Nays: Carole, Sherry. Motion carried.
9. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the Village had received a Thank You Note from Madeline Harris and Shirley Osborn stating their "appreciation to the town board for the use of the park for our

Conservation Day. We heard so many compliments on our beautiful lake and park. The kids had a great and educational time."

b.) Keith stated that he had received a letter from MediaCom. MediaCom is offering some new packages for digital cable.

c.) Keith stated that Gary and Travis will be gone June 10th to a meeting in Effingham, Rick and Jason will be gone July 21st to a meeting in Manteno, Gary maybe on vacation June 28th thru July 2nd, Jan will be gone June 28th and 29th to Treasurer's Conference in Quincy and Officer Avery will be gone June 8th thru 11th to Juvenile School in Mattoon.

d.) Keith stated that ten (10) to fourteen (14) days Mike Munson will get the go ahead to start the dismantling the old water tower. Shannon called to give the Mayor this information. Bill asked if the (10) to fourteen (14) days started today. Keith stated that Shannon could not give a definite date. It was stated that once Mike get notice to precede that he has thirty (30) days to complete the project.

e.) Keith stated that the new lines are in to the new water tower and the new pump house will be put on line. Gary stated that there have been samples sent in and are waiting for the results before filling the new tower. Jack asked if there had to be samples taken from the new tower before dismantling of the old tower. Gary stated yes. Keith said that the electrician is suppose to be out at the new tower next week and then the 911 antenna be moved from the old tower to the new one.

f.) Keith stated that the new squad car was ready to hit the streets tomorrow, but that the video camera will be installed this weekend.

g.) Keith stated that the house at 402 East Indiana will be torn down and burned next Monday (June 7th).

h.) Keith stated that there will be a wedding at the Park near the Memorial Wall on June 12th.

i.) Keith mentioned that he had received a complaint about the traffic on Route 33 during the Memorial Day Service at the cemetery. He stated that he would look into having the traffic stopped for 30-45 minutes like is done for the Homecoming Parade and Halloween Parade.

j.) Keith mentioned that work on the basketball court out at the park has begun.

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained to the board why the difference was in the CD balance from last month's report. Jan also explained that when the two CD's come due that the Village can commingle the amounts into one CD.

11. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Chad asked permission to sell the radar unit from the 98 squad car for \$200.00. He stated that Jasper County Sheriff Department is interest in buying the unit. The board gave permission.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that has been some new trees and flowers planted and that the flowers were planted by Ridgeview are doing great.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Bill asked Gary about the Route 33 project being postpone until 2008, if so, is there some of the sidewalks uptown needing some done before then. Gary stated that he would be willing to meet with the committee and look at the sidewalks.

D. Street and Alley: Carole stated that the bid letting was this morning for the annual street work that is paid thru Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Carole also stated that the summer help will be starting soon.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi mention that the board could look at the three folders that contained the new report from Gary. Debi stated that the board all had a copy of the minutes of May 17th and May 26th. Motion by Debi with a second by Jack, that the board go with the recommendation from Connor & Connor, Inc. to not pay compensation to the owner of the hardware store for being closed during the time that the old water tower is being dismantled. Ayes: Bonnie, Jack, Sherry, Debi. Nays: Bill, Carole. Motion carried.

F. Finance: Keith stated that the audit will be presented to the Board at next month's meeting. Gary asked permission to advertise the Cub Cadet for sale in the Trader. The board gave permission.

13. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to go into executive session at 7:44 pm to discuss personnel. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Jack, to come out of executive session at 8:01 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to adopt ordinance #2004-0-472 "An Ordinance Setting and Establishing the Rates of Pay for Two (2) Full-time Patrol Officers of the Village of Oblong, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.

16. There was no other business this month.

17. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to adjourn at 8:03 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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## **DRAFT MINUTES**

**July 7, 2004**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 7th, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Carole Jones, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Cyndi Reynolds (Oblong Gem), Sgt. Larry Fear, Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Monte C. Gillaspie, Brenda L. Gillaspie, Jodi Machtley (Kemper CPA), Brandi Jittjumnongk (Lincoln Trail College [LTC]), Rhonda Clark (Kids Kingdom Daycare) and Randy Fancil.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Meeting minutes of June 2nd were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one deletion to the agenda this month. A representative from Connor & Connor, Inc. did not attend the meeting. There was two additions to the agenda. Mrs. Clark and Mr. Fancil asked to speak to the board.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Mrs. Clark from Kids Kingdom Daycare and Mr. Fancil, a concerned parent (whose children go to the daycare), stated that they had some concerns about the demolition of the old water tower. There was some discussion on the matter. Sherry suggested that the daycare can use the Farley Room and Activity Room when the demolition got started. The mayor stated that he and Byron would get together with Mrs. Clark about the rooms.
6. Jodi Machtley from Kemper CPA came before the board to give a summary of the audit report and answer any questions that the board had. Jodi stated that there were copies of the audit report for the board members. There were some questions asked and there was some discussion on what the section on compliance and internal control stated. Jodi stated that if any of the trustees had further questions to feel free to call her and she would answer them.
7. Brandi Jittjumnongk from LTC came before the board to ask permission to use the municipal building for Spring Semester 2005 evening class. She stated that the class were general courses and that the class size would be no more than 40. The board felt that this was a good idea. The mayor stated that she would need to get with Byron on the availability of the facilities.

8. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that there will be two (2) repos coming due on August 8th and then two (2) more repos coming due on August 25th. He stated that Jan will be sending out letters to the financial institutes for bids on the whole amount. The bids will be opened at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

b.) Keith stated that Marathon is working with us on the new warning system (Siren). Waiting on the District Manager to okay that Marathon will put up the pole and run the electric like they did for the other Siren.

c.) Keith stated that the instruments have not come in yet for the new water tower. Gary stated that the instruments have arrived and that the past two (2) days he and the contractors have been working on the system. Keith stated that the electric has been installed.

d.) Keith stated that the IML Conference is September 16th - 19th, if any of the trustees want to attend the conference they need to let Ladora know by July 16th, so that she can send in the reservations.

e.) Keith stated that the Police Chief is on vacation and that Patrol Officer Avery is the officer in charge. Patrol Officer Avery stated that there will be a handgun qualification on July 16th, at the firing range. This is mandatory.

f.) Keith stated that there had been a modular home application turned in that needed the trustees signatures.

g.) Keith read a letter from Carole Jones stating that she was resigning as trustee effective July 12th due to the fact that she will no longer be living inside the village limit.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she has started a reserve account for the new water tower loan pay back. The amount being pulled will be \$2,000.00.

10. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there was a lilac bush donated to the park in the memory of Ladora's grandfather, Leland Dale Rhyne. There will also be a stone stating that the lilac bush is in memory of Mr. Rhyne. Bonnie stated that while her husband, Ronnie, and her were attending bluegrass event a lady was telling Ronnie that the park and lake were a nice asset for the village.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Bill stated that the committee and Gary will be getting together to discuss some projects. Gary stated that the guys had fixed some of the toe catchers around town and that some of the fire hydrants had been repainted.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that he and the guys will be starting some of the street projects as the weather permits.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated that the committee had had a meeting in June. All the trustees had a copy of the minutes. Bill brought up the fact that on the USDA Rural Development annual report that Jan and Ladora do, shows that the village had a net loss in water last fiscal year. Bill stated that he is not blaming Gary but that the board needs to back up Gary in getting professional help in finding and giving suggestions on how to correct the problems. Keith stated that it needed to go thru the committee. Debi stated that she would get with Gary and schedule a meeting for sometime next week.

F. Finance: Bonnie stated that she had no other items of business for finance. Keith stated that the village had finally received a check from Jack Piper for the TIF mowing.

12. In other business: Ladora wanted to thank the village employees and board for the beautiful funeral arrangement sent for her grandpa's funeral.

13. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to adjourn at 8:04 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**July 19, 2004**

The Village Board of Trustees met for special session on July 19th, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Demaree New, Cyndi Reynolds (Oblong Gem), Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Frank Weber (Village Attorney), Rhonda Clark (Kids Kingdom) and Randy Rich (Rusty Nail Hardware).

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. Mayor stated why the meeting was called. Mayor stated that Randy Rich had come in to talk with the Mayor about the board meeting on July 7th, 2004, where there was a suggested made about the daycare using the municipal building while the water tower was be dismantled. Randy then went and talk to Trustee Wilson about the same thing. Randy felt that if the Village Board was going to offer the Activity and Farley Rooms to the daycare at no charge then the Village Board was not being fair. Randy stated that he is still willing to work with the Village on coming to agreeable terms for compensating him during the dismantling of the old water tower.

There was some discussion about the RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ACTIVITY ROOM OF THE OBLONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING which is posted on the wall in the kitchen. The rules state the terms for renting the Activity Room and Farley Room.

Trustee Hatch stated that the Boards first responsibility is to protect the citizens of the village.

3. Motion by Bill that the Board find a way to deal with the daycare and Rusty Nail. The motion died due a lack of a second.

4. Attorney Frank Weber stated his legal opinion. Frank stated that if any action was taken at the last regular board meeting on deciding to offer the activity room and farley room to the daycare, it was illegal due to the fact that Mrs. Clark did not call and ask to be put on the agenda before the meeting started. It was stated that there had only been a suggestion made to offer the rooms to the daycare. Frank stated that he feels there should be a meeting between the engineers and the businesses that will be affected by the dismantling of the old water tower.

Mrs. Clark stated that she does have another place to take the children from Kids Kingdom.

There were some more questions discussed.

5. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi, that a committee, appointed by the Village Board, work with the involved parties with the dismantling of the old water tower. Ayes: Bill, Sherry, Debi. Nays: Bonnie, Jack. Motion carried. Debi, Bonnie and Bill volunteered to be on the Water Tower Committee.

Motion by Bill, with a second by Jack, to make Debi the chairperson of the Water Tower Committee. 5 ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 6:44 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**August 4, 2004**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 4th, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis, Frank Weber (Village Attorney), Ronnie Finn, Lori Jenkins, Tom Compton (Daily News), Brenda L. Gillaspie, Monte C. Gillaspie, Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Phoebe Gill, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Cyndi Reynolds, Carole Jones, Randy Fancil, Nikki Fancil, Danielle Davis, Kenny Davis, Billy Jo Boyd, Tina Dart, Rob Hawkins, Debra Hawkins, Angela Woods, Joseph Covey, Jennifer Covey, Holly Gaddis, Rhonda Clark (Kids Kingdom Daycare), Teresa Smith, Sara Pepmeier, Pat Carpenter and Rick Hamilton.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Mayor stated that he would like to nominate Monte Gillaspie to fill the vacancy on the Board. Bill stated that this item was not on the agenda and that he objected. Frank stated the appointment of someone should be on the agenda.
3. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 7th and Special Board Meeting minutes of July 19th were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.
4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
5. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mrs. Reynolds stated that she could pay her water bill on August 16th. The Board granted her request.
6. Rhonda Clark stated that she had sent all the board members a copy of a letter she had received from DCFS. In the letter, it states that while the water tower is being dismantled and until it is completely on the ground Rhonda will have to have the daycare shutdown. Bill asked Rhonda how many children she had enrolled at the present and how many she will have enrolled after school starts. Rhonda stated that she presently has 80 student and

will have 93 after school starts. Rhonda handed the Board two sheets of signatures from concerned parents. Rhonda read an e-mail that she had received from a parent. Rhonda had her insurance agent, Rick Hamilton, talk to the Board about her insurance and a clause in the policy. Joseph Covey stated that where he works, E.R. Moore has a point system for when you are absent and if you get enough points they could fire the employee. Danielle Davis stated that where she works, Hershey has the same policy. Keith stated that later in the meeting the Board will be going into executive session to discuss this issue.

7. The mobile home permit for Dave Hasty was granted by the board. Sherry asked if there was a time limit on putting under penning on the mobile home. The Mayor stated that he did not think there is time limit stated in the code book.

8. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to adopt Resolution #04-5 AHomecoming Parade Permit@. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #04-6 AHalloween Parade Permit@. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #04-7 AResolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code@ (South Adams Street Project). All ayes, motion carried.

11. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that Police Sergeant Larry Fear has retired as of July 22nd.

b.) Keith stated that Marathon is furnishing the pole for the Warning System and doing the electric. The Speaker for the Warning System will be shipped to Marathon. Jack asked how much this was costing the village. Keith stated that so far the Village has paid \$13,000. The township is going to pay \$5,000 towards the warning system.

c.) Keith stated that Frank had contacted him about Hayes Street here in town. Frank was contacted by another attorney asking whether Hayes Street is a private drive or a street. Keith stated that he had asked Gary about this issue and that Hayes Street is a private drive. The reason it was given the name of Hayes Street was due to 911.

12. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan made a copy of all the bids on the Repos for each board member.

Motion by Bill, with a second by Sherry, to accept the bid from Trust Bank in Olney at 2.51%. Ayes: Bill, Sherry. Nays: Bonnie, Jack, Debi. Motion was defeated.

Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to accept the bid from 1st National Bank in Olney at 2.30%. Ayes: Bonnie, Jack, Debi. Nays: Bill, Sherry. Motion carried.

13. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to go into executive session at 7:35 pm to discuss probable litigation.

15. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to come out of executive session at 8:20 pm.

16. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to authorize a change order on the contract to take down the water tower on the weekend and to pay the contractor for the additional cost associated with the change order. All ayes, motion carried.

17. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. The police have several upcoming training sessions this month. On August 4th & 5th, the officers have range training. On August 27th, they have a training session on Crime Scene Investigations. Jack stated that the Chief would like to hire a part-time officer. Dan Cheadle, who is already certified, would like to work for the Village. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to hire Mr. Cheadle as the Village's new part-time officer. All ayes, motion carried. On August 16th, the Chief has been asked to speak at the Leadership 2004 (for Grades 6th, 7th and 8th) out at LTC.

B. Buildings and Park: Keith stated that he had received only one bid so far on the basketball court. Keith and Gary had talked to Maxwell. Maxwell is going to submit a bid. The board felt that since the basketball court was budgeted for there was no need to wait until next month's Board Meeting just to go ahead and get the court started.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated that the committee had a meeting on July 19th. (See attached minutes) All the trustees had a copy of the minutes. IRWA will be getting in touch with us to see when they can come. Gary asked permission for him and Travis to go to training at Mt. Carmel on September 16th, from 8 am -12 (Noon). Jason and Dale will be attending a LOCIS training class at Springfield on August 25th.

F. Finance: Bonnie stated that the committee had a meeting August 3rd, to discuss the proposals from Kemper CPA and Barbie J. Lachenmayr for the Village Audit. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to go with Kemper for the Village Audit. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to not comply with GASB 34 for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005. All ayes, motion carried.

18. There was no other business this month.

19. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 8:38 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**September 1, 2004**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 1st, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Brenda L. Gillaspie, Monte C. Gillaspie, Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Randy Fancil, Pat Gammill (IRWA Circuit Rider), Bob Grundon, Nedra Clark, Mike McReynolds, Cindy McReynolds and Kim Shafer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. Keith stated that there was four individuals ( Kim Shafer, Charlotte Cannon, Monte Gillaspie and Randy Fancil) who had turned in letters that stated they were interested in filling the vacancy on the Board. (See attached letters) Copies were given to all the board members. Each candidate stood up and made a statement of why they were interested in the position. Keith stated that he would like to appoint Monte Gillaspie to the vacancy on the board. The vote was 3-2 (Ayes: Bonnie, Jack, Debi. Nays: Bill, Sherry.) in favor of Mr. Gillaspie.

Keith swore in Mr. Gillaspie as Trustee.

3. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 4th were approved with a motion by Jack and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.

4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

5. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month. Mr. & Mrs. McReynolds stated that they could pay their water bill on September 3rd. The Board granted their request. Also Nedra Clark stated that she would be able to pay her water bill on September 8th. The Board granted their request.

6. Pat Gammil a circuit rider from Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) came to the meeting to try and answer some of the Boards questions about the loss of water. She stated that she came to Oblong last month and did a leakage check (see attached letter). Pat stated that as far as she could tell there are no major leaks in the water line but that there could be some minor leaks. Bill asked a few questions and Pat answered them. Pat stated that she and Gary talked about some of the changes that IRWA were suggesting. Pat passed out some literature for the Board to look over at their leisure.

7. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #04-8 "Halloween Parade Permit". All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Debi, with a second by Jack, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-473 "An Ordinance to Adopt National Incident Management System (NIMS)". All ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the wastewater fee was reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500 and that the Village had received a refund check for \$2,500 since the Village had paid the \$5,000 for this year.

b.) Keith stated that the concrete for the basketball court had been poured. There is some problems with getting the pipe for the goal post.

c.) Keith stated that the papers, dealing with the dismantling of the old water tower, were signed on August 24th, 2004. Mike Munson will have 30 days to dismantle the old tower starting September 6th.

d.) Keith stated that IDOT will be here to do a field check on South Adams Street at 9 am tomorrow morning (September 2nd).

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she had closed three (3) checking accounts at Casey State Bank, since we no longer have CD's there for those accounts. Jan also mention that there will be 3 CD's coming due in January. Bill asked about the Water Extension accounts and the Water Tower account. Jan stated that the Water Extension accounts were required by USDA Rural Development and that the Water Tower account was for making the EPA loan payment.

11. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. The police have several upcoming training sessions this month. On September 9th, the Chief will be certifying Officers Avery and Pine for the Tasers. On September 17th, they have a

training session on Law Updates at Robinson. On September 18th, the Chief will be attending the NIMS training session. On September 23rd and 24th, the Chief will be attending a training session on new legislation on law enforcement in Charleston. Keith commended the police for the handling on a fight and high speed chase on August 21st weekend.

B. Buildings and Park: Keith stated that there will be some tree limbs trimmed around the basketball court. Keith stated that the replacement window had been installed in the Activity Center.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that there has been some repair work done on some of the sidewalks on his list that need work done on. Gary stated that he hoped to get some more done before bad weather.

D. Street and Alley: Everything was discussed earlier under mayor's comments. Keith mentioned that there was some yellow panther paws painted on South Range Street leading to the High School. There is also a big "O" (painted in the school colors) right in front of the High School driveway. Jack stated that he had received a complaint about grass in the street on Illinois Street. Jack told the person that he needed to call the police department. Officer Avery stated that she went and investigate the area and that there was hardly any grass on the street or the sidewalk. Chip and seal of the streets is finished for this year. Gary stated there are some repairs that needs to done to some of the streets that were not on the list for MFT maintenance this year.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated that the trustees all had copies of the minutes from the last committee meeting. Debi also wanted to commend Gary on how well the summer help did this year. Gary stated that the water bills went out on time this month and that Jason was on schedule with his meter readings. Bill asked Gary if he had heard anymore from Connor & Connor on the water extension for some people North East of town that are wanting city water. Gary stated that he had not heard anything new on that matter.

F. Finance: Bonnie stated that the committee had a meeting August 20th (See Attached Minutes). Bonnie stated that the committee met with a Mr. Smith on August 26th, about GASB 34 program from his company and he also stated that it was not mandatory that the Village comply. He submitted a bid of \$2,100. It has been filed and Bonnie stated that the bid was good for a couple of years.

Bonnie stated that since the mayor and trustees have not had a pay increase since 1999, that committee recommended an increase in pay as follows:

Trustees go from \$100/month to \$125/month

Mayor go from \$200/month to \$250/month.

There was a straw vote taken. It is as follows: Ayes - Bonnie, Jack, Monte, Sherry, Debi; Nays - Bill. Keith stated that there will be an ordinance drafted with the pay increases for the newly elected trustees and mayor to be passed at next months board meeting.

13. Under other business this month. a.) Sherry stated that she had researched the issue on underpinning for mobile homes. She found out that there is a 60 day limit on having the underpinning on mobile homes in the Village Code of Ordinance. b.) Ladora mentioned that the next SEICTA meeting will be September 9th at Effingham. c.) Keith stated that he, Jan and Ladora will be going to Chicago on September 16th - 18th to attend the IML Conference. d.) Jan stated that LOCIS will be coming September 24th, to install the new update and give some training on it.

14. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to adjourn at 8:02 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**October 6, 2004**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 6th, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Brenda L. Gillaspie, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Lane Kessler, Velma Kessler, Kevin Harris, Brandy Sechrest, Jim Sechrest, Larry Fear, Shannon Woodard, Sharon Preston and Brandi Kocher.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 1st were approved with a motion by Jack and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Brandi Kocher stated that she could pay her water bills on November 5th. The Board granted her request.
5. Sharon Preston stated that the Horseshoe Club had received a check from the estate of Russell McCoy to help take care of the Horseshoe Pits out at the Park. She stated that there were very few members left of the club, so she brought the donation to give to the Village Board to help with the expenses of upkeep on the Horseshoe pits. The check amount was \$500.00.

6. Lane Kessler came before the board asking that the board make an ordinance that bans ATVs, off-road motorcycles except when being used for yard work. Chad informed Mr. Kessler that what he was asking for would be infringing on people's civil rights. The reason for Mr. Kessler's request is that a neighbor's family rides their ATVs on the neighbor's property and it disturbs Mr. Kessler when he is trying to watch TV on a Saturday afternoon or his sleep when he was working shift work. Kevin Harris, Brandy Sechrest and Jim Sechrest (relatives of Mr. Kessler's neighbor) stated that they ride their ATVs as a family activity, but only on every other Saturday. They stated that they would be willing to work with Mr. Kessler if he would not be asking them to stop every time he heard one ATV start up. The mayor asked if Mr. Kessler thought he could work with the neighbor and family. If this does not work to come back to the board to ask for help to resolve the problem. Mr. Kessler stated that he and his wife were told by Crawford County Dispatch and Officer Avery that there was not an ordinance for nuisance. Chad informed Mr. Kessler that there is an ordinance for nuisance and noise already.

7. Shannon Woodard came before the board to present the final bills on the Water Tower Project they are as follows:

Caldwell Tank Service	\$ 133,075.00
David Krick Construction	24,498.37
Mike Munson	16,375.00
Connor & Connor - Design Fee	15,686.48
Connor & Connor - Inspection Fee	9,536.52
Total	\$199,171.37

Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to approve the bills submitted for the Water Tower Project and pay them upon approval from IEPA. All ayes, motion carried.

Shannon stated, in getting all the paper work for the final, that the Water Tower Project paperwork start on October 6th, 1999 and the Village Board is acting on the final bills on October 6th, 2004. Shannon stated that the whole project cost was \$731,008.63, and that the maximum amount of the loan was \$750,000.00.

Bill asked Shannon about the second phase of the northeast rural water extension. Shannon stated that he would have an estimate of cost for this project by next board meeting.

8. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-474 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter One, Administration, Article III - Salaries, Section 1-3-1 Salaries of Village Officials of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong, Illinois". Ayes: Bonnie Finn, Jack Gallion, Monte Gillaspie, Sherry Catt, Debi Wilson. Nays: Bill Hatch. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2004-0-475 "Tax Levy Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to set trick or treat night for October 29th from 6 pm to 8 pm and only where there is a porch light on. All ayes, motion carried.

11. After some discuss on livestock in the village limits, there was a motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to deny the animal permit turned in by Gerald & Ruth Adams to get permission to keep 30-35 chickens in the Village limits. Also, in this motion the Adams have 10 days to remove the chickens from the Village limits and there will be no extensions. Ayes: Bill Hatch, Jack Gallion, Monte Gillaspie, Sherry Catt, Debi Wilson. Abstained: Bonnie Finn. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to accept the bid of \$34,053.70 for the black topping of South Adams Street from the High School to almost West Main Street. All ayes, motion carried. The engineer's estimate cost was for \$33,900.00.

13. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the Crawford County Shrine Club would like to use the 4-way stop here in town to collect donations and pass out papers about the Shriners' Hospital. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to grant the Crawford County Shrine Club permission. All ayes, motion carried.

b.) Keith stated that Fall Clean-Up will be October 15 in Oblong.

c.) Keith stated that the rest room at the mini park uptown should be finished by the end of the week.

d.) Keith stated that the pathway around the lake has been sealed and looks nice. Also, that the guys had to do some concrete work where there has been some erosion problems.

e.) Keith stated that the Village had received a thank you note from Lincolnland Ethanol Plant for the ad of Welcome in the newspaper.

f.) Keith stated that the warning system is at Marathon. Monte stated that right now Marathon is on turn around so as soon as they can get to putting the system up for us they will. The new warning system siren will be placed across the road from the northeast corner of the old oil field museum.

14. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated she has added a new passbook savings account for the \$25 down payment from people interested in being put on the Village's water. Jan also explained that she is working on getting the interest amount divided out to place in the respective account numbers.

15. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. The police have several upcoming training sessions this month. On October 13th, Officer Avery will be attending a training session on Indicators School & Workplace Violence in Mattoon. Also on October 13th, Officer Pine will be attending a training session on Tackle Handgun Scenario in Olney. On October 20th and 21st, the Chief will be attending a training session on Criminal Controls in Mattoon. On October 15th, Homecoming Parade escort.

B. Buildings and Park: Everything has already been discussed earlier.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that he may talk to a contractor about doing the sidewalk project in front of the Rusty Nail Hardware Store. Gary stated that he did not know that the water lines to the old water tower ran under the sidewalk, so they had to dig up the sidewalk and repair it after removing the lines. The South Adams Street Project will be done either before or after Fall Follies.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that he and the guys had done some extensive work on the corner of North Wilson and West Illinois streets, trying to solve the problem of having a big puddle of water standing. Gary said he thought that the problem has been solved. Gary stated that he and the guys had also done some work on the drainage ditch in the 300 block North Harrison Street to solve the erosion problem of the drainage ditch banks.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi asked that Shannon explain a possible project where the Village would purchase a water softening system. Shannon stated that EPA does not have a requirement on softening the water. Shannon stated that the system would roughly cost the water customer more money than if the water customer had their own water softening system. Shannon stated he would have an estimate cost proposal for the next month's meeting. There will probably be a committee meeting later on this month.

F. Finance: Jan stated that Marjorie Blythe from IDOT came and did the Motor Fuel Audit which had not been done since 2001. Marjorie audited Motor Fuel for 2002 and 2003.

17. Under other business this month. a.) Ladora stated that she would be attending MCI Clerk Academy on October 12th - 15th in Springfield, Illinois. b.) Debi asked if any animal permit application had been turned in by kids in 4-H. She was informed that there were no permits turned-in. She stated that maybe the Village should put an ad in the paper that stated that all 4-H animal projects in the Village limits should come in and pick up an application to be filled out and returned to Ladora. Jan suggested that the Village put it in the 4-H newsletter instead of the Daily News because not everyone gets the Daily News. The suggestion was accepted by the Board. c.) Sherry stated that Chuck Baker had talked to her and Gary today about widening the track in front of the grandstand. Gary stated that Chuck asked when was the next board meeting. Gary told him it would be tonight at 7 pm. Chuck stated that he would not be prepared for tonight, so he will probably be at the next meeting to discuss the widening of the track.

18. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 8:27 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**October 19th, 2004**  
**12 pm (Noon)**

Present: Chairperson Jack Gallion, Trustee Debi Wilson, Trustee Bill Hatch, Mayor Keith Waldrop and Police Chief Chad Pusey.

Pine stated that practice ammo is costing him \$400.00 per year. Randy practices weekly, but, the officers only need to qualify every six months. Suggest was made that the officers be allotted 2 boxes of ammo a month at a cost of \$8.00 per box. Have Randy get the approval from Chad, also the ammo from Chad. Chad will purchase ammo from Wal\*Mart. Randy and Kristin can request ammo from Chad. 25 rounds per officer. 2 boxes of ammo per month when needed.

Class action suit against Ford. Ford fixed the rear ends of the autos. We can opt out of the action, or we will no longer be able to purchase any Ford products.

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**November 3, 2004**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 3rd, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Brenda L. Gillaspie and Officer Kristin Avery.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 6th were approved with a motion by Jack and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to grant the VFW to use the 4-way stop on Saturday, November 6th, from 9 am to 1 pm to collect donations and hand out poppies. All ayes, motion carried.

6. The Employee/Trustee Christmas Party was set for December 17th, at the HiWay Café starting at 5:30 pm. Everyone planning to attend need to let Keith or Ladora know by December 6th.

7. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the Police Department had received a letter from Landmark Ford about a class-action suit which automatically included the State of Illinois and every municipality as a member of the class, unless they opted-out. If the Village does not opt-out Ford Motor Company will not sell the Village a police car. Chad forwarded the letter from Landmark Ford to the Village attorney. The Village attorney prepared a letter for Keith to sign if the Village decided to opt-out of the lawsuit. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to opt-out of the class-action lawsuit against Ford Motor Company. All ayes, motion carried.

b.) Keith stated that the new warning system pole and speaker are up but still needs to have electric hooked up.

c.) Keith stated that the Village had received the annual insurance for the Village's property, liability and workers' comp. There was an increase of about \$2,000 from last year.

d.) Keith stated that the Village had received a letter from IDOT about the Motor Fuel audits.

8. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained why there was three figures for interest amounts with some of the Repos.

9. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bonnie, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Jack stated that Officer Pine will be attending a training session on Meth in Mattoon on November 4th. The committee met to discuss practice ammo. Motion by Jack, with a second by

Bonnie, to have Chad purchase ammo for practice from Wal\*Mart with a limit of 2 boxes per month weather permitting for Officer Avery and Officer Pine. All ayes, motion carried. Chad stated that he is trying to get a grant to pay for computers in each one of the police car.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there will be a committee meeting on November 15th, at 5:15 pm. Bonnie stated that the Lake Committee will start putting up Christmas decorations on Saturday, November 13th.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that there had been sidewalk repairs in front of the Rusty Nail Hardware and where they had to tear up the sidewalk where the old water tower lines were. Gary stated that there were still some minor project repairs to do.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that Ambrow Asphalt will start doing prep work on South Adams Street Thursday (November 4th) and Friday (November 5th). They will hopefully get to start on Monday (November 8th) morning with the resurfacing.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated that she had nothing at this time to report.

F. Finance: Bonnie stated that the committee had a meeting. (See attached minutes.) Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to rescind her motion to not comply with GASB-34. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Bill, to comply with GASB-34. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Monte, Sherry, Debi. Nays: Jack.

12. There was no other business this month.

13. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 7:33 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**BUILDING/PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 15th, 2004**  
**5:15 pm**

Present: Committee Chairperson Sherry Catt, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Mayor Keith Waldrop and Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter.

Main topic was allowing the Crawford County Fair Board to widen the track for more room to run the Motor Cross Show that is performed at the Fair. After discussion—we the committee decided that we would bring it before the board with our recommendation to be that the Crawford County Fair Board proceed with their plans of widening the track.

Other topics discussed were–

Cook and Price memorials to be placed in the park. Committee and families will work together on the placement.

Police Department is very crowded. This will be discussed in more detail as we prepare the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Sherry Catt  
Committee Chairperson

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**December 1, 2004**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 1st, 2004, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Bill Cox, Jr., Chris Hinterscher (Floyd's Place), Brenda L. Gillaspie and Officer Kristin Avery.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 3rd were approved with a motion by Jack and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Chris Hinterscher came before the board to ask for an additional half hour on New Year's Eve. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to give both taverns an additional half hour on New Year's Eve (Last Call at 1 am and everybody out by 1:30 am). Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Debi. Nays: Monte, Sherry. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bill, to table the annual CCDA payment of \$4,740 (\$3 x 1580 – Village's population) until next month. All ayes, motion carried. The Board

would like for a representative of CCDA to come and give an update. Keith stated that he would contact CCDA.

7. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #04-9 "Supplemental Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code". All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to approve the "Request for Expenditure/Authorization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds". All ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith reminded everyone of the Employee/Board Christmas Party on December 17th and that everyone needed to let Jan or Ladora know if your coming.

b.) Keith stated that the Village had received a letter from United Science Industries about signing and agreement to deal with the contaminated soil in front of Herb's Cyber Café. Keith stated that he has forward the information on to Frank Weber (Village Attorney). Keith stated that Frank did not have the paper ready for this month's meeting, but will have for next month's meeting possibly.

c.) Keith talked about Christmas bonuses for the employees. Keith stated that last year the bonuses were \$115 for Full-time and \$85 for Part-time. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, that the Christmas Bonuses for this year will be \$115 for Full-time and \$85 for Part-time. All ayes, motion carried.

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained why there was a difference from last month's CDs list.

11. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Jack stated that there are a few training session this month for the Officers and the Chief. On December 4th, the Chief will be attending a session on Unified Command Course in Newton. On December 7th, the Chief and Officer Pine would like to attend Project Blue Light Ceremony in Plainfield, Indiana. Jack stated that the Chief would like permission to use a squad car and be allowed to be in full uniform. Motion by Debi, with a second by Jack, to allow the Chief and Officer Pine to go in full uniform and use a squad car. All ayes, motion carried. On December 17th, there will be a Night Shoot Certifications at the Firing Range at Robinson, for the Chief, Officer Avery and Officer Pine.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that everyone had a copy of the committee minutes (see attachment) for November 15th. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to

grant the Crawford County Fair Board permission to widen the track out at the Park on the north side. All ayes, motion carried. The fair board is also wanting to replace the pipe steps going up on the eastside of the grandstand building. The fair board will pay to have some trees trimmed and take down a tree that is in the way. Ameren CIPS will move the electric poles. The police department needs more storage space. Gary asked if he could use the activity room free of charge on January 18th for a training session put on by Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA). The Board granted permission. Gary stated that he had heard through the grapevine at the last Fair Board meeting that Randy Ferguson would like to hold a metal meet in the park next fall. Gary also stated that he had heard that possibly the Coon Hunters may want to use the park this spring for the National meet.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: There was nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that there have been some patching of streets and cleaning out of the ditches and storm sewers. There was some discussion about the leaf pick-up.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated that Gary, Travis, Rick and Jason would like to attend a JULIE, Inc. breakfast meeting in Olney on January 13th. The mayor would also like to attend the JULIE, Inc. breakfast. Debi stated that Shannon Woodard is still working on estimates for the water softener. Bill asked if there was anymore information on the new water extension.

F. Finance: Bonnie asked Jan if the gentleman from LOCIS had helped her with the problem she had. Keith stated that there will be 3 CDs coming due in January. The board decided to have Jan call about the interest rates closer to the CDs' due dates.

13. Under other items of business: Debi asked about how many minute books had been put on CDs and why haven't more been done. There was some discussion on this matter. It was decided that the minutes on CDs go back to 1985.

14. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 7:47 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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**Minutes of the January 2005 Meeting**

**January 5, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 5th, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Bob Berty (CCDA), Norma Corder (CCDA), Part-time Officer Dan Cheadle and Jeanette Berty.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 1st, 2004, were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Jack. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one deletion to the agenda this month, Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc. was unable to attend the board meeting.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Bob Berty, Executive Director of CCDA, came before the board to update on what CCDA has been involved in the previous year. Mr. Berty stated that everyone would like to have industry drop in their backyards; some of the industries that have been helped by CCDA are the Ethanol Plant, Illini Quick Pack and Midwest Transportation. The ethanol plant employs 40. There were some questions asked by the board. Mr Berty said that since 1987, there have been around fifty (50) loans made from the revolving loan fund; ten (10) of those loans were to people from Oblong. The county board controls the revolving loan fund.
6. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to pay the annual CCDA payment of \$4,740 (\$3 x 1580 – Village's population) plus the international marketing fee of \$1,000. Ayes: Bonnie, Jack, Monte, Sherry, Debi. Nays: Bill. Motion carried.
7. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith praised Gary and the guys on the snow removal uptown and the police department on a good job New Year's Eve.  
b.) Keith stated that it is time to start thinking about budget for the department heads.  
c.) Keith stated that the house that burned on West Main Street is to be torn down in the future.
8. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that she will call the banks and get an interest rate on the amount of the three (3) repos that are coming due on January 24th. Jan asked permission to take the four (4) passbook savings accounts and put them in the repo at First National Bank where they will earn the 2.3% interest. The board granted permission.

9. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report, year end report and Off cers Report. Jack stated that there are a few training sessions this month for the Off cers and the Chief. On January 12th, the off cers will be attending a session on Vehicle Code Update (9 am to 12 pm) in Robinson. On January 26th, the off cers will be attending a session on Electronic Recording of Interrogations (Mandatory) [1 pm to 3:30 pm] in Oblong.

B. Buildings and Park: There was nothing to report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi asked Gary about the sidewalk in the 100 block of North Range Street. Gary stated that it was on the top of his list to be repaired.

D. Street and Alley: Monte also praised the Public Works guys on the snow removal.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated that the IRWA training session that had been scheduled for here; has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Debi stated that Gary and Travis would like to attend an IRWA Tech session on February 23rd and 24th in Eff ningham at a cost of \$70 each. Debi stated that the committee will be having a meeting on January 12th at 5:30 pm. Bill asked if there was anymore information on the new water extension.

F. Finance: There was nothing to report at this time.

11. There was no other business this month.

12. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 7:45 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Ladora C. Boyd

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**January 12th, 2005**

**Minutes of the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting**

Present: Committee Chairperson Debi Wilson, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Sherry Catt, Mayor Keith Waldrop, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Public Works Off ce Manager Dale Davis, Utility worker/Meter Reader Jason Garrard and Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc.

Discussion was on the possible water softener for the system here in Oblong. It would be probable that we would need to have an attendant there at least 3 days a week. Also, possible that we would have to build a new entrance that would be IDOT approved for the trucks that would be delivering salt. Shannon will attend the next monthly meeting to explain details.

The possible water extension north was also discussed, approximately 80 interested. It would be possible to do this project in a Phase I and Phase II. The entire project cost would approximately \$1 million or more. We would need loans and grants.

It is possible that if this project is done, in the future, that we would have to expand the Water Department.

Also discussed was a problem with a local Oblong Water customer, his property has had a water leak in the past and it was explained to him that he could get a 10% leak adjustment. He was not satisfied with this, he mistakenly believes that he should receive a free month of water usage.

There also was a problem with the new LOCIS system it overcharged some water customers, they will be receiving a credit on their February bill it was only customers that used over 25,000 gallons of water.

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**Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 2nd, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Richard Ralston, Brenda Gillaspie, Bill Cox Jr., Shannon Woodard, Cory Utterback and Randy Rich.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 5th, 2005, were approved with a motion by Jack and a second by Bill. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc., came before the Board to discuss North Extension Phase II (North East) which consist of extending the water lines North and East of Oblong. There are about 80 to 85 individuals and their families wanting to connect to city water. Shannon had a map for the Board to look at showing the location of the individuals and how many miles of pipe that will need to be laid. There are three individuals that are too far apart for it to be feasible at this time to have them on the North Extension Phase II. The estimated cost of this phase is \$971,397.00. There was some discussion on this matter, such as where and how to get the funding for the project. Some of the places to get the funding for this project are USDA Rural Development, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO) and EPA. There was a motion by Jack, with a second by Monte, to table any decision on this project until May when the new Board is seated. All ayes, motion carried.

Shannon, also, talked about the estimated cost of adding a water softening unit. The estimated cost is \$517,500.00. Shannon stated that there would possibly be an addition of \$30,000.00, so that the Westview Addition could have the water softening also. There was some discussion on this matter. Jack made a motion, with a second by Bill, to not proceed with the water softening unit at this time due to the add expense to the water customers. All ayes, motion carried.

There was some discussion on the reason for the delay in receiving the reimbursement from EPA on Water Tower Expense.

6. Richard Ralston of Crawford County Solid Waste Disposal System, came before the Board to state that CCSWDS is not broke but on the verge of being broke. Mr. Ralston went on to state that for now the county board is funding CCSWDS. There is an agreement that was signed back in 1988 that the municipalities were to pay a percent based on their population. CCSWDS collects recycle items from Crawford, Lawrence and Richland counties. Keith asked about the ownership on the building being used to collect the recycle items. Mr. Ralston stated that the Village owns  $\frac{1}{2}$  and the Township owns  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

7. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that he will be gone from February 14th to the 21st on vacation. Keith appointed Bonnie and Debi to be in charge while he is gone on vacation.

b.) Keith stated that Mr. Dart had been in and paid the farm lease fee. There was some discussion about making some changes on the contract before next year. The Board decided to have the mayor contact Mr. Dart and ask him to turn in soil samples as requested in the contract now and when was the last time aglime was put on.

c.) Keith stated that MediaCom is raising the rates effective March 1st. The Broadcast Basic rate is \$15.95 now. It will be raise to \$20.95. The Family Cable is \$45.95 now. It will be raise to \$47.95.

d.) Keith mentioned the stop signs at the intersection of South Grant and East Kentucky streets. Right now cars traveling east or west on East Kentucky have to stop. Keith feels that there should be a change where cars traveling south on South Grant should stop, since the railroad crossing has been taken out. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to change the direction of the stop at the intersection of South Grant and East Kentucky streets. All ayes, motion carried. (Ordinance #2005-0-476 “An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 24, Motor Vehicle Code, Article III - Stop And Through Streets, Section 24-3-3 Of The Revised Code of Ordinances Of Oblong, Illinois”)

e.) Keith stated that the Fire Chief gave him a letter of support on condemning two properties here in Oblong. One is located at 402 South Range Street and the other is located at 405 South Garfield Street. There was some discussion. Jack made a motion to contact Mr. Weber, Village Attorney, to proceed with the condemning of the two properties. Sherry second the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

8. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

9. After some discussion on a bill from Darby Miller. A motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Ayes: Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Monte, Debi. Nays: Sherry. The motion carried.

10. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Jack stated that there are no training sessions this month for the Police Department.

B. Buildings and Park: Gary stated that there had been some remodeling on the old oilfield museum building.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: There was no report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Gary reported that they're filling in potholes and also working on widening Ridge Lane.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated that everyone had a copy of the minutes from the January 12th committee meeting and that Shannon had discussed everything else.

F. Finance: There was nothing to report at this time.

11. There was no other business this month.

12. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 8:31 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Ladora C. Boyd

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**March 2, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 2nd, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Sherry Catt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Brenda Gillaspie, Bill Cox Jr., Norma Weir and Jamie Griffin.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 2nd, 2005, were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Jack. 5 ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month. Norma Weir came before the Board to ask for an extension on her delinquent water bill until Friday, March 4th. The Board granted the extension. Jamie Griffin came before the Board to ask for an extension on her delinquent water bill until Friday, March 4th. The Board granted the extension.
5. Motion by Bill, with a second by Debi, to allow Laborer's Local #1197 to collect donations for The Therapy Center at the 4-way stop on May 14th, from 9 am to 1 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2005-0-477 "An Ordinance to Condemn an Unsafe, Dangerous and Abandoned Building at 402 South Range Street, Oblong, Illinois". 5 ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2005-0-478 "An Ordinance to Condemn an Unsafe, Dangerous and Abandoned Building at 405 South Garfield Street, Oblong, Illinois". 5 ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bill, to adopt Resolution #05-1 "A Resolution for the Adoption of the National Incident Management System". 5 ayes, motion carried.

9. The Board granted the Modular Home Permit of Michael and Maureen Kessler.

10. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated that the budget deadline is March 18th. Committee Meeting should be March 21st thru 25th. Finance Committee will then meet between March 28th thru 31st. The proposed budget will be in the Trustees' box by April 1st, hopefully.

b.) Keith stated that Sharon Haley would like to use the Park on May 7th, from 9 am to 12 (noon) for St. Jude Bike-a-thon. Motion by Jack, with a second by Debi, to allow the St. Jude Bike-a-thon to be held out at the Park on May 7th. 5 ayes, motion carried.

c.) Keith stated that Mr. Knight's house on East Main Street and South Roosevelt is down and gone. Keith also stated the Baker house that burnt on West Main is coming done and will be cleaned up soon.

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explain the CD List Report. There was some question about the amount in the checking account.

12. A motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. There was some discussion on the Connor & Connor bill. Ayes: Bonnie, Jack, Monte, Debi. Nays: Bill. The motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Jack stated that there are several training session this month. On March 1st, the Chief attended a tactical shoot training session in Effingham. On March 5th, the Chief will be attending a Rapid Response to Active School Shooting. On March 8th, Officer Avery and Officer Pine will be attending a Drugs that Impair Driving training session. On March 21st - 25th, the Chief and Officer Pine will be attending a Basic SWAT School/Terrorism at PTI (Police Training Institute) in Champaign, Illinois. Jack stated that there will be a committee meeting on March 9th, at 10 am to discuss the department budget. Keith mentioned that the Police Department has received a grant for \$15,311 towards putting computers in the squad cars.

B. Buildings and Park: Gary stated that the basketball goals are at the shop building and the guys are working on getting the goal posts ready to be painted. Gary stated that the pipe for goal posts was free.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that as soon as the weather permits the guys will start doing some repairs on the sidewalks where they have had to dig up for water leaks. Bill asked about sidewalks having handicap accessibility around the village.

D. Street and Alley: Monte mentioned that the public works guys have been filling in potholes and working on the street sweeper replacing brooms. Gary stated that they had

finished widening the Ridge Lane corner so that the delivery trucks can make the turn without getting off of the street. Keith stated about the southbound traffic on South Adams being dangerous with there being no stop sign. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Monte, to make the intersection at West Texas and South Adams a 4-way stop instead of a 3-way stop. 5 ayes, motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: There was nothing to report at this time.

F. Finance: Jan stated that there will be changes with the look of the proposed budget sheets, so that the Trustees will be introduced to the LOCIS system.

14. Other business: Ladora stated that there will be a SEICTA meeting this month sometime and was wanting approval for her and Jan to attend. There was no objections. Gary stated that the IRWA contacted him about the rescheduling on the cancelled meeting back in January. They are shooting for sometime in October.

15. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 7:54 pm. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Ladora C. Boyd

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**POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9th, 2004**  
**10 am**

Present: Chairperson Jack Gallion, Trustee Debi Wilson, Trustee Bill Hatch, Mayor Keith Waldrop and Police Chief Chad Pusey.

The committee was informed by Chief Pusey that Officer Pine has volunteered to be the Easter Bunny at the Ridgeview Easter Egg Hunt. The committee also went over the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Some of the changes were as follows: an increase to the health insurance (almost \$10,000); and a decrease to the IML/RMA insurance (the amount is based on 27% of the total amount). Budgeted in Major Projects is \$1,000.00 for new officer computer. One of the squad cars will need new tires in FY2006. Capital Outlay: \$1,629 for our portion of grant for car computers; \$2,000 for IWIN for online ability in 2 cars; \$1,000 for installing computers in the squad cars; \$1,000 for possible needs. The total budget figure is less than last years.

The committee decided to present the budget as it stands now.

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**POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9th, 2004**  
**10 am**

Present: Chairperson Jack Gallion, Trustee Debi Wilson, Trustee Bill Hatch, Mayor Keith Waldrop and Police Chief Chad Pusey.

The committee was informed by Chief Pusey that Officer Pine has volunteered to be the Easter Bunny at the Ridgeview Easter Egg Hunt. The committee also went over the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Some of the changes were as follows: an increase to the health insurance (almost \$10,000); and a decrease to the IML/RMA insurance (the amount is based on 27% of the total amount). Budgeted in Major Projects is \$1,000.00 for new officer computer. One of the squad cars will need new tires in FY2006. Capital Outlay: \$1,629 for our portion of grant for car computers; \$2,000 for IWIN for online ability in 2 cars; \$1,000 for installing computers in the squad cars; \$1,000 for possible needs. The total budget figure is less than last years.

The committee decided to present the budget as it stands now.

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**BUILDING/PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 22nd, 2005**

**5:15 pm**

Present: Committee Chairperson Sherry Catt, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Mayor Keith Waldrop, Village Clerk Ladora Boyd, Village Treasurer Jan Miller and Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter.

The committee met to discussed the budget for next fiscal year (May, 2005 to April, 2006). Jan and Ladora presented budget for the building first. After much discussion, it was decided to present to the board about a clothing allowance of \$150.00 (one time offer) for Byron. Gary presented the Park Budget. There was some discussion on Park Budget.

Adjourned at 5:50 pm

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**April 4th, 2005**

**5:15 pm**

Present: Committee Chairperson Sherry Catt, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Mayor Keith Waldrop, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter and Connie Ames.

The Committee met to talk with Connie Ames about possibly cutting a hole on the south side of her business to insert a vent to release heat that is generated from the suntanning beds. There was some discussion about maybe having the vent coming out the front side of Connie's building instead of the south side. Connie stated that she would get with her contractor and see what he thought. The committee members walked up to the business and check out the area.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Sherry Catt  
Committee Chairperson

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**April 6, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 6th, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Keith Waldrop, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bill Hatch, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Jack Gallion, Trustee Monte Gillaspie, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Brenda Gillaspie, Charlie Dorn (Durnill's Pest Control), Ken Russell, Rick Houdasheldt, Randy Rich, Rick Catt and Kim Priest.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Waldrop.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 2nd, 2005, were approved with a motion by Bill and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customers at the meeting this month. Kim Priest came before the Board to ask for an extension on her delinquent water bill until Friday, April 8th. The Board granted the extension.
5. Charlie Dorn of Durnill's Pest Control came before the board to discuss coming in and spraying for bugs (ants). Mr. Dorn stated that he is licensed in the State of Illinois. Mr. Dorn stated that he has opened an office in Robinson and that his contact person would be Byron. The initial cost would be \$80.00, which includes two visits. Then \$30.00 a month there after, with at least one visit a month. He stated that if he needs to come back it would not be an extra cost. Also he stated that if the Village does not like the job he does, the Village can tell him to stop because there is no contract to be signed. Motion by

Jack, with a second by Sherry, to go with Durnill's Pest Control. All ayes, motion carried. Mr. Dorn asked if he could start tomorrow morning (April 7th).

6. Motion by Debi, with a second by Monte, to adopt Ordinance #2005-0-479 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 24, Motor Vehicle Code, Article III - Stop and Through Streets, Section 24-3-3 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bill, to adopt Resolution #05-2 "A Corporate Resolution" which is dealing with the right of way in front of the Oilfield Museum. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Keith stated Jan and Ladora would like to attend a LOCIS meeting in Springfield on April 20th. There were no objections to letting Jan and Ladora go to the LOCIS meeting.

b.) Keith stated that Frank had not gotten back with him about the two abandoned properties that the Village condemned last month. Ladora stated that Frank had told her that the owners, of the property at 402 South Range Street, had come in and told him that they were going to fix up the place.

c.) Keith stated that Spring Clean-up will be April 15th with Jamax.

d.) Keith informed the Board that the Canvassing of the Votes Committee would consist of Ladora, Sherry and himself.

e.) Keith stated that the Eastern Illinois Sportsmen's Club would like to use the Oblong Lake for their annual fishing rodeo on June 11th from 9 am to 11:30 am. Motion by Jack, with a second by Sherry, to allow the EISC permission to use the Oblong Lake for their annual fishing rodeo. All ayes, motion carried.

9. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained the changes on CD List Report. Jan also stated that all the CD's will come due on August 9th, she will send out letters in mid July for bids to bring to the August Board Meeting. Bill asked if there was anything pending on the EPA loan. Jan stated that the Village is still waiting on paperwork from EPA. The amount is around \$33,000.00. The first payment is due July 11th.

10. A motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Jack stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly police report. Jack stated that there are several training sessions this month. On April 15th, the department will be attending a Hazmat training session at the Robinson Police Department. On April 18th

and 19th, Part-time Patrol Officers Plummer and Cheadle will be attending a Basic Rifle training session at the Shooting Range. On April 29th, the department will be attending a Handgun Marksmanship training (qualifying) session at the Shooting Range.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry asked Gary how the goalposts for the basketball court were coming along. Gary stated that they had been sanded and painted. He hopes to get them set this month. Bonnie stated that the Lake Committee would like to use the Park on June 4th to hold a luau and to have the street blocked off from the entry into the horse arena area to the north side of the bridge. There was no objection to this request.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that the department was doing some minor repairs on the sidewalk on West Illinois Street and that they are starting to work on a storm drain that is collapsing under a section of sidewalk on West Indiana Street. Gary asked for permission to contract out the repair of the sidewalk on North Range Street. The Board granted permission.

D. Street and Alley: Monte gave a brief report on some of the projects for the street/alley department.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated the committee met to discuss the budget for 2006 Fiscal Year. Debi stated that the committee also discussed summer help. Debi passed around a letter that Gary had received from Connor & Connor, Inc. about the Lagoon Sludge survey. Connor & Connor feels that in the next 4 to 7 years the sludge will need to be removed. The estimated cost is \$90,000 to \$120,000 for this project. Connor & Connor suggested to start setting aside money for this project.

F. Finance: Keith stated that what needs to be discussed will be discussed during executive session.

12. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to go into executive session at 7:31 pm to discuss personnel. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to come out of executive session at 7:39 pm and back into regular session. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2005-0-480 "An Ordinance Setting and Establishing the Rates of Payment for Various Employees of the Village of Oblong, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st Day of May, 2005, and Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2006. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Jack, to adopt the proposed budget as it is printed. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Jack, with a second by Bill, to adjourn at 7:44 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Ladora C. Boyd

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**May 4, 2005 Meeting Minutes**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 4th, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Patrol Officer Kristin Avery, Nancy Russell, Mike Johnson, Pam Johnson, Bill Hatch, Summer Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Hayden Johnson, Aireca Rich, Ashley Rich, Andrea Rich, BreAnne Wheeler, Sara Brotherton, Bo Brotherton, Daniel J. Fritchie and Patrol Officer Randy Pine.

1. The Village Clerk swore in Randy Rich as Mayor, Rick Catt, Rick Houdasheldt and Ken Russell as Trustees before the Board Meeting was called to order.
2. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Rich.
3. Mayor Rich reappointed Ladora Boyd as Clerk, Jan Miller as Deputy Clerk and Treasurer, Chad Pusey as Police Chief and Gary Lanter as Public Works Superintendent with the boards approval for one (1) year from this date.
4. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 6th, 2005, were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.
5. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
6. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
7. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to go into executive session at 7:05 pm to discuss personnel. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., to come out of executive session at 7:24 pm. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to hire Jared Pepmeier, Jesse Randolph and Jesse Stephens as summer help. Ayes: Rick C., Bonnie, Rick H., Ken, Debi. Nays: Sherry. Motion carried.

10. Under Mayor's Comments: a.)Randy stated that he would like to thank Keith Waldrop for his eight (8) years of service to the Village as a trustee and mayor.

b.) Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Illinois EPA that complimented the new Water Tower, Water System and the Water Department personnel.

c.) Randy stated that the Oblong Antique Tractor and Engine Club would like to use the park from August 12th - 14th. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to grant the club permission to use the park. All ayes, motion carried.

d.) Randy mentioned that during National Nursing Home Week, Ridgeview will be having some special events as follows: May 7th - Mother's Day Coffee & Donuts; May 9th - Friendship Wagon will be delivering cookies to the Seniors of Crawford County; May 10th - Trivia Bowl at Ridgeview; May 11th - Ridgeview Community Appreciation Day (serving Hamburgers & Hot Dogs from 11 am to 1:30 pm) K-9 unit will be at the nursing home at 12:30 pm; May 12th - Wolfe Family Singers (Southern Gospel) 7 pm; and May 13th Hot Dog Stand (in front of the Oblong IGA serving from 10 am to 1 pm).

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained the changes on CD List Report.

12. A motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A Police: No report at this time.

B. Buildings and Park: No report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that the department had done some minor repairs on the sidewalk on West Illinois Street and work on a storm drain that is collapsing under a section of sidewalk on West Indiana Street. Gary stated that the repair of the sidewalk on North Range Street was completed. Gary stated that there was a few more sidewalk repairs that he hopes to get completed this month.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that he had received a request for a handicap parking space down at Pizza & More. He stated that if the owner is willing to pay for the sign, the department would place it on the north side of West Indiana across the street from Pizza & More. The board approved the suggestion.

E. Water and Sewer: On May 12th at 9am, there is a meeting at Eff nghan sponsored by IDOT that Gary would like to attend. The board granted permission. Randy mentioned that Mr. Piper had contacted him, and he met with him this afternoon. Randy feels that Mr. Piper is really wanting to make efforts to generate some interest in the Park Meadow

Subdivision. On May 25th, there is a training session sponsored by Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) that Gary would like to send Travis to the session. The board granted permission.

F. Finance: No report at this time.

14. Under other business:

a.) Debi wanted to thank everyone for the flowers and thoughts for the death of her sister.

b.) Tom Compton (Daily News) wanted to thank the police department for their help with an article he wrote about the tasers.

c.) Debi had a question about the letter from the Village Attorney on the condemn properties. There has been some complaints about the yard at 405 South Garfield Street. Randy stated that his understanding was that the Village could have it mowed then put a lien on the property for the expense. The Police Chief will look into having someone mow the yard.

d.) Sherry asked about the property at 506 East Indiana Street. The Police Chief stated that it was his understanding that it is in the process of being sold.

15. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 7:48 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Ladora C. Boyd

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**June1, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 1st, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), LeAnn Weir, Tony Myers (Old School Disposal) and Debra Myers (Old School Disposal).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. Randy stated that he needed to amend the terms for Ladora Boyd, as Clerk, and Jan Miller, as Deputy Clerk and Treasurer, from one (1) year term to four (4) year term.

3. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 4th, 2005, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.

4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

5. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. LeAnn Weir stated that she could pay her late water bill on June 6th. The Board granted the extension.

6. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2005-0-481 "Appropriation Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2005-0-482 "Prevailing Wage Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.

8. There was only one (1) bid for the solid waste disposal contract for the Village. The bid was from Old School Disposal. The bid was for \$9.00 per residence per month and \$8.00 per senior citizen (65 and older) residence per month. Their billing cycle would be quarterly. Tony from Old School Disposal asked if he received the bid could the Village make it a three (3) year contract instead of a one (1) year contract. There were a few questions before the decision was made. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to accept the bid from Old School Disposal with a three (3) year contract instead of a one (1) year contract and upon receipt of a Certificate of Liability insurance. All ayes, motion carried. Old School Disposal will begin on July 1st, 2005. The contract will be put up for bid in June, 2008.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: a.) Randy stated that he had talked to Roger Colmark (an investor of Mr. Piper). Randy stated that Mr. Colmark had sent a check to cover last year's mowing bills and this year's mowing bills. Mr. Colmark had some concerns about the amount of mowing costs. Randy stated that one of the concerns is that the mowing would be done when it is not necessary. Randy mentioned that he would like to put together a board for the TIF area to help promote it. Sherry suggested a new sign for the TIF ground (Park Meadow Subdivision), because the other sign needs to be replaced possibly.

b.) Randy stated that he would like to recognize Mike Munson for his help when Jason had his accident. Ken stated that Marion Leggitt should also be recognized for calling in the accident so that Mike could hear it on the radio.

c.) Randy stated that Jan had found out at a meeting she had attended that there was a handbook for Boards. Randy stated that it is a guideline on procedures for Board members. Randy stated that every trustee has a copy to look over and if they feel there should be any changes or additions to the handbook. They should bring their suggestions back to the whole board and then maybe the Board will vote to adopt the handbook.

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained the change on the FICA Repo amount.

11. A motion by Sherry, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that the committee had just finished having a meeting. The meeting was to go over the changes and updates to the Police Policy and Procedure Manual that Chad had done. Rick H. stated that it was the recommendation of the committee to accept the changes and updates. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Bonnie, to adopt the revised Police Policy and Procedure Manual. All ayes, motion carried.

Chad stated that there was an upcoming 40 hour class on Meth this month. The class will be held in Carbondale that is at no charge, because the class is funded by a grant. Chad ask for permission to attend. The Board granted permission for Chad to attend this class.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that everyone had a copy of the minutes from the committee meeting held on May 24th. Sherry went over the items that were discussed at the committee meeting. One of the items was the cleaning up and changes that she would like to see done for the horseshoe pits out at the Park. Sherry stated that she has seen that the fence had been taken down and the leaves cleaned-up. Sherry stated that Byron had left her a note requesting permission to paint the restrooms in the municipal building. They had not been painted for 5 years. Byron would also like to go ahead and order 12 new folding chairs to replace some older ones. Sherry asked if there were any questions about the minutes. Sherry asked Gary if he had put the restroom sign up at the Mini Park. Gary stated that he has ordered the signs and as soon as they come in he will put them up. Sherry stated that Paula is going to help with the watering of the landscaping that Township had done in the cemetery. Sherry stated that there was some discussion on moving the police evidence room upstairs on the northwest side. Randy stated that for now they're just getting cost estimates on enclosing the area for the police evidence room. She mentioned that there was a folder on project information from Gary. She wanted to know if everyone had seen it. Sherry stated that she was pleased with the way the park is looking especially the landscaping. Sherry had heard that there had been some vandalism out at the park on memorial day weekend. Sherry stated that Paula is hoping to be able to mend the damage done to a redbud tree. Sherry stated that Paula stay right on it. Sherry said that she told Paula that there is probably someone that is wanting to thin out the hostas and would be willing to donate them. Bonnie stated that she had some hostas to thin out. Sherry said that Paula is really getting into the landscaping around the park and Paula is doing a real good job. Sherry wanted to know the other Trustees feelings about maybe sending Paula to some schooling, if Paula wants to go. Sherry said that she had not talked to Paula about the course yet. Sherry asked Gary what he thought about this idea. Gary said he thought it would be an excellent idea. Jan mentioned that the Home Extension offers class on gardening. Sherry stated that the committee had discussed extending the Village corporate limits for more of a tax base. The committee

will look into the legal issues and find out the feelings of the people that would be involved if the Village limits were extended. (See copy of committee meeting minutes)

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that he is waiting on a permit from IDOT to install a handicap sidewalk ramp at the corner of West Main and North Wilson streets. When Gary get the permit, he will put the job out for bids; he may add the section of sidewalk in front of Dr. Szigethy's house next to the project site. Gary stated that there was a few more sidewalk repairs that have been done and some more have been added to the list he has of ones that need to be done and hopes to get most of them done this fiscal year.

D. Street and Alley: Randy stated that he was getting some information on mosquito spraying. Randy feels this committee will be the one to look into the spraying.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there had been a committee meeting on May 17th. Ken went over what had been discussed. He asked if there were any questions. (See copy of committee meeting minutes)

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the committee had a meeting on May 26th. Rick stated that the committee had reviewed the Village Investment Policy and made some minor word changes. The committee recommended that the Board approve the policy. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adopt the Village Investment Policy. All ayes, motion carried.

Rick C. stated that he had a meeting with Tom Moore (Kemper CPA) and Brian Bradbury (Kemper CPA). Brian told Rick that he would be willing to come over any evening to explain municipal finance to any and all the board members at no cost ( this is part of the audit contract). Rick C. stated that he would set up a time for Brian to come over and let everyone know. Rick C. stated that the Board all knew that there had been some issues with the LOCIS software and hoped that they had been resolved, while the Representative from LOCIS was here last week. Hopefully the auditors will be back next week to finish the audit. Rick C. is unsure about the cost of having the LOCIS representative down here for two (2) days, but will wait until there is a bill. It is the opinion that the Village may have paid more than should have been paid. Rick C. stated that he had asked Jan and Ladora to make copies of the quarterly sales tax report. Rick C. stated that he appreciated the girls getting this information for him.

### 13. Under other business:

a.) Randy stated that there was an issue come up when Jason had his accident on the mower about the grace period with Workman's Comp. The issue was that the employee has to be off work for more than 3 days before Workman's Comp will reimburse the employer. The Village went ahead and paid Jason for the time he was off work after the mower accident. Jason did not lose any sick or vacation days. Jan stated that she and Ladora asked Gary's opinion on what should be done. Randy stated that maybe the Finance Committee should go over the addition to Employee Guidelines and have it

ready for approval next month. There were some questions about how the accident happened and possible reasons for it.

b.) Sherry asked where the Village was at on the two (2) condemned properties. Randy stated that the property at 402 South Range is about to go to court. The property at 405 South Garfield is in the preliminary time of fifteen (15) days grace period. Chad stated that he would have the yard mowed at South Garfield.

14. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Rick C., to adjourn at 8:14 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Ladora C. Boyd

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**July 6, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 6th, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Vivienne Ackman, John Larrabee, Juanita Schlosser, Jim Closson (IML/Risk Management Loss Control Representative), Cassie Scott, Debra Barnbrook and Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 1st, 2005, Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 9th, 2005, and June 20th, 2005, were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Rick H. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Debra Barnbrook stated that she could pay her late water bill on July 8th. The Board granted the extension.
5. Vivienne Ackman and Juanita Schlosser came to the meeting about donating a piano which has now been sold. They wanted to know the feeling of the board about having a

piano for people to use when they rent the activity center. Charlotte Cannon stated that she had a keyboard that she is willing to donate for this purpose.

6. Jim Closson from IML Risk Management came before the board to give a brief overview of the insurance coverage for municipality. IML Risk Management was started in 1981. There are over 750 municipalities with IML Risk Management. He gave the trustees an agenda of the topics he was going to speak on. Jim stated that the Village has been with the company since 1990. Jim stated that if there is an accident that the person needs to come to Ladora to fill out the necessary reports.

7. Randy asked if anyone had any comments on the Village Handbook. Rick C. stated that he had only found one thing that needed to be changed in the wording on page 12. The change needed to be monthly instead of quarterly. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Sherry, to adopt the Village handbook with the change in wording. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Randy stated that the last disc of the Village Board Minutes was not done right and that he will look into correcting the problem. One of the things that needs to be addressed is that the disc should be formatted for read only.

9. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Ken, to adopt Resolution #05-3 "A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways By Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code". All ayes, motion carried.

10. Under Mayor's Comments: 1.) Randy stated that the Village legally owns the land and leased it to the Oilfield Museum Board. The Oilfield Museum buildings have been put on the Village insurance with the museum reimbursing the Village for the premium. The Board was in agreement with this plan of action. It was suggested that there be a detailed list of contents with values listed in each building. The list will need to be given to the clerk and treasurer. John thanked Gary and the guys for their help in moving some of the oilfield museum items out to the new location. Gary stated that what is left will need bigger equipment than what the Village has, but he and the guys are willing to help when the museum has the right equipment.

2.) Randy stated that he had a letter from Robinson-Palestine Water Commission stating that there is going to be a 10% increase overall in the water rate. Randy stated that the Water/Sewer Committee will need to meet and discuss what the Village should do about the increase.

3.) Randy stated that the Village had received a bill from LOCIS for the time that their representative was here restructuring the software the way the Finance Committee felt it should have been in the first place. The feeling of the Board was to send a letter to LOCIS stating why the Village does not feel they should pay this bill.

4.) Randy gave an update on the condemned properties. The property at 402 South Range Street will be ready for demolition in 30 days. The property at 405 South Garfield Street is still in the waiting period.

5.) Randy stated that there had been some questions about how long a camper can stay out at the campgrounds consecutively. Randy stated that there is no limit on the length of time, as long as the camper is paying the camping fee.

6.) Randy mentioned that the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago is September 22nd thru 25th. Randy stated that if any one of the trustees would like to go they need to let Ladora know by Friday, August 12th, so that she can get the reservations sent in.

7.) Randy mentioned that there had been some complaint about kids riding their bikes on the sidewalks in the business area uptown. Chad stated that he has talked with some of the kids about riding closer to the street.

8.) Randy stated that he had received a mortgage revenue bonds release form from Strohm Oil Company. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to sign the release form since Strohm Oil has paid off the revenue bonds. All ayes, motion carried.

9.) Randy mentioned that he had contacted everyone about the sponsoring a hole in memory of Jack Fancil at the FOP golf outing on June 25th. The Village did sponsor a hole. Randy stated that the family of Jack Fancil wants to thank the Village for the sponsorship. Chad informed the Board that as of next year the outing will be called the Jack Fancil Memorial FOP golf outing.

10.) Randy stated that he had received a letter from Rick Rinke asking about possible by getting a liquor license so they can sale wine and beer in the Oblong IGA. Randy felt that before the Village made a decision that there should be a meeting where the community could come and state their opinion and ask questions. The Village would also like to have Mr. Rinke at this meeting, so that he could explain his reason for this request and answer some of the questions asked by those attending this meeting. Randy asked Rick Catt if he would touch base with Mr. Rinke.

11.) Sherry asked how the trash pick-up went last week. There were some problems but they have been resolved. Jamax will be refunding customers that have a balance owed them.

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained the change on the report.

12. A motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the department has some training coming up this month. One of the training sessions is on hostage negotiations which the Chief will be attending at Carbondale. The monthly report shows that the service calls were down some from last month.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that looking at Gary's reports there is a lot of items getting done by Public Works. Sherry asked if the shuffle board court was salvageable or not. Gary stated that the concrete is not salvageable.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that there was a few more sidewalk repairs that have been done. Debi stated that there has been a couple of requests about getting a street light put up. Randy felt that there should be a committee meeting to check out the places.

D. Street and Alley: No Report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that Shannon Woodard had been working on the Phase II Water Extension and will need to make estimate revisions. To help keep the water pressure up the Village would need something like a water holding tank. Gary is still waiting on the permit for the south of town water project. Gary stated that he had received the operating permit for the work done up by Myrl Littlejohn's place (601 North Harrison Street) for the tie end from the TIF area.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the committee had a meeting with Brian Bradbury on the preliminary findings of the audit. Rick C. stated that the committee recommends to have Brian Bradbury come back over in a couple of months to make sure that the software program is doing what it is suppose to. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to have Brian come over in a couple of months to check the LOCIS system. All ayes, motion carried. Rick asked if any one of the Trustees had a suggestion for a policy on hiring of the summer help to jot it down and give it to the Finance Committee. Rick stated that Jan would like to attend the treasurers' conference coming up at the first part of next month. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to allow Jan to attend the IMTA Conference on August 1st and 2nd in Chicago. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Under other business:

a.) Tom Compton mentioned that the Crawford County Tourist Board will be advertising on WTHI for some upcoming events in the county. A couple of the events that they will be mentioning is the Antique Tractor and Engine Show in August and the Metal Meet around October 18th-26th. The metal meet is hoping to have some clubs maybe sponsor a meal. Bonnie stated that the Lake Committee will be having a soup bean supper on the Saturday of that week. There's a possibility of next year having two (2) Metal Meets.

15. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Ken, to adjourn at 8:26 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Ladora C. Boyd

## **August 3, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 3rd, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Ken Russell.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Paul Perrine, Sr., Paul Perrine, Jr., Judy Jones and Daniel Fritchie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 6th, 2005, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Sherry. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Paul (Jr.) came before the Board to ask how to get the condemnation of the structures located at 402 South Range Street reversed. He gave the Board a time table of how long it would take for him to get the house fixed up. He has the necessary items to fix up the house. Paul (Sr.) stated that the house is in better shape than where Paul (Jr.) is living at now. Paul (Sr.) stated that he is selling the property to his son and that until Paul (Jr.) pays in full Paul (Sr.) will keep the deed in his name. Paul (Sr.) wanted to know why it was three (3) month after it was stated in the newspaper about the property before he received any kind of notice from the Village attorney. Randy stated that the Village attorney would have that information in his files. Randy also stated that there has already been a judgement to have the structures torn down and that the Village attorney advise that Paul (Jr.) would need to speak to an attorney to see about getting the judgement reversed. Paul (Sr.) asked if the structures have to be torn down, could he do that himself so that he could save what good lumber there is in the house. Randy stated that he would have to ask the Village attorney about the legalities on that. Paul (Sr.) stated that the garage is solid concrete, so he is not planning on tearing it down. Paul (Sr.) asked if he could setup a payment schedule to pay off the lien on the property, which consisted of legal fee.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Resolution #05-4 "A Resolution for the Homecoming Parade Permit" to be held on September 23rd from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Resolution #05-5 "A Resolution for the Halloween Parade Permit" to be held on October 29th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to grant a Modular Home permit to Travis and Teresa Smith. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
9. Judy Jones came to the Board Meeting to ask about the property located at 405 South Garfield Street.
10. Under Mayor's Comments: 1.) Randy stated that the Village attorney has been contacted by an attorney representing a person that is in the process of purchasing the property from Mr. Snider and will be cleaning it up within 60 days after closing date.

2.) Randy stated that there will be a Public Hearing on Oblong IGA possibly getting a liquor license. It will be held August 15th, at 7 pm. This will be published in both the Oblong Gem and the Daily News. Tom Compton suggested that before any statement are made at this meeting there should be some rules implemented. Rick H. stated that this is just a public forum there will be no vote taken at this meeting.

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan stated that the interest was the only change to the repos.

12. A motion by Sherry, with a second by Rick C., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that there will be a meeting sometime the week of August 15th. One of the things that will be discussed at the meeting will be the possibility of hiring another Part-time officer. Chad stated that as of now there is only one training session coming up this month. On August 18th, all officers will be re-certified on the ARI assault rifle.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there will be a committee meeting on August 9th, at 5:15 pm. Sherry stated that she was very pleased with the way the park looked after the fair and how clean the restrooms looked during the fair.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that the committee had a meeting on July 13th to discuss a handicap sidewalk at the corner of West Main Street and North Wilson Street. It will need to meet the new IDOT standards. Gary stated that the other repair job in that area will be done at the same time.

D. Street and Alley: No Report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Debi stated that all the trustees had a copy of the recommendation from Ken. Randy stated that the increase of 10 % to all water customers will need to be in ordinance form to be legal and that it will take effect on October 1st instead of September 1st. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to have an ordinance drafted with the 10 % increase to all water customers. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Debi stated that the committee has decided to set a side \$2.00 from every sewer customers' bill for the future dredging of the sewer lagoon. This will not raise the sewer rate. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bonnie, to start setting a side \$1,500.00 a month (based on \$2 x 750) earmarked for the dredging of the sewer lagoon. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

There was a question about needing another new water tower. Water Extension Phase II will need to have an additional 50,000 gallon water tank to help keep the water pressure up.

Bonnie stated that Gary would like to send Rick White and Travis Smith to the EJ Equipment Open House & Training on August 17th starting at 8:30 am in Joliet if their schedule permits it. The Board granted the request.

Rick C. had a question about the surveys that are being sent out. Gary stated that Rick C. had probably not received one yet; because the department is only sending out 50 surveys a month. These cross connection surveys are required by the state EPA.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the audit will be presented at the September Board Meeting. The committee will meet an hour before the regular meeting that evening. There is a question about the indebtedness of the Village. There is a percent of the assess value that the Village can not exceed. Brian Bradbury thought it was 8.625% of

the assessed value. This is a state regulation. So, if the Board decides to do another project; they will need to check into this more thoroughly.

Rick C. stated that the Village had received three (3) bids on the Repo (coming due August 9th) and checking account. Rick had Bonnie open the bids. The bids are as follows:

- First Financial Bank of Oblong 3.49 % APY  
(Repo only)
- First National Bank of Olney (Oblong Branch) 4.07 % APY
- First Robinson Savings Bank 3.23 % APY

Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to accept the bid from First National Bank of Olney (Oblong Branch) for a one year term at 4.07 % APY for both checking and repos. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

14. Under other business:

a.) Daniel Fritchie wanted to know about burning of trash. Randy stated that burning is only to be from dawn to dusk and no burning of garbage. Mr. Fritchie states that his neighbor is constantly burning after dusk. Chad suggested that the next time Mr. Fritchie's neighbor is burning after dusk that Mr. Fritchie should call dispatch to log a complaint.

15. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**September 7, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 7th, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Brenda Gillaspie, Monte Gillaspie, Larry Fear, Mike Kessler, Lynn Kessler, Dale Davis, Rex Finn, Mark Jacobs, Ron Finn, Terry Manhart, Richard Williams, Candy Williams and Steve Menacher.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 3rd, 2005, were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Terry Manhart came before the Board to ask about changing the ordinance on 4-wheelers being ridden on the village side streets and not on Range or Main (Route 33) streets. Terry stated that some of the rules and regulations could be as follows: 1. A valid driver's license (16 years of age or older), 2. Would need turn signals on the 4-wheeler, 3. Need to purchase a permit from the village annually. Randy stated that Terry, Richard and Ronnie had come to him asking about this; they stated that there was a town over in Indiana that was permitting the 4-wheelers. Randy stated that he told them that they need to get on the agenda. Randy stated that he had done some checking and found out that there are statutes (laws) against this in the state of Illinois. State Police can issue a ticket if they see the riders. Terry stated that they had found in the Illinois State Vehicle codes where it states that it is up to the city or village to make the decision. Chad stated that it will cost the Village some to post signs on the streets where it would be allowed. Terry stated that the Village would be getting revenue from the permits and fines. There were some questions about the cost of the permit fees. Rick C. thought that maybe this should be looked into by the Police Committee. Ken stated that there needed to be more information before the Board made a decision. Chad stated that he would check with the Secretary of State Police on this issue. Mike Kessler asked about golf carts. Chad stated that there are state statutes on that also.

6. Brian Bradbury, Village Auditor, came before the Board to give a summary of the audit. Brian stated that he had met with the Finance Committee before the meeting for almost an hour to go over the financial figures. He went over the chart showing the last five years of revenues, expenses, outstanding debt and property tax receipts. The Village is financially sound. Brian stated that the expenses are going up due to the increases in insurance, fuel costs and utilities. The Village has more debt than previous years due to the Water Extension and the Water Tower. Property assessed valued has not kept up with inflation. Brian stated that after the trustees go over the audit report if they have any questions they can call and talk to him at no additional cost.

7. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to adopt Ordinance #2005-0-483 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Utilities, Division X - Water Service Charges, Section 38-3-88 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". Roll Call: Rick C. - aye, Bonnie - aye, Rick H. - aye, Ken - aye, Sherry - aye, Debi - aye. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Bonnie, with no second, to allow the Oblong IGA a beer and wine license. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to deny the beer and wine license to the Oblong IGA. Roll Call: Rick C. - aye, Bonnie - nay, Rick H. - aye, Ken - aye, Sherry - aye, Debi - abstain. Motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: 1.) Randy gave an update to the Board on the properties at 405 S. Garfield and 402 South Range. On the property at 405 S. Garfield, the trailer is to be removed within the next two weeks which is the only building left on the property to be removed. On the property at 402 S. Range, there has been quite a bit of headway. Things have been coming down pretty good. There has been an agreement signed that Mr. Perrine, Senior, will be paying the Village \$30 a month until the legal fees had been reimbursed.

2.) Randy stated that there are a couple of other properties that he has been told about and he has given the information on the properties to the health department. He stated that he has not heard back yet but when he does and if there is anything needed to be done he will bring it before the Board. Debi asked if one of the properties was located at 306 North Wilson. Randy stated that he did not think so. Debi stated that she was contacted about the windows being broken out on the trailer. Ken stated that he thought that they're in the process of repairing them. Chad stated that the trailer is in the process of being moved. He thought there was some problem with the tires but he would look into it.

3.) Randy stated that he has received several complaints about dog waste all over town, especially uptown, church lots and in front of the banks. He asked that everyone that has dogs that they walk to please pick-up after their dogs.

10. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

11. A motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried. There were two trustees that did not vote.

12. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that there had been a committee meeting on August 17th. We discussed various things. Rick stated that Chad has completed his training down in Salem. Rick stated that what he was paid while in training will be reimbursed and also the Village received approximately \$15,000.00 in equipment; free of charge from this training. Rick asked Chad to expand on that. Chad stated that basically the equipment is for the terrorist task force and a good example is the Illinois alarm system which we are a member of. Every region was called up except our region, because we just got trained, to go to Louisiana. That is just an example of what they're all about. The equipment is for terrorism and chemical warfare; it could happen here as well as anywhere. Rick stated that the on board computers are in the two squad cars now. They're up and functional. Chad said they're working excellent. Rick stated that the minutes of the meeting are forthcoming. Another item discussed was that the department is in need of two more part-time officers, due to the fact that the department is short one full-time officer and will be losing a part-time officer in the near future. These positions will be advertised for. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Sherry, to advertise for two part-time officers for no more than a one week period. All ayes, motion carried.

On September 26th, all officers will be re-certified on the ARI assault rifle in Olney, this was rescheduled from August 18th.

On September 28th & 29th, Chad would like to attend a training session on intelligence gathering in Mattoon.

Monthly report plus a UCR report. Chad has to do the UCR report every month.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there was a meeting Tuesday, August 9th, which was very short and the discussion was on the rules for the building. Sherry went over the changes and then asked for a motion. There was some discussion about the changes. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to accept the changes on the rules for the rental of the building. (See attachment) All ayes motion carried.

Sherry stated that she had received in the mail a brochure with playground equipment in it. There was one thing she particularly would like to budget for next fiscal year. It was a climbing wall. There was some discussion, while the brochure was passed around so that all the trustees could see it. The cost for the climbing wall was \$20,499.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that as of now the chip and seal, that the Village usually has done, using MFT fund will not be done this year; so that, the fund will build up.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated there will probably be a meeting called later on this month, but at this time he did not have anything. Gary stated that he had talked to Shannon Woodard from Connor & Connor. Shannon told Gary that there are some outstanding Right of Ways for the 950N Project yet. Gary is hoping to still have this project completed by the end of fall.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that Ladora and Jan would like to attend their quarterly SECICTA Meeting on Thursday, September 8th, and to attend their respected sessions at the IML Conference on Saturday, September

24th. They will go up on Friday, September 23rd and come back on Saturday, September 24th. Motion by Rick, with a second by Sherry, to allow Jan and Ladora to go to these meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

The committee has had a couple of meetings this week. One was Tuesday, September 6th, for a couple of hours and the other one was before tonight's meeting for an hour. This evening's meeting was strictly about the audit and Brian has given a condensed version of it early in the meeting. The minutes will be turned in later. One of the reasons that the committee met on Tuesday, was to discuss the issue that the auditor and the Village has with the LOCIS system. The committee is recommending that the Village discontinue using the LOCIS software for the General Ledger, Accounts Payable and Payroll and start using Quick Books Pro. There was some question about the cost that has been put into the LOCIS system. Randy stated that so far it is around \$24,000. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to purchase the Quick Books Pro as soon as possible. All ayes, motion carried. Rick C. stated that the Utility program of LOCIS will be maintained for now.

13. Under other business:

a.) Gary stated that he would like to attend a National Construction and Utility Equipment Expo in Louisville, Kentucky on September 28th & 29th if scheduling allows. This Expo is held about every three (3) years. The board granted his request. There is a \$20 fee for registration.

b.) Dale asked if she was to put the water rate increase on the bills that go for October. The Board said yes.

c.) Randy asked the Board for permission to let the Shriner's use the 4-way stop Saturday, September 10th from 9 am to Noon. The Board granted permission.

d.) Gary mentioned that as of next month the Oilfield museum will be receiving a water bill from the Village.

14. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Ken, to adjourn at 8:07 pm. All ayes, motion carried

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**Special Meeting Agenda  
September 28, 2005**

6 PM

I. Call meeting to order

II. Executive Session - Personnel (Candidate Interviews)

III. Decision

IV. Adjournment

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**September 28, 2005  
Special Meeting**

The Village Board of Trustees met for special session on September 28th, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Oblong Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Present: Chief Chad Pusey, Rodney Eubank, Doug McNary, Jason Langley, Caleb Swick, Dusty Maus and Paul Maxwell.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to go into executive session to interview candidates for two (2) part-time patrol officers position at 6:02 pm. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to come out of executive session at 7:50 pm. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., to hire Doug McNary and Paul Maxwell for part-time patrol officers. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adjourn at 7:53 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ladora Boyd, Clerk

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### **October 5, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 5th, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Dale Davis, Ron Finn, Terry Manhart, Richard Williams, Tony Myers, Rita Baud and Paul Perrine, Jr.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 7th, 2005, and the Special Board Meeting minutes of September 28th, 2005, were approved with a motion by Rick H. and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Terry Manhart, Richard Williams and Ron Finn wanted to be put on the agenda regarding 4-wheelers in Oblong.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Tony Myers, Old School Disposal, came before the board to talk about the fall clean-up and set up a date for it. Tony passed out a handout stating the following:

Village of Oblong 2005 Fall Clean-up  
Old School Disposal

Fall clean-up is scheduled for October 14, 2005, and will include paid customers only. One appliance per household, no yard waste or construction material will be picked up. All items should be bagged, boxed or bundled. Thank You for your cooperation.

Tony will not pick-up car parts or tires.  
The Board had no problems with the date.

6. Paul Perrine, Jr. came before the board to ask for a 30 day extension to finish cleaning up on the property at 402 South Range Street. He also would like to build a new lean-to so that he can store what he has saved in lumber from the house. The Board granted Paul's request.

7. Randy asked if Terry, Richard or Ron had anything regarding 4-wheelers being ridden on the side streets. Terry stated that they had not received any information yet. He stated that they would like to either withdraw the request or get an extension. Randy stated that he has found out that the County, State and Secretary of State Police would write tickets for violation of state law. Also, that the Village Attorney will not draft an ordinance to allow the 4-wheelers on the side streets. Rick H. stated that due to the liability that is why the Village Attorney will not draft the ordinance. Randy stated that, if there is no other input then, the issue will be put to rest. Randy thanked the gentlemen for coming.

Terry stated that he had another issue to discuss. The issue is the traffic on West Indiana from the Grade School parking lot to South Adams. Terry wonders if there could be an additional stop sign to slow the traffic down some. Randy stated that he would have the Street/Alley Committee with the Police Chief look into the situation and report back to the whole board.

8. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopted the Freedom of Information Policy and also the Rules & Regulations of Freedom of Information. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to set trick or treat night for the Village of Oblong on Monday, October 31st, from 6 pm to 9 pm and only where the porch light is on. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy stated that the Village had received the 2004 Safety Award from Illinois Municipal League/Risk Management Association. Randy stated that Ladora had picked it up for the Village while at the IML Annual Conference in Chicago.

11. The treasurer's report was given by Jan.

12. There was some discussion on the bill from the credit card company. Randy stated that he will contact the company to try and get the late fee and interest removed. There was some other questions about some bills. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that the committee had a meeting on September 27th to go over the applications that were turned in for the position of two (2) part-time positions that were advertised for. The Village, in a special board meeting, hired two part-time officers. One of the individuals is already PTI certified. The other has started

his PTI training. The one in training did pass his power test last Saturday and will be taking his firearms testing this weekend. The Chief stated that he will be attending a session on October 12th sponsored by ILES, this is a monthly training session in Mt. Vernon. On October 25th thru 28th, there will be hazmat training (required) in Champaign. Chief stated that this year the police department is going to start a new policy during Fall Follies. The policy is that there will be no chair being set up before 5 pm on Main Street between Grant Street and Adams Street. He stated that any chair set up before 5 pm will be picked up and taken to the Police Department Office. Chief stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report.

B. Buildings and Park: Gary stated that there had been four (4) benches purchased for the Park this past month. Two (2) of the benches were paid for by the Oblong Lake Restoration Committee. Gary stated that he and the guys will be pouring concrete for the bench pads.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: No report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee had a meeting on September 26th to go over a few things. 1. Reviewed that audit report on the Water and Sewer portion. After looking over the finance the committee decided to review the finance again in January. 2. Phase II of the water extension had been postponed due to the increase in the estimate (due to more people signing than originally) and lack of grants and funding at this time. The committee decided to have Connor & Connor drafted a letter to the people, who had signed the petition to connect to the Village's water, stating why at this time the Village is not pursuing this project at this time. The Board will see and approve the letter before it goes out. 3. Hardinville Water Company is now up and running. Ken stated that he had talked with Mike Birch. Mike stated that Hardinville would like four (4) to six (6) months of running to get an estimate on how much cost of chemicals is going to be before setting a price per gallon. 4. On September 28th, bids were opened for the Mary Dennis water extension; which is the rehabilitation of the water line starting at the corner of Mary Dennis' and going east. There were three (3) bids the lowest was David Krick's for \$14,033.60. Motion by Ken, with a second by Debi, to accept Krick's bid of \$14,033.60. All ayes, motion carried. Gary asked permission to send two people to a Location Seminar in Marshall on October 12th, at a cost of \$25 each. The Board granted permission.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that Jodi from Kemper CPA will be here on October 10th, to assist with the installation of the new software and then begin putting in the months starting with May. Jodi suggested to Jan that her and Ladora do it a month at a time. There will probably be a committee meeting after everything has been entered.

14. Under other business:

a.) Randy stated that Chad has requested a SAM's Club card for the Police Department. The Board was in agreement with this request.

15. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adjourn at 7:40 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**November 2, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 2nd, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt and Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Randy Harrison (Daily News) and son, Adrienne Kelly and Brian “?”.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 5th, 2005, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Sherry. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month. Adrienne Kelly came before the Board to ask for an extension on her mom's, Jamie Griffin, water bill until Friday, November 4th. The Board granted the extension. Brian came before the Board to ask for an extension on Kim Priest's water bill until Friday, November 4th. The Board granted the extension.
5. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to adopted Ordinance #2005-00-484 “ Tax Levy Ordinance”. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
6. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy stated that the Village Trustee/Employee Christmas Party would be December 2nd at 6 pm. Randy stated that Ladora will need a count of how many are attending by November 28th.

Randy stated that he would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts, cards and flowers for his family during the time of his brother's death and funeral.

7. The treasurer's report was given by Jan. Jan explained how the new accounts will be.
8. Ken had a question about the rate of reimbursement for mileage. Ken stated that he had received a information sheet from IRS that effective September 1st, 2005 the mileage rate has been increased to \$0.485/a mile. Motion by Ken, with a second by Bonnie, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

#### 9. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Chad stated that there will be training sessions this month. On November 3rd, there will be a Night Shoot session for all officers. On November 7th, there will be a training session on explosive awareness in Newton (Chad and Kristin). Chad stated that a gentleman had approached him about shutting off half of North Taylor Street in the 200 block for an auction. Chad told him that it would not be a problem. Chad stated that Wal\*Mart had given the department a \$1,000 grant for equipment. This is the second grant that the department has received from Wal\*Mart. Ken mentioned sending a thank you to Wal\*Mart. Chad stated that he would take care of it. Chad stated that everyone had the monthly police report (Calls are up).

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that the Metal Meet was highly successful. There were some compliments on the website for the Metal Meet. Sherry read a couple excerpts from some of the letters on metalmeet.com. The meet brought in \$2,010 in camping fee. There is talk of having another one next spring. Sherry stated that the Fair Board has told the people of the Metal Meet that they will work on some upgrades such as the electricity. Gary stated that the guys had gotten 4 concrete bench pads poured with the benches mounted. Gary also stated that the horseshoe court had been seeded and watered. It looks like the grass is coming up good right now. Sherry asked about the pipe being painted. Gary said that it will probably be next spring before the pipe will be painted. Gary stated that the horseshoe court sign was put up by an organization and is not worth putting too much time on fixing it up. Sherry stated that she will look into getting a sign made to replace the old one. Gary stated that they have done some more concrete work around the walking path where it has eroded out.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Randy stated that there is a building that is deteriorating that is making the alley dangerous. The building is located in the 100 block of South Range. Randy stated that he would have the Village attorney send the owner a letter.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee had a meeting on October 28th to go over a few things. 1. The committee reviewed and approved the letter from Connor & Connor that will be sent to the Phase II water customers. 2. The committee reviewed and approved Connor & Connor engineering bill for the Phase II project. 3. The committee received an update on the 950N Project. 4. Gary asked permission to have two employees attend a seminar in Decatur on November 9th. The committee approved the request. Randy stated that Shannon Woodard had stopped by the house to drop off the bill for the 950N Project to be paid. Everything is done except the seeding & mulching. Krick will probably do that next spring. Motion by Ken, with a second by Sherry, to pay the 950N project bill less \$645.51 until the seeding & mulching are done for a total of \$12,264.69. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Randy stated that possibly the committee will have a committee meeting sometime next week.

10. Under other business:

a.) Randy stated that as of Saturday, November 5th, the time will be up for Perrine's clean-up of the property at 402 South Range Street. The Board gave Randy authority to get someone in to finish the clean-up.

b.) Ken asked about some places that are needing looked at. Randy stated that Chad and him are going together and drive around town to check out some place that have been complained about. Randy stated that the Board needs to think about budgeting more next year in the engineering/clean-up account.

c.) Randy stated that the property at 405 South Garfield has been cleaned-up and the Village has removed the petition against it.

d.) Bonnie stated that Saturday, November 5th, at 9 am the Lake Committee will be putting up the Christmas cards and decorations. The committee would like some strong backs to help out since the 4-H kids will not be helping. The electric cords will not be put out until after Thanksgiving.

e.) Gary stated that the guys will start picking up leaves on Monday only with the vacuum, but will pick up bagged and boxed leaves Monday thru Friday, the months of November and December.

f.) Ken stated that a gentleman had contacted him about an alley off South Taylor between East Indiana and East Kentucky streets. Chad stated that he would talk to the people who live at the property and inform them that they can not park in the alley.

11. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**December 7, 2005**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 7th, 2005, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Sherry Catt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton(Daily News), Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis, Chris Hinterscher and Nedra Clark.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 2nd, 2005, were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Ken. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customers at the meeting this month. Nedra Clark came before the Board to ask for an extension on her water bill until January 3rd. The Board granted the extension.
5. Chris Hinterscher came before the board to ask for a ½ hour extension on closing time at the taverns here in town, which would be last call at 1 am and everyone out at 1:30 am. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to allow the ½ hour extension. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
6. Under Mayor's Comments:
  1. Randy stated that the Village had received a check from IDOT for \$3,000. Randy stated that the Illinois Oilfield Museum was the one who had paid for the land originally and that the Village had not invested any money into the land; so he suggested that the Village give the money to the Oilfield Museum. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Bonnie, to sent a check in the amount of \$3,000 to the Oilfield Museum. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
  2. Randy stated that the Village had received the notice from Crawford County Development Association for annual contribution.
  3. Randy stated that he had received some letters from MediaCom concerning some changes. One of the changes is an increase in the late fee charged from \$2.95 to \$5 as of January, 2006. The other change will be in the line up as of December 31st, 2005.
  4. Randy stated that the Village Christmas Party went well and wanted to thank the ones who put it together.

7. The treasurer's report was deferred to the Finance Committee report.

8. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that the Police Department has received the \$1,000 grant from Wal - Mart and Chad has purchased with this grant two new glocks for Kristin and himself so that they will be able to use the same ammo. Rick stated that the employee evaluations will be brought to the board at the January Meeting. There will be some training sessions this month. Today Chad had Paul go to a training session on Police Pursuit. On December 14th, there will be a Regional training session that the Chad will be attending. On December 14th & 15th, there will be a Basic Rifle training session that Paul will need to attend, since the squad cars have a rifle in them. On December 19th, there will be a training session on Blood Born Pathogens and Hazmat. Chad stated that he would be on vacation next week.

B. Buildings and Park: Rick H. stated that he had found someone to give a price on building a storage room for the Police Department upstairs in the building.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that the city trucks are ready for snow. Randy stated that he had been approached about trucks being parked during the holidays.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the 950N Project had went well. There are just a few more services to be changed before David Krick starts re-seeding the grass. Gary stated that there will be a training session held here at the building tomorrow, December 8th, by Illinois Rural Water Association.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the committee had a committee meeting Monday, December 5th, to discuss the following items: 1. Christmas bonuses for the employees. The recommendation from the committee is to pay the bonus amount that has been budgeted for but also to think about changing it next year; since it has been the same amount now for several years now. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to give the Full-time and Part-time employees the amounts that were budgeted for Christmas bonus. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. 2. The committee spend some time discussing health insurance and listen to a gentleman, from Griffith Insurance, give a quote and will approach local agent to give a quote. Rick stated that he has put a call into talk with a gentleman in Evansville that does not sell insurance but will analyze the quotes. 3. Rick stated that Jan and Ladora would like to go to their SEICTA meeting tomorrow at Effingham. The board granted the request. 4. The committee had some discussion on the some financial reports to see what reports are available to the board. Randy stated that he had received a post card from a company that has utility bill software. He stated that down the road the Board may decide to switch and totally get away from LOCIS.

10. Under other business:

a.) Randy stated that the Perrine property is being worked on. Randy has talked to Paul, Jr. and stated that the lean-to needs to be taken down.

b.) Randy stated that he had talked to the lady who own the building in the 100 block of South Range Street. She stated that the insurance companies are still trying to figure out who pays for what; once this is settled she is planning to have the building repaired.

c.) Ken wanted to know about the property on North Garfield Street. Chad stated that he had given Randy a list of properties that need to be looked at. Randy stated that due to cost of getting things done is what is holding up some of the process because there was not enough budgeted for the legal costs.

d.) There was some discussion of the under pinning for the trailer on East Main Street.

11. Motion by Rick H, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **January 4, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 4th, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News) and Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 7th, 2005, were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Ken. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Under Mayor's Comments:
  1. Randy stated that he had contacted the Board about the Telecommunications Settlement which was a percentage of what the Village had collected. There was some miscommunication from their lawyer to us and apparently with other communities. The Village has been advised by our attorney to go ahead and pay the settlement amount instead of fighting and incurring legal fees. Randy stated that the Village had paid the amount under protest. Bonnie asked some questions about the telecommunication settlement. Ken asked if this was all that the Village would need to pay to be clear of the settlement. Randy stated that he believed so.
  2. Randy stated that he is wanting to appoint a committee of three, with the approval of the board, to deal with potentially dangerous building that will possibly need to be condemned. The committee would meet with Chad to look at a list of properties.
  3. Randy stated that he felt there needed to be a change of wording in the chapter on manufactured homes under the definition for skirting so that it states what type of materials are appropriate to use for skirting.

6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees, with the understanding that the check for Oblong Chamber of Commerce will be held until some question are answered for the Board. All ayes, motion carried.

## 7. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that there will be a committee meeting Friday, January 6th at 8:15 am to discuss year-end evaluations of personnel and a couple other things. Rick stated he had received an estimate on the labor to enclose the space upstairs for the police evidence and storage room. The estimated cost was \$1,100 for the labor this also includes rearranging the cloak room to make a storage area for Byron to store weekly/monthly supplies for the building. Rick stated that the materials for this would run around \$700. Rick stated that he would be doing the drywall finishing. There will be a couple of training sessions this month. On January 13th, there will be a training session on Police Pursuit at Robinson that Chad and Kristin will be attending. On January 23rd through 27th, there will be a training session on Hazmat at Champaign that Chad will be attending. Every one had a copy of the yearly and monthly reports.

B. Buildings and Park: No report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report at this time. Sherry mentioned that she noticed a spot at the southeast corner of Main and Range where the sidewalk is broken up. Gary stated that he had not noticed that particular spot but would check into it. Debi stated that there are some stop signs that need to be changed.

D. Street and Alley: No report at this time. Sherry stated that she was approached about whether there was an alley by Kid's Kingdom or not. Gary stated that there is not a through alleyway.

E. Water and Sewer: No report at this time. Gary stated that there will be a couple of training sessions coming up this month and next month. On February 21st - 23rd, there will be the Illinois Rural Water Association Annual Conference in Effingham that Gary and Travis will be attending. The cost for the conference is \$110 each. On January 27th, Gary would like permission to attend, with Travis, Rick White and Jason, a breakfast meeting sponsored by JULIE in Olney. Gary stated that he would make sure to contact Ed Mehler to make sure that he would be available if Dale had someone that needed their water shut off before Gary and the guys would be back in town around 10 am. Gary mentioned that the Village had the first water leak this year.

F. Finance: No report at this time. May have a meeting later this month.

## 8. Under other business:

a.) Gary mentioned that the Public Works department will pick-up live Christmas trees.

b.) Sherry asked about the railroad crossing upgrades. Randy stated that the decision is in the hands of Indiana Rail Road Company.

c.) Tom Compton mentioned that he is compiling some pictures that he has taken around Crawford County last year to submit to Southern Illinois Tourism Board to be printed in a tourism magazine for Southern Illinois. Randy asked Tom what the web site address was for Crawford County Tourism. It is [crawfordcountytourism.com](http://crawfordcountytourism.com).

d.) Bonnie mentioned that the Lake Committee had a lot of help getting the Christmas lights and decorations down Monday, January 2nd. She wanted to thank everyone.

9. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn at 7:32 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## February 1, 2006

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 1st, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong) and Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 4th, 2006, were approved with a motion by Rick H. and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Under Mayor's Comments:
  - A. Randy stated that he has left some messages with the owner of the building in the 100 block of South Range Street. Randy stated that he would like to get a contact number for insurance company of the owner, so that he can talk to them. The story Randy is getting is that the insurance company is holding up the process.
  - B. Randy stated that all the health insurance packets have been given out and he has given the insurance companies a deadline to submit their bids. The deadline is Wednesday, February 8th, by noon.
  - C. Randy stated that the dog waste in the business district is getting really bad. Randy stated that he had personally seen an owner let the dog do its business and then just walks away. Randy feels that there has been enough in the papers that there are no reason for the police department to issue warning instead of tickets. The board agreed with Randy that the police department can start issuing tickets for this problem.
  - D. Randy mentioned that the Village had received a renewal notice from Illinois Sheriffs' Association for annual membership dues. He wanted to know if the Trustees stills want to have the Village be a member or not. The board was in agreement to continue with the membership. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to pay the \$50 membership fee to the Illinois Sheriffs' Association. All ayes, motion carried.
  - E. Randy mentioned that he had received a letter from Frank Weber, Village Attorney. Randy read a couple excerpts from the letter "I am please to advise that the discrimination case brought against the Village by Jean Ann Randolph in federal court has now been dismissed. Enclosed herein you will find a copy of the ORDER and JUDGEMENT which were entered in that case on January 17th, 2006." And to summarize "I believe this will conclude the long and costly litigation involving this issue." Randy stated that if we had any other questions we can contact Frank.
6. Jan stated that she had given everyone the monthly report. This will be the report that she will be giving each month. The report breaks down each month's income and expenditures.

7. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that Chad had finished his Hazmat training last week. The rooms upstairs are about finished for the police evidence/storage and the township storage. The mayor asked about the bill for this project should it be paid or wait until next month to be paid. It was stated that the amount had already been approved. Chad stated that there will be a couple of training session this month. On February 15th, there will be a training session on RT for Chad. On February 17th, there will be a training session on Hot Topic Law Review in Robinson that Chad, Kristin and Paul will be attending. Chad stated that the school had requested that the police department help with the parking in the Fire Lane. Chad stated that he had issued some warning already, but will start issuing some citations. There was also, some discussion about parking right next to a stop sign at the corner of West Missouri and South Jefferson. A solution to that problem was brought up that there could be a sign placed stating NO PARKING FROM HERE TO CORNER.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that she had been asked about having a small water heater put in under the sink in the kitchen. Sherry stated that she had Byron look into the price for a small water heater. Byron had left a page from internet that he had printed off on price for a 10 or 20 gallon electric water heater. Randy stated that they would need to get an estimate on the electrically wiring for the heater. Sherry stated that she would look a little more into the cost and come back later with a cost estimate.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: No report at this time. Gary stated that the guys had been doing some ditch clean out lately.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that until the Finance Committee gets some figures together and sees which direction finances are going. Gary stated that he wanted to remind the Board that Travis and he will be attending the Illinois Rural Water Association Annual Conference in Effingham on February 21st - 23rd.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that there had been a couple of finance committee meetings this past month. The committee was looking at reports and trying to decide which report they would like to have every month and every quarter. There will be another meeting on Tuesday, February 7th, at 1 pm. This meeting is to decide on how much income will possibly be coming in for next fiscal year and possibly get some figures together for budgeting.

9. Under other business:

Randy mentioned about the underpinning issue. He is wanting to do a little more research and also get with Chad and go over the wording in the Manufactured Home Chapter.

10. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Sherry, to adjourn at 7:24 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**March 1, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 1st, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Sherry Catt and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey and Tom Compton (Daily News).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 1st, 2006, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Bonnie. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to allow Laborer's Local #1197 to collect donations for The Therapy Center at the 4-way stop on May 6th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

6. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that he had written down the change in wording for section 23-1-6 and had copies given to the Trustees. Randy stated that he had Ladora to make sure each Trustee had a copy of the original with a copy of the change. There was some discussion on the matter. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to amend Section 23-1-6 to read as follow: SKIRTING. Skirting shall be used to conceal all underpinning, plumbing and support piers whether on a permanent foundation or otherwise. All skirting shall be of masonry, metal or other material approved by the Mayor or Police Chief prior to and after installation. All skirting shall be installed on all manufactured housing units within sixty (60) days of the placement of the unit. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

B. Randy stated that all the department heads have been told to have budget figures turned into the finance committee by March 13th.

C. Randy stated that he has been in contact with the owner of the building at 111 South Range Street. Since that time, the Oblong Fire Chief has issued a letter condemning the building due to a safety hazard. Randy has given the lawyer the letter and hopefully by now the lawyer has sent out a letter about the condemnation. There was some discussion.

7. Jan stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly reports. Jan wanted to know if any of the Trustees had a question about the reports.

8. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Bonnie, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

9. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that there will be a committee meeting on Monday, March 6th at 6 pm. Chad stated that there will be some training sessions this month. On March 7th, there will be a training session on Protective Orders. On March 8th, there will be the monthly SRT training session. On March 29th, there will be a SRT Fire Arms training session.

B. Buildings and Park: No Report.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: No Report.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he has been working with Gary and Dale on items in the budget and figures.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the committee had met on Tuesday, February 7th, everyone had a copy of the minutes. There will be a committee meeting probably on March 15th. Rick stated that Jan and Ladora would like to attend their quarterly SECICTA meeting in Greenup on March 9th. The board granted permission.

10. Under other business:

Bonnie asked if it would be okay for the Lake Committee to have Byron help unload some items that the committee has ordered for Christmas in the Park if Bonnie could not. The board had no problem with the request. Bonnie stated that a business owner had approached her about having some lighted decorations (Snowflakes) instead of the banners in the downtown area. Bonnie told the owner that he should talk to the Chamber of Commerce. Randy stated that he would write the request down and look at the budget before committing to anything.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **April 5, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 5th, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis, Carolyne Higgins, Jerry Adams, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Kim Priest, Kim Shafer and Brandy Sechrest.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 1st, 2006, were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customers at the meeting this month. Ms. Priest came before the board to ask for an extension on her water bill. She stated that she would be able to pay the bill on Friday, April 14th. The board grant her request.
5. Carolyne Higgins came before the board to state her plans for repairing the building located at 111 South Range Street. She has hired Mark Walker a masonry contractor to rebuild the back corner of the building; Larry Sibel to repair the roof; and Rick Schroyer to do the inside carpentry. She stated that Mr. Walker told her that he would be starting either Friday, April 7th, or Monday, April 10th, on the rebuilding and would probably be finished in two (2) weeks. She asked the board for an extension. The board stated that if they saw some major progress; they would be willing to give the mayor permission to give the extension until next month's meeting. The deadline for now is April 15th. The board would like to have copies of the gentlemen's liability and worker's comp insurance. Randy stated that he would call them and ask for their insurance.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Sherry, to approve the "Illinois Commerce Commission Stipulated Agreement No. 1153" and to appoint Randy Rich as the designated agent. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-485 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 23, Manufactured Housing Code, Article I - General Provisions, Section 23-1-6, Skirting, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-486 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Utilities, Article II - Generally, Division I - Utility Service Regulations, Section 38-2-8, Billing; Utility Shut-off; Hearing, Letter "F", and Division II - User Provisions, Section 38-2-20, Utility Deposits - Renters, Letter "A", of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-487 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Utilities, Article III - Water System Code, Division X - Water Service Charges, Section 38-3-87, Cost of Tap and Water Service Connections, and Section 38-3-88, Water Rates, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.
10. Motion by Ken, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-488 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Utilities, Article III - Water System Code, Division X - Water Service Charges, Section 38-3-86, Water Service Charges, Letter "B", "C" and "D", of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.
11. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to allow the St. Judes Bike-a-thon use of the Park on May 6th, from 9 am to 12 pm (noon). All ayes, motion carried.
12. Rick C. wanted to thank everybody for the work on the Village budget figures. Rick also wanted to thank Ken for the countless hours he spent on the water rates changes.  
  
Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to approve the budget as printed. All ayes, motion carried.
13. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick C., to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-489 the "Appropriation Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.

14. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that it has come to his attention about a street right of way being blocked. There is a fence in the middle of the street right of way. Randy stated that he has talked to the Village attorney on this matter. Randy stated that in the Village Code Book on page 777, Section 33-2-9, Obstructing Street, Letter (B) "No person shall place or cause to be placed or erected on any public ground, or in any public street, alley or sidewalk in the Village, any debris, materials or obstruction, except as may be permitted by this Code." There was some discuss on this matter. Rick H. feels that the Village need to contact the Village Engineers and have them come over and stake out the street, so that the Village has a better understanding of the placement of the street. Upon the engineer staking the street right-of- way, the property owner will have 30 days to remove the fence. The Street/Alley committee will then get with the Village engineer to decide where parking might be allowed.

B. Randy stated that the Village will be accepting applications for summer help until May 3rd, and will be hiring the summer help at the next month's meeting. Randy gave the Street/Alley Committee the responsibility to draw up the Summer Help Hiring Guidelines.

C. Randy stated that Spring Clean-Up will be April 21st. Randy stated that Tony Myers of Old School Disposal has request that everything be bagged, boxed or bundled. He will only pick-up one appliance per household.

D. Randy stated that Debi had handed him a flyer on Sunrise Breakfast Buffet at Ridgeview Care Center. This is open to the public and will be held Friday, April 14th, from 7 am to 9am.

15. Jan stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly reports.

16. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

17. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Motion by Rick H., with a second by Sherry, to accept the Letter of Resignation from Patrol Officer Kristin Avery. All ayes, motion carried.

Rick H. stated that there will be a training session this Saturday, April 8th, at Mattoon. Chad and Paul will be attending. This session is mandatory for Paul, but not for Chad. Chad has been wanting to attend this session for the last four (4) years but has had other commends in the past.

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to hire Rodney Eubank as a part-time patrol officer for the Village. All ayes motion carried.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that Gary had gotten the mulch to do the mulching around the flower beds. Sherry asked if the grass was growing in the horseshoe court? Gary stated that the grass was coming along.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that Tim Attaway had ask about street lighting at the corner of East Main Street and South Grant Street. Gary stated that Ameren turn the light more towards East Main Street and put in a higher wattage light bulb, so that it is not a danger to people trying to cross to the Funeral Home from the parking lot across the street.

D. Street and Alley: No Report.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had composed a letter that will be sent out with next month's bills expanding the changes and why. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick C., that the letter be sent to all Oblong water customers. All ayes, motion carried.

Ken also stated that the committee is recommending some changes in certain charges that are not covered in the ordinances. They are as follows: Bad Check Return Fee from twenty dollars (\$20) to thirty dollars (\$30) and Sewer Camera Fee from fifty dollars (\$50) to sixty dollars (\$60). The committee is also recommending having the old water tower lot appraised and then seek bids on the lot to be open at the next month's meeting. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to make the changes in the fees and get the appraisal of the old water tower lot. All ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that everything was covered earlier.

18. Under other business:

Randy stated that he had a couple of things.

1. The Deathrage Medical Fund that was left to the Village for anyone who might bring in some type of medical business. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter requesting some aid from the Village if possible. Randy read the letter. The letter states "I am currently in the process of opening a chiropractic clinic, and I am aware of a grant that is available for medical purposes located in Oblong. I would be grateful for any amount that is available for the clinic." Signed "Yours in Health, Crystal L. Ballew, D.C." Randy stated that there had never been any discussion on how to portion out the grant. He wanted to know if any of the Board had an idea. Rick C. suggested setting a cap of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with the stipulation that the business had to stay open for five (5) years in Oblong. He stated that the attorney would need to draw the agreement up. Ken feels that since the money is there for the use of medical business; the Village should help the people out if possible. He agrees with the amount and the stipulation, also. Randy stated with the Board's approval he will talk with the Village Attorney and get some papers drawn up and then by the next meeting the Board can vote on giving a grant out. Ken stated that maybe before talking to the attorney, someone need to see if Ms. Ballew would still be interested in the grant with the stipulation. Rick C. stated that he would talk to her and then get back with Randy.

2. Randy wanted to thank the Board and everyone who helped with the budget process.

19. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Ken, to adjourn at 7:51 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**May 3, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 3rd, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Public Works Office Manager Dale Davis and Jamie Griffin.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 5th, 2006, were approved as amended (the resolution number was noted behind the motion to sell the lot in the 100 block of South Adams Street) with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Bonnie. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There was one water bill customers at the meeting this month. Ms. Griffin came before the board to ask for an extension on her water bill. She stated that she would be able to pay the bill on Friday, May 5th. The board granted her request.

5. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-490 "Payroll Ordinance". The vote was done by Roll Call as follows: Rick C. - aye, Bonnie - nay, Rick H. - aye, Ken - abstain, Sherry - aye, Debi - aye. Motion carried.

6. Randy stated that the Village was ready to open bids for the property. Randy asked if any bids had been received. Ken stated that the Village had not received any bids for the property in the 100 block of South Adams Street. Ken stated that he had the appraisal and copies of the advertisement from the papers on the notice to accept bids; that he would give to the Village Clerk. Debi ask what the appraised amount was for the property. Ken stated that the appraised amount was \$2,000.

7. Randy stated that the Antique Tractor and Engine Club would like to use the Park on August 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th for their annual show/meet. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Ken, to grant them permission to use the park. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Under Mayor's Comments:

Randy stated that he wanted to thank everyone for the budget process going smoothly. He stated that he had nothing else at this time.

9. Jan stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly reports from the end of last month which was also the end report for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Jan said the only item not on the reports was the statement interest because that is not posted until she has reconciled with the bank statement.

10. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there will be an annual firearms qualification this month for the officers and the Chief. Randy stated that the Village had received the first reimburse on Chad's training for ILEAS. Chad stated that the Board had a copy of last month's activities and that the service calls were up.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there was no report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that the committee met on April 17th to go over the job description for summer help. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Rick C., to accept the job description. All ayes, motion carried.

Bonnie stated that from now on the job description will be handed out with the revised application plus an envelope. The envelope is so the person can return their application in a sealed envelope and not for the public to view.

Bonnie stated that the committee met with a representative from IDOT about the Route 33 project last night. Randy stated that gentleman was a developer. The project date is 2007 for bid letting and 2008 for work to begin. Randy stated that they made some suggestion on how the Village would pay for the moving of water and sewer lines.

Bonnie stated that the committee met with John from Connor & Connor, Inc. this evening at the corner of North Jackson and West Iowa streets about the street right of way and property lines. Randy stated that there were markers set showing the street.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken wanted to thank Dale and Gary and Paula for getting the letters ready to mail to the water customer explaining the rate change so that they could be sent out with this month's bills.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that everything was covered earlier.

12. Under other business:

Jan stated that the auditors will be here the week of May 15th.

13. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Sherry, to go into executive session at 7:18 pm to discuss personnel.

14. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., to come out of executive session at 7:34 pm.

15. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to hire Jared Pepmeier and John Wayne Whiston for summer help; also, in case there is a problem or one of the boys does not work out the board will let Gary replace with one of the other applicants that had turned in an application for summer help. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adjourn at 7:36 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**June 7th, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 7th, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Patricia Higgins (Western & Southern Financial Group), Mike McReynolds, Rob Belt (Casey General Store), John McKamey (Casey General Store), Wendy McDaniel and John Larrabee.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 3rd, 2006, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Ken. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Mr. Belt asked to be put on the agenda to speak to the Board. Randy stated that Mr. Belt could speak to the Board after Mrs. Higgins.

4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month.

Mr. McReynolds asked to be allowed to pay his water bill in two (2) installments.

Ms. McDaniel asked for an extension on her water bill until June 14th.

The Board granted both requests.

5. Patricia Higgins, with Western & Southern Financial Group, came before the Board to get permission to talk to the employees about a benefits package that is strictly optional to the employees. The benefits package will not cost the employer (Village) anything. The benefits are offered at a discounted rate that the employees would be unable to get off the street normally. There were some questions. Patricia stated that the company would need at least two (2) employees to take the benefits package to have the payroll deduction. The company would need to have (3) employees to take life insurance policy to get a simple underwriting. The company cannot write a life insurance policy if the employee has cancer. Patricia stated that she needed some forms signed that gives her permission to talk to the employees.

6. Rob Belt (with Casey General Store) came to the board to find out what would need to be done to possibly get a license to sell cold beer at the Casey General Store; that is going to open in the former Park Mart II location. Randy stated that this situation had come up recently and the request was denied. Mr. Belt asked why the request was denied. Rick H. stated that there had been a public hearing and public conscience was that there was no need for additional liquor licenses in Oblong. Ken stated that at this time there are two (2) liquor licenses in town. Mr. Belt thanked the Board for their time. Rick C. welcomed Mr. Belt and Mr. McKamey to Oblong and thanked them for the new business in town.

7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Sherry, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-491 "Prevailing Wage Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-492 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7, Business Code, to add Article VIII - Fire Works Code to the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". There were some questions about how this will affect the fireworks display that the Chamber of Commerce sponsors. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Sherry stated that she did not think it was appropriate to use tax payers' money on these items; but she believes that both organizations do good work. There was some discussion before the motion was made.

Motion by Sherry, with a second by Rick C., to not sponsor a golf hole at either the FOP William "Jack" Fancil Memorial Golf Outing or the Oblong Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Randy stated that he had been approached about the parking on both sides of South Range Street in the two hundred (200) and three hundred (300) blocks. Randy stated that he was in at Pizza-N-More yesterday when a gentleman came in to say that he had broken a mirror off of one of the customer's vehicle. There was also some discussion about parking on North Range Street in the three hundred (300) block and north to the Village limits.

Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick H., to have no parking on the east side of South Range Street from Main Street south to the Village limit and no parking on either side of North Range from Ohio Street north to the Village limit. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Randy mentioned that there has been some removal of the old oilfield equipment from the Park but what is left has become a public safety issue. Mr. Larrabee stated there is still some of what is left that the Oilfield Museum is wanting to keep and some that they do not want. Mr. Larrabee stated that the Museum Board has been in contact with Mike Munson about having him use his crane to move the heavier pieces. Randy suggested that Mr. Larrabee get a date set with Mr. Munson and then let Randy know because he will come and help. Ken also stated that he would help too. Mr. Larrabee stated that there is still a model of the Marathon Refinery in one of the old buildings that needs to be moved. Mr. Larrabee stated that part of the model is in need of repair, but he does not know of anybody that can repair it. Bonnie stated that Bill Ikemire said he could fix the model. Mr. Larrabee stated that approximately five percent (5%) of the population of Crawford County has been to the new museum.

#### 12. Under Mayor's Comments:

Randy mentioned that the Village had received a Thank You note from the Wally Dean Family for the floral arrangement and thoughts of sympathy.

Randy stated that the employees' health insurance will be staying with American Medical Security and that there will be no change in deductible until the anniversary date.

Randy stated that Byron has turned into Gary a Reimbursement Request for work boots. Since it was decided that a clothing allowance for Byron would be on an as need basis for this year. It was stated that next year at budget time this issue would be looked at to see if there was a need for Byron to receive a clothing allowance and how much it should be. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Rick C., to reimburse Byron for the cost of his work boots. All ayes, motion carried.

#### 13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the computer that the police type up their reports on crashed over the weekend; it would cost between \$200 – \$300 to repair it. Rick stated that the department did not budget for a new computer but that it is needed. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to go ahead and purchase a new computer. All ayes, motion carried. Chad mentioned that there will be an ILEA training session on June 28th. Rick stated that Paul will be taking his final test sometime the end of this month for graduation.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that everything looks really good out at the Park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time. Randy stated that Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) informed him that it would be cheaper to go ahead and lay the wiring for new lights in the downtown area while the sidewalks and Route 33 are under construction than later. Randy asked if it would be all right for him to go ahead and get an estimate on this from the engineers. The Board agreed.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that there was no report at this time. Randy stated that IDOT informed him that the Route 33 Project bids will be open approximately in July 2007 with the project starting six months or so after the awarding of the bids in 2008. IDOT keeps adding some more items to what the Village needs to do. There were some questions. Randy stated that he had talked to Carolyn Higgins about the construction debris behind the building that had been deemed unsafe earlier this year. Randy stated that Carolyn said hopefully it will be cleaned up by the end of the month. Randy also mentioned the fence deal was taken care of.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there had been some comments made about the new water rates from water customers. Ken stated that he had talked to some and stated where the Village is coming from and felt that they understood.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that there were some wording changes on the Investment Policy that needed to be made before approval. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to accept the Investment Policy as written. This will be an annual item for approval due to Illinois State Laws. Rick stated that Kemper thought the Village needs to vote on having the \$5 fee for a police accident report put in the DUI Checking account from now on. Chad stated that the DUI Checking Fund is strictly for purchase of Police equipment. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to start depositing the fee for police accident reports in the DUI Checking Fund. All ayes, motion carried. Rick C. asked about the audit and when would it be presented to the Board. Jan stated that the auditor will be at the next month's meeting.

14. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Under other business:

Tom Compton stated that the new tourism magazine was out now. Tom also stated that the tourism board had decided to purchase some large signs to be placed in the cities/villages in Crawford County for the towns to put information on about local events (excluding school events). The Village will be able to choose the location of this sign.

Randy stated that the building at 604 East Kentucky Street will be taken down and the lot mowed with the Village paying the cost and then filing a lien on the property for the cost of maintenance and legal fees. The owner will be receiving a ticket for excessive weed growth. Sherry asked about the house on North Garfield Street. It was stated that the new owner will be taking care of the problem there. There were some other places of concern that will be looked into and brought back to the Board at a later date.

Gary mentioned maybe the Village should Thank the Newbolds for being in business.

There was some discussion on trying to get a new dentist to come to town since the last dentist is no longer going to have an office here anymore.

16. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Rick C., to adjourn at 8:31 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **July 5th, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 5th, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Catt, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Mayor Randy Rich and Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Mike McReynolds, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Kathy Ditch, Jodi Truitt (Kemper CPA) and Adrienne Kelley.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Catt.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 7th, 2006, were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Ken. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month.

Mr. McReynolds asked to be allowed to pay his water bill in two (2) installments.

Ms. Kelley asked if her mother, Jamie Griffin, could pay her water bill in two (2) installments. 1st half on July 7th and 2nd half on July 20th.

The Board granted both requests.

5. Kathy Ditch came before the Board to talk about the parking on North Range Street. She has spoken to Mayor Rich and he informed her that she needed to come to the Board Meeting. She talked about having the Board look into different possibilities instead of totally prohibiting parking on both side of North Range from Ohio Street north to the Village limits; such as No Truck Parking. She stated that she does not have enough parking space in her driveway. She also stated that the two hundred (200) block of North Range is only inches wider than the three hundred (300) block of North Range except where the Post Office is. She mentioned that the church parking lot is private; the Post Office parking lot is government and there can be no parking in either one. There was some discussion about some solutions to the lack of parking. Ms. Ditch stated that she will talk to the owner of the property north of her's to see if they agree where the property line is; so that she could possibly build a second drive. Ms. Ditch will come back to the August Board Meeting. Rick said that he had talked with Randy before he left for vacation.

Motion by Ken, with a second by Bonnie, to table the adoption of the ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Motor Vehicles, Article IV - Parking Rules of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois", until next Board Meeting. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

6. Jodi Truitt from Kemper CPA (Village Auditors) came to the meeting to give a brief summary of the financial status of the Village after the completion of the audit for Fiscal Year 2006. Jodi mentioned that she had met with the Finance Committee prior to the Board Meeting tonight. Jodi stated that after the Board looks over the audit report and has any question they may feel free to contact her or Jan with the questions.

7. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-493 "An Ordinance to Condemn an Unsafe Building at 604 East Kentucky Street. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

8. Sherry stated that there is still a mess behind Ms. Higgins building located at 111 South Range Street. Sherry stated that it has been a month and it still is not cleaned-up. Gary stated that Randy called and left a message on Ms. Higgins answering machine last Thursday (June 29th) that she had until July 10th, to get the mess cleaned-up. If Ms. Higgins has not done this then Gary is to get a dumpster and clean the mess up and the Village will then send a bill to her. If she does not pay the bill, then Randy stated that the Village would put a lien on the property.

9. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to approve the Modular Home Application of Wilfred and Shirley Cross (the location is 202/204 South Garfield). Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

10. Under Mayor's Comments:

Rick stated that Randy had left an item to be brought before the Board. The Village has received a renewal from the Illinois Sheriffs' Association for \$75 membership fee. There was some discussion about this item. Motion

by Bonnie, with a second by Debi, to pay the membership fee. Ayes: Bonnie, Debi. Nays: Ken, Sherry, Rick. Motion did not carry due to the vote.

There was some discussion on a previous matter (William "Jack" Fancil Memorial Golf Hole Sponsorship) that was voted on last Board Meeting (June 7th). Rick stated that it could be brought up again but since it was already voted on; he felt the matter was settled.

#### 11. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Chad stated that the Board all has a copy of the monthly report. Chad stated that the last week of this month is Fair Week; so there will be longer hours for the department. Chad mentioned that there will be a Firearms Qualification on the last Friday of this month. Rick stated that Paul Maxwell has finished his part-time academy training. Rick stated that when Paul was hired he was told that he would receive a \$1 increase upon completion of training. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to raise Paul's hourly rate from \$9 to \$10 effective July 3rd, 2006. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

B. Buildings and Park: It was mention about the graffiti out at the Oblong Park. Chad stated that he had pictures if any of the Board wanted to see them to let him know after the Board Meeting. Sherry mentioned that she had heard that there was some youths that are throwing rocks at the fence on the south side of the mini park. Chad stated that he knew about it and was looking into the situation. Gary mentioned that all but one item of the oilfield equipment has been moved from the west side of the park. The one remaining item is not a safety hazard and will be moved as soon as some concrete is poured for a base out at the Oilfield museum property. Sherry asked Gary about the old shuffle board pad. Gary stated that it will be taken care of this summer.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that there was no report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had attended a meeting in Effingham dealing with funding. Ken stated that he has some contacts and information that he will show to Randy, when Randy gets back and then go from there. Ken mentioned that he had heard EJ had contacted the people north of Oblong in the Water Extension Phase II about supplying them water. Ken stated that a letter will be sent to all landlords of property with water being purchased from the Village. The letter is informing the landlords of their responsibility for past due bills.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the committee met with Jodi before the meeting about the audit.

12. Motion by Ken, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

#### 13. Under other business:

Tom Compton stated that the tourism has enough money to operate for at least a year.

Ken asked about the sign, that the Tourism Board is donating.

Tom stated that the signs have been put on hold at this time.

14. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 7:52 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**August 2nd, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 2nd, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Ken Russell.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), and Wendy McDaniel.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 5th, 2006, were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Bonnie. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one deletion to the agenda this month. Kathy Ditch sent a letter to the Mayor letting him know why she could not make the meeting tonight.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month.  
Ms. McDaniel asked if she could pay her water bill in two (2) installments. 1st half on August 7th and 2nd half on August 11th.  
The Board granted her request.
5. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-494 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 24, Motor Vehicles, Article IV - Parking Rules of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois." Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #06-3 "Homecoming Parade Permit" to beheld on September 15th, approximately from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Sherry, to adopt Resolution #06-4 "Halloween Parade Permit" to beheld on October 28th, approximately from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
8. Under Mayor's Comments:
  1. Randy wanted to thank everyone for taking care of the board meeting last month in his absence.
  2. Randy stated that he would like to establish a committee to look into getting grants for playground equipment. Randy wanted to know if there were no objections? There were no objections from the board. Randy mentioned that he would appoint the committee member sometime next week.
  3. Tom Compton mentioned that the Crawford County Tourism Board will be accepting applications from communities and organizations wanting money to promote tourism through festival and etc. The board will be awarding between \$10,000 to \$15,000, the next few months.
9. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:09 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Rick C., to come out executive session at 7:30 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. Randy stated that there was no action at this time.

11. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Chad stated that the Board all has a copy of the monthly report. Chad stated that there would be a couple of training session this month. On August 23rd, there is SRT training session (ILEAS). On August 29th, there is an MCR training session in Eff nham. Rick H. stated that there was a meeting July 24th, to go over routine items with the committee.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that she would like to replace the Horseshoe Pit sign. Sherry would like for the sign to also state the time; she will get a couple of estimates and bring to the next board meeting.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that there was a committee meeting on July 26th, to discuss the parking issue. Bonnie stated that Gary is looking into making some more parking on West Indiana Street by Pizza-N-More.

E. Water and Sewer: There was no report this month.

F. Finance: Rick C. had the mayor open the bids on the Village funds. There was only two (2) bids to open. The bid was for interest on the checking accounts for a two-year term. The bids are as follows:

actual

1st National Bank in Olney 5.01%

1st Robinson Savings Bank 5.27%

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Sherry, to accept the bid from 1st Robinson Savings Bank and will go into effect on September 1st. Ayes: Bonnie, Rick H., Sherry, Debi. Abstain: Rick C. Motion carried.

Rick stated that there will probably be a committee meeting later this month to discuss some issue brought up in the audit report and possibly meeting with Rick Koester from USDA Rural Development.

12. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

13. There was no other business this month.

14. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**September 6th, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 6th, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Bonnie Finn.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Nedra Clark, Jake Wilkins, Jerry McDaniel and Wendy McDaniel.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 2nd, 2006, were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Rick H. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Jerry and Wendy McDaniel asked to speak to the Board about a skateboard park.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Ms. Clark asked if she could pay her water bill on September 13th. The Board granted her request.
5. Under Mayor's Comments: 1. Randy stated that the Shriners would like to use the 4-way stop to pass out Shriners' Hospital Papers and collect donations. The Board granted their request. The date is September 16th, from 8 am to 11 am or 12 pm.
2. Randy mentioned that Phil Mendenhall had talked to him about MABAS (mutual aid box alarm system) Division 59 and that there may be some initial cost for radio upgrades. There is to be a meeting on Monday, September 11th, Randy stated that he would have more information then and would keep the board updated.
3. Randy stated that he had received a letter from Jake Wilkins stating that some of the young people in the Village would appreciate a skateboard park. Jerry McDaniel stated that there is no where in the Village where kids can ride their skateboards without getting in trouble. Jerry stated that there is the old dirt bike area out at the park that could possibly be made into a skateboard park. He stated that there were some parents and other that would be willing to donate their time in helping to build a skateboard park. Wendy mentioned that there is a foundation that will give \$5,000 towards the park if there is \$5,000 raised by the kids who want the park. The name of the foundation is Tony Hawk Foundation. Randy stated that the board would need to look into the cost to the Village with the insurance company. Jake Wilkins came into the meeting and talked to the board.

6. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that the Village has received the reimbursement for Paul's academy tuition from the state and also reimbursement from ILEAS for Chad's training. Chad stated that there will be a couple of training session this month. One will be SRT and the other is on Tactical Commander School. Chad also mentioned that the police department will start enforcing the parking ordinance on South Range Street. Chad stated that Gary and the guys will help with the traffic during the Homecoming Parade on September 15th. Chad stated that the board had schedules and reports.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that there was no report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Randy stated that there has been some extra parking space made on the north side of Pizza-N-More.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that Gary was on a water leak and that there was nothing to report at this time

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that there was no report at this time.

7. Motion by Ken, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

8. Randy mentioned that he had received a form from the Tourism Board wanting to know where the Village wants the sign placed. Chad stated that the railroad company has started on the crossing. Sherry mentioned that the property at 402 South Range Street was beginning to look a little ratty. Randy stated that he would drive by and take a look. Rick H. asked about the property located at 604 East Kentucky Street. Randy stated that everything is in order and moving along at the moment.

9. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**October 4, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 4th, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Danny Eveland, Jerry McDaniel, Wendy McDaniel, Melissa Tracy, Kathy Palmer, JJ Ochs, Jake Wilkins and several other children interested in the skateboard park.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 6th, 2006, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Ken. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Interested parents and grandparents in support of the skateboard park. Melissa stated that there is a lot of interest from parents and kids who would like to have a skateboard park. She stated that she had several signatures from people that think a skateboard park would be a good idea. Melissa stated that the group would like to know if the Board is willing to look into getting a skateboard park built. Jerry stated that the deadline for this year on grants has passed, but they would like to go ahead and start having fund-raisers so that when next year comes there will be some funds in a banking account. This way there would be at least a chance of receiving more than a \$1,000 from a matching fund grant. Randy asked the Board if they were willing to pursue the idea of a skateboard park in town. The Board was in favor of looking into the matter. Randy suggested to the group that they get a committee appointed and then meet with him. He has received some information on acceptable equipment for the park and has talked with the Village's insurance representative. Randy stated that the insurance representative would have to approve the materials used to build the equipment for the park. Kathy Palmer stated that she felt this was a good idea for physical exercise; instead of the kids sitting in front of the TV or playing video games. Randy thanked the group for coming to the meeting and showing such an interest.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mr. Eveland asked if he could pay his water bill on October 27th. The Board granted his request.
5. Motion by Ken, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-495 "An Ordinance on Sexual Harassment Policy". Five (5) ayes, motioned carried.
6. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-496 "An Ordinance on Sexual Misconduct Policy". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-497 "Tax Levy Ordinance". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Ken, with a second by Debi, to set trick or treat night for October 31st, from 5 pm to 8 pm where the house outside light is on. Five (5) ayes, motioned carried.
9. Under Mayor's Comments:
  1. Randy stated that Fall Clean-up is October 13th. Randy mentioned that Old School asked that everything be bundled, bagged or boxed. Old School will not pick-up any construction or yard waste. They will pick-up one (1) appliance per paid-up household. Randy stated that any delinquent trash costumers will not have their trash picked-up until they pay their trash bill.
  2. Randy stated that the Village has received a default judgement against Ms. Schlosser for the unsafe building at 604 East Kentucky Street. Randy asked the Board's permission to go ahead and get someone to clean-up the property and then the Village will be placing a lien on the property for the legal fees and clean-up expense. The Board agreed.
  3. Randy stated that the previously discussed location of the sign from the Tourism Board was not fusible due to conflict with the Route 33 Project. He mentioned placing the sign next to the Municipal Building. There was some discussion on this matter. The Board decided to place the sign where the portable sign is now since there is already electric there.
  4. Randy stated that he has talked with Sherry and they have come up with some names for a Playground Equipment Committee. The names are as follows: Sherry Catt, Tim Attaway, Ken Russell and Gloria Hatch.

Randy stated that the committee will be looking into the cost of equipment and grants and financing to pay for the equipment. The committee will report to the Board as things progress. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to accept the names mentioned to be on the committee. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to go into executive session at 7:22 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to come out of executive session at 7:44 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. There was no action taken.

## 12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Chad stated that the Board had the monthly report and schedule for October. Chad stated that there will be an ILEAS training session on October 25th. There is to be a training session on Street Survival in Indianapolis on November 13th & 14th. He would like to send Paul Maxwell and himself to this training with the Board's permission. It will cost \$199 to send Paul but Chad may attend for free. The Board granted Chad's request.

B. Buildings and Park: Sherry stated that she had talked with Gary before the meeting about something she wanted completed this fall and that he had stated they were on the list. One of the items is painting and putting the fence back up around the horseshoe pits.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that the MFT project for this year was completed. Gary stated that starting next week there will be sealing of cracks on North and South Range Street (weather permitting).

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee had met to discuss the following three items:

1. Ken stated that the Village had received a letter from Robinson-Palestine Water Commission stating that they're raising their water rates approximately 20% as soon as the bill system is set-up. The committee's recommendation is that the Village will absorb the rate increase at this time, but will look at the water figures at the beginning of the year to see how the finances look.

2. Ken stated that the committee has looked into replacing some of the older water main line coming from Robinson. Ken stated that Connor & Connor recommended to do the replacement in conjunction with Robinson's work on their lines. The estimate for this project is \$55,000. If the Village decides to go ahead with the replacement project; Connor & Connor would put both project requests in together to EPA for a water permit. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Sherry, to go ahead and get right-of-ways and bids for the project; and have Connor & Connor submit the Village's request with Robinson's request. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. This is part of the lines that the Village was going to have to have moved for the Route 33 Project.

3. Ken mentioned that Connor & Connor has received the drawings for the Route 33 Project from IDOT.

F. Finance: Rick C. asked Jan if there was anything to mention. Jan stated that the releasing of collateral from 1st National Bank and get the collateralization from 1st Robinson Savings Bank is done and on file for the auditors.

13. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. Rick C. asked if there was a volunteer to initial the bills for this month. It was decided to have Rick H. initial this month's bills.

14. Under other items of business: Tom Compton stated that the Crawford County Tourism Board is disbanding at the end of the year. There was some discussion on this matter.

15. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**November 1, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 1st, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Jerry McDaniel, Mike McReynolds and Jamie Griff n.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 4th, 2006, were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Ken. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was three water bill customers at the meeting this month.
  - A. Mr. McDaniel asked if he could pay his last month's water bill on November 3rd. The Board granted his request.
  - B. Mr. McReynolds asked if he could pay his last month's water bill on November 3rd. The Board granted his request.
  - C. Ms. Griff n asked if she could pay her last month's water bill on November 6th. The Board granted her request.
5. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Ordinance #2006-0-498 "An Ordinance Imposing a Tax on the Gross Rental Receipts Realized From the Renting of Hotel or Motel Rooms". All ayes, motioned carried.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Resolution #2006-R-5 "A Resolution Creating a Tourism Advisory Board". All ayes, motion carried.

Randy appointed Sherry Catt and Keith Waldrop at this time to the Tourism Advisory Board, with the approval of the Board. Randy stated that he would bring a third person name to be appointed next month, with approval from the Board at that time.

7. Randy stated that the reason he had this bill specifically put on the agenda was due to the fact that when this bill was received it was for more than what was verbally agreed upon. Randy stated that when he saw the bill, he contacted the engineer, Lee Beckman, that did the work. Randy discussed the issue with Mr. Beckman. The original amount was to be \$500. There was some discussion on the matter. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick C., to pay Milano & Grunloh Engineers \$1,000 for their estimate on the Route 33 project. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Randy stated that Gary and him had met with Todd Halfman (IDOT Representative) for the right of way located in front of the water pump house on Route 33 near Robinson. IDOT will give the Village \$800 for the right of way. Randy stated that if the Village accepts this offer the Village should have in the motion wording to the effect of "any existing water lines not on the right of way now will be taken care of by the State of Illinois (or IDOT)". Motion by Rick H., with a second by Sherry, to accept the \$800 for the right of way and the bid package (municipal corporate resolution, warranty deed (non-freeway) municipal corporation, receipt for municipal warranty deed and affidavit of title) with the additional wording of "any existing water lines not on the right of way now will be taken care of by the State of Illinois (or IDOT)". All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to approve the Modular Home Permit of Chad and Mary Lou Pusey. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Under Mayor's Comments: 1. Randy mentioned that he had been approached about restricting the placement of mobile homes in Oblong. Randy stated that he had talked with the Village Attorney, Frank Weber. There was some discussion on this issues. It was decided that the Board would like to see the statues on this issue. Randy said he would ask Frank for copies of the statues on Mobile Homes.

2. Randy stated that he wanted to bring everybody up to date that R-CAP (Rural Community Assistance Program) gentleman from Springfield came down and talked to the Finance Committee. This is a possible grant for the Village. This grant could possibly help offset the cost of Route 33 Project. This is one avenue that the Finance Committee is looking into. There is a deadline on this and it will come before the next board meeting. So, the Finance Committee put in motion, through the Water Department, the necessary information to be sent out to water customer in the form a questionnaire/ survey. The survey is just for water customers in the Village limits. The survey is to find out where the income level is in the Village. If the Village can show that we are at the lower income level, we have a real good shot at getting the grant. Seventy-five percent (75%) need to return the survey. Of the returned surveys, fifty-one percent needs to be in the lower to medium income level. To entice a good return the Finance Committee suggested that the Water Department give a two dollar (\$2.00) credit on the water bill for the customer's cooperation in filling out the survey and have them turned in by noon on Wednesday, November 8th.

3. Randy stated that the health insurance annual renewal, if the Village stays at the same deductible, will increase by thirty-three percent (33%). There was some discussion on changes to the deductible and deleting dental coverage. The Board discussed that if they increase the deductible to \$1,000 (the employees would pay the first \$500 and then the Village would pay the second \$500 with proof from the employee that they had met the first \$500 to be given to the Mayor or if the Mayor is out of town then the Finance Chairperson). Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to delete the dental coverage on the health insurance and increase the deductible from \$500 to \$1,000. All ayes, motion carried.

#### 11. Reports of Committees:

A Police: Rick H. stated that the committee had a short meeting before the Board Meeting. Rick H., stated that Chad had come up with a first response to active shooter situations plan to be put into the Police Policy and Procedure Manual. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to adopt the Response to Active Shooter Situations. All ayes, motion carried. Chad stated that there was another addition to the Police Policy and

Procedure Manual due to a State Police audit (IWIN). Motion by Rick H., with a second by Bonnie, to adopt the following wording to be put into the Police Policy and Procedure Manual:

The LEADS network or LEADS information shall not be used for personal use.  
No LEADS information shall be disseminated to anyone other than authorized personnel.

Authorized personnel included the three C's: Cops, Corrections and Courts.

Any criminal history information disseminated to any unauthorized personnel outside this department will require the officer to keep a written record for at least 7 years.

Any officer that violates these rules will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

1. First violation will result in a written reprimand to their personnel file.
2. Second violation will result in a suspension.
3. Third violation will result in termination of employment from the department.

All ayes, motion carried.

Chad stated that there will be training tomorrow (November 2nd) night shot qualifications. Chad also mentioned that he had turned in the Mary Heath grant application. Bonnie asked if Chad had heard about a Federal Police Chief grant. Chad stated that he had never heard about it.

B. Buildings and Park: Gary stated that the Metal Meet went well last month. Gary stated that the fence did not get put around the horseshoe court last month, so it is on the schedule to possibly get done this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time. Debi did ask about a section of sidewalk on the east side of South Range Street in the one hundred (100) block. Gary stated that he would put it on the top of the list for next year.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that there was no report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the Village has not received the water rate increase from Robinson-Palestine Water Commission due to a computer glitch. Ken stated that he had heard from Shannon (Connor & Connor, Inc.) that Robinson-Palestine Water Commission has agreed to share the project. He understood that we are waiting on some right of ways and that Connor & Connor has gone ahead and submitted an application to EPA for a permit. Connor & Connor will be advertising for the project with the understanding that the bids can not be granted until we have received the permit from EPA.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that Jan would be attending Treasurer Institute on November 14th, 15th and 16th. Rick C. mentioned that if the Christmas Bonus is to be paid the first pay in December that it would need to be voted on at this meeting. There was some discussion on the amount to be paid to the Village employees. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Bonnie, to pay \$115 to the permanent employees and \$85 to the part-time employees. All ayes, motion carried. Rick C. asked if there was a volunteer to initial the bills for this month. Ken volunteer to initial the bills for the month of November.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

13. There was no other business this month.

14. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Sherry, to adjourn at 8:18 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**December 6, 2006**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 6th, 2006, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trust Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, John Bowersmith (RCAP), Jerry McDaniel, Melissa Tracy, Jo Ann Tracy, Bobby Tracy, Jr., Jim Wilkins and Tom Compton (Daily News).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 1st, 2006, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Sherry. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers/questions at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that he wanted the Skate Board Committee to bring the Village Board up to date on the progress and if they had any questions for the Village Board. Mr. McDaniel stated that he had some catalogs from companies that manufacture equipment for skate board parks, a letter and some other information. Mr. Wilkins passed out a copy of the letter to the Village Board members. The letter explains what the committee has done so far and what they are planning to accomplish for the near future. There was some discussion of estimated cost for the Skate Board Park equipment. There was some discussion on the type of materials that the equipment is made of. The concrete can be done by a local contractor. There was some discussion on where the park would be located. Mr. McDaniel suggested possibly the park being located west of the old oilfield museum building. Randy stated that until the committee can get a diagram (floor plan) of what the park size will need to be, the Village Board could not consider a specific location. Ms. Tracy asked if there were any suggestion as to what grants were out there for them to apply for. Sherry suggested that the committee come to a Ruritan's Meeting and ask for possible donations.
6. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Ken, to adopt Resolution #2006-R-6 "A Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds". Roll Call vote is as follows: Rick Catt - aye; Bonnie Finn - aye; Rick Houdasheldt - aye; Ken Russell - aye; Sherry Catt - aye; Debi Wilson - aye. Motion carried.
7. Randy stated that the Village needs to commit \$25,000 to the Oblong Revolving Loan Fund to be eligible for the \$99,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) from USDA Rural Development. The \$25,000 would include any legal fees incurred to get the Revolving Loan Fund started. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to commit \$25,000, which will include any legal fees, to start the Oblong Revolving Loan Fund. Roll

Call vote is as follows: Rick Catt - aye; Bonnie Finn - aye; Rick Houdasheldt - aye; Ken Russell - aye; Sherry Catt - aye; Debi Wilson - aye. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Ken, with a second by Sherry, to approve the Mobile Home Permit for Alicia Hyde. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments : 1. Randy mentioned that the annual contribution to CCDA (Crawford County Development Association) is due this month and that it is on the warranty list to be paid.

2. Randy stated that he is still trying to find someone to be on the Tourism Advisory Board. He asked if anyone had someone in mind to let him know. Tom Compton suggested maybe someone from the Crawford County Fair Board would be interested in sitting on the Tourism Advisory Board. Randy stated that he hoped to have someone for approval for the January board meeting

3. Randy stated that he had talked some more with the Village Attorney, Frank Weber, about the banning of mobile homes on Main and Range Street. Frank stated that it would be a lot of paperwork. Frank suggested that the issue be dropped at this time. Sherry asked about changing the age limit on mobile homes from 20 years or newer to 5 (or 10) years or newer. Randy stated that he would talk to Frank on this issue and let the Board know at the January Meeting.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the committee has not had a meeting since last month's meeting. Rick stated that there will be some training this month. Chad stated that on December 13th, there will be a training session for ILEAS; on December 15th, training is on Juvenile; and on December 20th, it will be on Speciality ammunition impact (rif es). Chad stated that the department had received a \$500 donation for equipment from Wal\*Mart. Chad stated that the committee will need to have a meeting before the January Board Meeting for year-end reviews.

B. Building and Park: Sherry stated that there was no report at this time. Sherry said that she had been out to the Park and that it looked really nice.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that there was no report at this time. Gary stated that the department is ready in case of snow.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that Gary had been in contact with Connor & Connor on the water line replacement from the pump house to the main meter. The permit request has been submitted; now waiting on EPA to issue the permit. Still need to obtain some right of ways and then put the project out for bids. Ken stated that Gary will be attending a IRWA training session on January 10th. Ken wanted to personally thank the water department employees and who all else helped for their time working on the surveys. There were some comments on how well the leaf pick-up went this year.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that there were some minor changes to the Employees's Guidelines, such as the office staffs' hours. There was some discussion on some of the wording in another section of the guidelines. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Bonnie, to accept the changes made to the employees' guidelines. All ayes, motion carried. Rick stated that Jan and Ladora will be attending the SECICTA on December 14th, in Dieterich.

11. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried. Rick C. volunteered to initial the bills for the month of December.

12. Under other business, Gary stated that the antenna for the water office radio base is going to be replaced on Monday, December 11th. Gary stated the person coming to do the job called to tell him that the Village will need to get a hold of a bucket truck for them to use when they put up the antenna.

13. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Rick C., to adjourn at 7:37 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**Public Hearing Meeting Minutes  
December 6th, 2006**

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, John Bowersmith (RCAP), Jerry McDaniel, Melissa Tracy, Jo Ann Tracy, Bobby Tracy, Jr., Jim Wilkins and Tom Compton (Daily News).

1. The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Randy Rich.
2. Randy explained that the Village is trying to get a CDAP (Community Development Assistance Program) grant to defer some of the cost of relocating the water and sewer lines. When Route 33 widens the Village water and sewer lines will conflict with the storm sewers. The Village will need to move the water and sewer lines from the north side of Route 33 to the south side. The Village already is in debt for the new Water Tower and the Water Extension. The CDAP grant will cover 75% of the cost to relocate the water and sewer lines. Randy stated that Mr. Bowersmith, from Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP), was here to answer any questions that anyone might have.
3. Randy opened the meeting up for anyone who had questions. There were no questions asked.
4. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Sherry, to close the Public Hearing Meeting at 7:00 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**January 3rd, 2007**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 3rd, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Keith Waldrop, Part-time Patrol Officer Paul Maxwell and Norma Bice.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 6th, 2006, were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Rick C. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There was one deletion to the agenda this month. Ordinance #2007-O-499 was not ready in time for the Board to look it over; so will postpone voting on this ordinance until the February Board Meeting.

4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mrs. Bice asked if it would be alright for her to pay her water bills in payments. She stated that she would be able to pay \$150 by Friday, January 5th, 2007. There was discussion on the fact that there is a leak somewhere under the Bice's house that is causing their bill to be high. Mrs. Bice said that they were willing to have their water shut-off until they get the leak fixed. The Board was willing to work with Mrs. Bice on payment for the rest of her water bill amount.

5. Under Mayor's Comments :

1. Randy mentioned that he had placed some items in the Trustees mail slots in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. One of the items was a copy of a letter the Village had received from MediaCom stating that Channel 11 maybe off the air for a while until some issues are resolved between MediaCom and Sinclair Broadcast Group.

2. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Ameren CIPS about the electric rate increase. Randy felt that the Finance Committee may want to look into this issue and have a meeting in the future.

3. Randy mentioned that at this time the Village is waiting for a letter from the Secretary of State's Office and then we will have everything ready to be sent to USDA office for the Revolving Loan Fund.

4. Randy stated that he had also given the Trustees a copy of the Web page bill. This year the cost was the same as last year. Next year it may increase. The bill is on the warranty list to be paid if no objections.

5. Randy mentioned that he had contacted Rick Kelsheimer about the sign that the Crawford County Tourism Board is giving the Village. After realizing the size of the sign, it was decided to have the sign put in storage until after the Route 33 widening was finished and then find a spot to place the sign along Route 33 in the Village limits. Mr. Kelsheimer did not have a problem with this idea.

6. Randy stated that the Village had received a \$200 donation from the Oblong Ruritan's Club for new playground equipment out at the Park. He thanked them for their donation.

6. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the committee had met at 6 pm tonight and went over the year-end reports and discussed some other items. Rick stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report with a copy of year-end totals. One item discussion during the committee meeting was a TazerCam which is a camera attached to the tazer gun. It will video and audio record when the Tazer is used. This way there could be no question about the incidents when the Tazer is used. The cost of this item is \$499.95. The committee felt that this would be a good time to use the \$500 donation from Wal\*Mart that the Village has already received. Motion by Rick H., with a

second by Bonnie, to use the donation from Wal\*Mart to purchase the TazerCam. All ayes, motion carried. Chad stated that there will be a training session for ILEAS this month and there is a ILEAS conference in Springfield on March 18th - 20th, the conference will have some cost to it. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to pay the cost of the ILEAS conference. All ayes, motion carried. Rick H. stated that the committee is starting to look at the budget for next fiscal.

B. Building and Park: Sherry stated that there was no report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that there was no report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that we are still waiting on a project with Connor & Connor. Randy stated that the construction permit has been received from EPA.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the Investment Policy needs to be approved for this year (this is an annual item that needs approval); there were no changes from last year's. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to accept the Investment Policy as written. All ayes, motion carried. Rick C. stated that there will be a meeting to look at the Ameren letter and also start looking at the budget for next fiscal year. Bonnie volunteered to initial the bills for the month of January.

7. Motion by Debi, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Under other business, Gary stated that he wanted to remind the Board that he would be gone to the IRWA Conference on January 10th. Gary also stated that he would like to be able to take four (4) of his employees to a breakfast on January 16th sponsored by JULIE (this is an annual event) in Olney.

9. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to adjourn at 7:20 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**February 7th, 2007**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 7th, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Ken Russell.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), and Daniel Fritchie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 3rd, 2007, were approved with a motion by Sherry and a second by Bonnie. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. There was some discussion on the age of a mobile home that can come into the Village limits. Rick C. suggested that instead of five (5) years or newer it should be ten (10) years or newer. The other trustees present at the meeting thought that would be better. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to table Ordinance #2007-O-499 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 23, Manufactured Housing Code, Article I – General Provisions Section 23-1-1 Definitions of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois" until next month's meeting. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Sherry, with a second by Debi, to allow Labor Local 1197 to collect donations for TLC of Southern & Central Illinois, Inc. on May 5th, 2007, at the 4-way stop from 9 am to 12 pm (Noon). Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
7. Randy read the letter sent to the Village by Crawford County Health Department. Randy asked Bonnie about the survey that was sent with the letter. Bonnie stated that she did not know about the survey due to missing the last Health Board Meeting. There were some discussion on the survey.
8. Under Mayor's Comments : 1. Randy stated that the paperwork for the grant to help finance the Rt 33 project has been sent in and everything is progressing along. Randy stated that he had some more papers to sign. Mr. Bowersmith will be here tomorrow with the papers.
2. The Village has received the reimbursement of the cost for the clean-up behind the building that was collapsing. Sherry mentioned that since the repair to the building; the building does not have any guttering and when it rains there is a problem with water standing on the parking lot. Randy stated he would look into the situation and talk to the owner of the building.

3. Randy stated that the paperwork for the revolving loan fund from USDA has been sent in and everything is progressing along.

9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report. Rick stated that there will be the usual training this month. Rick stated that Chad helped in the apprehension of a residential burglar. Rick stated that Chad is starting to look at figures for the budget for next fiscal.

B. Building and Park: Sherry stated that there was no report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that there was no report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Randy stated that Gary and the guys were out working on a water leak this evening, so Gary had left some training requested with the mayor. The first request was for Gary and Travis to be allowed to attend the IRWA Annual Technical Conference on February 20th, 21st and 22nd in Effingham, the cost will be \$110 per person. The second request was a training session sponsored by IML Risk Management and IDOT on February 16th at Lawrenceville for Flagger training from 8:30 am to Noon (12 pm). The third request was IRWA Lagoon Troubleshooting on March 7th, in Effingham from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Bonnie, to grant the above requests from Gary. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that a volunteer was needed to initial the bills this month. Debi volunteered to initial the bills for the month of February. Rick stated that Randy had given him the letter from Ameren. Rick stated that his recommendation would be not to sign up for the deferred billing plan. The Board agreed with Rick.

10. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. Under other business, Jan read a Thank you card from Andrea Rich. She wanted to thank the Village for the memorial stone sent in memory of her grandma.

12. Motion by Debi, with a second by Bonnie, to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**March 7th, 2007**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 7th, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Clerk Ladora Boyd and Trustee Sherry Catt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Jim Wilkin, Teresa Sprague (Check Mart) and Tina Eveland.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 7th, 2007, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Bonnie. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Jim Wilkin from Skate Park Committee came before the Board.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Ms. Eveland stated that she would be able to pay her bill in full on the 16th of this month. The Board granted her the extension.
5. Teresa Sprague asked that Check Mart be put back on the gas rotation. Randy stated that Check Mart had not been taken off the gas rotation just that their four (4) months will be September through December this year. Randy gave Teresa a copy of this year's gas rotation sheet.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2007-O-499 " An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 23, Manufactured Housings Code, Article I – General Provisions Section 23-1-1 Def nitions of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes – Rick C., Bonnie, Rick H., Ken, Debi. Absent – Sherry. Motion carried.
7. Under Mayor's Comments :
  1. Randy read the letter sent to the Village from the Friends of 4-H Extension. They are asking for f nancial help from the organizations and government entities around the county. There was some discussion on the subject. The Board is in support of the 4-H Extensions but will not give them f nancial support as a Board.
  2. Randy stated that the Village has received an update from the Indiana Rail Road Company on the crossing guards at the rail road tracks here in the Village. Have cut a check for \$12,904 for the Village's part of the total bill.
  3. Randy stated that, with the rate increase from Ameren CIPS, there have been 10 letters sent out to other companies asking for quote on the cost of purchasing part of the Village electric from them. Randy stated that he has heard from two of the companies. One of the companies called and told Randy that they could not give the Village any better rate. There was some discussion on this issue.
  4. Randy stated that he has met with the Skate Park Committee. He has a copy of the plans that the committee has drawn up for each one of the trustees. The committee is working on some prices and have received some bids back on some concrete. Committee is still having some fundraisers. Mr. Wilkin stated that the committee had held a dance last week and raised \$300 towards the expenses of the skate park. There was some discussion on the subject. Randy thank Jim Wilkin for coming and f lling the Board in on where the Skate Park Committee is.
8. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report. Rick stated that there will be the usual training this month. March 14th at 5:30 pm Police Committee Meeting to go over the police budget.
  - B. Building and Park: Gary stated that he wanted to bring to the Board's attention that there had been some vandalism done to the restrooms on the north side of the lake last week. There was some discussion on this matter. Looking into closing the restroom earlier and seeing if this works.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there are a couple of street lights blinking on and off. Bonnie mentioned that the street light by Bob Pritts' house is out also.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that there was no report at this time, unless Gary has. Gary stated that there are a few bad spots in the streets due to the hard freeze. Gary stated that his department will do the repairs hopefully before farming starts.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee had a meeting prior to the Board Meeting going over meter replacement, updates on Route 33 Project, service updates for customers. There are some loose ends with state and the Village is close to having all the right of ways for projects.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the committee will be meeting Monday, March 12th at 8 am. Rick C. stated that a volunteer was needed to initial the bills this month. Rick H. volunteered to initial the bills for the month of March.

9. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. Under other business, Jan read a Thank you card from the family of Naomi Russell. They wanted to thank the Village for the floral arrangement sent in memory of their loved one.

11. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora Boyd

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**April 4th, 2007**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 4th, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Bonnie Finn, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Sherry Catt, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Bob Lehmann, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Keith Waldrop and Tom Lill.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 7th, 2007, were approved with a motion by Bonnie and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Gary asked to be put on the agenda as a representative of the Oblong Chamber of Commerce. Randy stated that Gary could speak before the Mayor's Comments.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mr. Lill stated that he would be able to pay his bill in full on the 9th of this month. The Board granted his extension request.

5. Bob Lehmann came before the Board to lodge a complaint about two dogs that are constantly running loose. One runs loose in the north part of the Village and the other runs loose in the south part of the Village. Mr. Lehmann feels that if he has to abide by the law so should the owners of the dogs. Chad stated that he has been unable to catch either dog; neither can the Humane Society. He does know who the owners are and will issue some citations. Tom Lill stated that he had seen three different dogs running loose in his neighborhood.

6. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to adopt the Working Budget for 2007 - 2008. Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes – Rick C., Bonnie, Rick H., Ken, Sherry, Debi. Motion carried. Rick H wanted to thank the Department Heads and Finance Committee for doing a good job. Rick C. stated that the Department Heads made the Finance Committee's job much easier.

7. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2007-O-500 "An Appropriation Ordinance". Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes – Rick C., Bonnie, Rick H., Ken, Sherry, Debi. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Bonnie, to adopt Resolution #2007-R-1 "Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code". All ayes, motion carried.

9. The Board agreed to allow the St. Jude Bike-a-thon to be held at the Park on May 5th, 2007, from 9 am to 12 pm (Noon).

10. The Board agreed to allow the Eastern Illinois Sportsmen's Club to use the Park on June 2nd, 2007, from 9 am to 11:30 am for a Fishing Rodeo.

11. Gary asked to use the Activity Room for the Oblong Chamber of Commerce general meeting on the second Tuesday of each month except when otherwise scheduled. The Board granted his request.

12. Under Mayor's Comments : 1. Randy stated that the Village's Spring Clean-up is schedule for April 27th for paid customers of Old School Disposal. They will not pick-up any construction material, car parts or yard waste. They will pick-up one appliance per paid customer.

2. Randy stated that he had received a letter from Casey's General Store asking if there was a possibility of the local store getting a beer/wine liquor license or not. Randy asked if the Board members had changed their decision from a year ago. The Board had not changed their mind about not granting Casey's a beer/wine liquor license due to community opinion.

3. Randy stated that this would be the last regular board meeting for two of the Trustees. They are Sherry Catt and Bonnie Finn. Randy thank them for their serve on the Board.

### 13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report. Rick stated that there will be the usual training this month. Rick stated that he had met today with Chad briefly and looked over the Law's budget figures.

B. Building and Park: Sherry stated that an investment group is wanting to use the Farley Room for a meeting. Sherry mentioned that there is only one rental price (\$10 per day) for the Farley Room and the committee thinks there should be two different rates on for non-commercial use and one for commercial use. The commercial use rate that the committee is suggesting is \$25 a day. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to add a commercial rate for the Farley Room in the amount of \$25 per day. All ayes, motion carried. Also Sherry stated that she is still working on getting a sign for the horseshoe court and welcoming people to the Oblong Lake.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she did not have anything this month. Gary stated that there is a small sidewalk job pending.

D. Street and Alley: Bonnie stated that Donna Polley is wanting a stop sign place at the corner of North Grant and East Ohio. Chad stated that Donna had talked to him and he stated that he would look into the situation and then report back to the Board at the next regular Board Meeting. Chad also stated that this request was due to an accident that happen next the intersection. He also mentioned that this was the f rst accident with major property/vehicle damage in 3 yrs.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he did not have anything to report this month. Shannon came before the Board with bids on the master meter upgrade and relocation project. He stated that there are still 3 right of ways that need to be gotten yet. This project is the Village relocating and updating water lines from the master meter to the pump house when Robinson-Palestine Water commission does their updates. The bids for the Village's portion is as follows: Munson Construction \$32,305.00 and Kieffer Bros. Construction \$62,911.00. Shannon stated the bids are good for 45 days. Shannon suggested that it would probably be best to go ahead and let Munson buy the materials now because in another month or two the price for the material may go up. The project will be administered through Robinson-Palestine Water Commission because the entire contract was submitted in their name and the Village will simply be reimbursing Robinson-Palestine for the Village portion of the project. Shannon stated that what the Board needs to do now is a motion to participate in this project at the bid price of \$32,305.00 and in the same motion or separate motion an agreement to participate in the payment of stored materials until the project can be done. There was some discussion on the project and if the project does not happen what happens to the materials. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to participate in the Master Meter Upgrade and Relocation Project at the bid price of \$32,305.00 and enter into an agreement to participate in the payment of stored materials. All ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Rick stated that the committee met twice last month to go over budget figures. Rick thank the employees for getting figures for the committee. Ken volunteered to initial the bills for the month of April.

14. Motion by Bonnie, with a second by Sherry, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

15. There was no other business this month.

16. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adjourn at 7:28 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**May 2nd, 2007**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 2nd, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Nancy Russell, and Sherry Catt.

1. The Village Clerk swore in Debi Wilson, Joe Campanella and Tony Madlem as Trustees before the Board Meeting was called to order.

2. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Rich. The Mayor welcome Debi back and Joe and Tony to the Board.

3. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 4th, 2007, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Rick H. All ayes, motion carried.

4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

5. There were no water bill customer at the meeting this month.

6. Rick C. stated that in speaking with the Village Attorney if the Finance Committee brought a recommendation to the Board for approve the Board would not need to pass a "Payroll Ordinance". The f nance committee brought to the board a recommendation to the board of the new salary rate. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, give the recommended pay raises. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Under Mayor's Comments : 1. Randy stated that the Antique Tractor and Engine Club would like to use the Park for their annual show on August 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. The board granted the request.

2. Randy stated that Oblong Chamber of Commerce is asking for the Village to be a golf hole sponsor. There was some discussion on this issue about using tax payer money for this issue. Randy stated that the Village Attorney stated that this is a grey area. Joe mentioned maybe the Village could get a team together and represent the Village with the team paying their own entry fee. The Board felt that this was a good idea.

3. Randy stated that he felt that the burn ordinance needed to be looked at and maybe critique. Will be bring this issue back up next month.

4. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from IL Municipal League about the Newly Elected Off cial Seminar for newly elected trustees. If anyone is interested they need to let Randy know.

8. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there will be normal training this month. The new squad car will be deliver on May 8th, 2007, but will not be in service until the end of the month. May 31st through June 3rd, will be "Click It of Ticket". Randy read a proclamation for National Police Week. National Police Week is May 13th through 19th.

B. Building and Park: Randy brought up the request that there be a water heater put under the sink, so that there would be hot water sooner than there it now. The general feeling was that it would not be feasible. Randy also stated that the Playground Equipment Committee has picked a piece of playground equipment to replace some of the older less safe equipment. The committee has applied for the Mary Heath Morris Grant and will be applying for more grants to help with the cost of the equipment.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she will be calling a meeting later.

D. Street and Alley: No report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: No report at this time. Ken did state that there are still some right of way needed.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the Auditors will start the audit on May 21st. Rick stated that Jan would like to attend the State Treasurer's Symposium on May 22nd and 23rd. The Board granted her request. Rick C. also asked for a volunteer to initial the bills for the month of May. Joe volunteered to come in to look over the bills for the month of May and initial them.

9. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

10. There was no other business this month.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn at 7:25 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**June 6, 2007**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 6th, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter and Cindy McReynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 2nd, 2007, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Tony. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mrs. Mc Reynolds stated that she would be able to pay her delinquent water bill on Friday afternoon, June 8th. The board granted her the extension.

5. Motion by Debi, with a second by Joe, to adopt Ordinance #2007-O-501 "Prevailing Wage Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.

6. There was some discussion on the three (3) year right of way at the Park Entrance and IDOT usage of the area to park some of their equipment during the Route 33 Project before the vote on the resolution. There was also some concerns about the annual activities that use the park. Motion by Joe, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #2007-R-2 "Municipal Corporate Resolution". All ayes, motion carried.

7. Joe stated that this grant is a matching funds grant for the new playground equipment and the resolution is one of the requirements. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to adopt Resolution #2007-R-3 "Resolution of Authorization" for the Playground Grant. All ayes, motion carried. The commitment of the Village for fifty percent (50%) of the project is valid only if the Village has received the Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

8. Under Mayor's Comments : 1. Randy stated that either he would appoint a committee with Chad being a member, to come up with some suggestions on the burn ordinance or Chad could write a couple of rough drafts for the board to look over. There was some discussion and it was finally decided that Chad would make a rough draft of the change to the burn ordinance for the board to look over.

2. Randy stated that the Village has received the first estimated payment on the bill for the project for the main meter and lines relocation. The check will be sent to Robinson-Palestine Water Commission since we went together on this project and then they will pay Munson Construction for the materials purchased for this project. There was some questions on this project that were discussed and settled.

#### 9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there will be normal training this month. The new squad car will be in service June 7th or 8th, hopefully. Rick stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report. It was mentioned that there have been some complaints about the vehicles parked on Kentucky Street in front of Certified Autos. Chad stated that he would talk with the owners about the vehicles. Joe asked if the 2003 Squad was sold or not. Chad stated that the Police Department, that is interested in the 2003, Chief of Police is on vacation and will be back sometime next week.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing else to report at this time. Gary stated that the fence is back up around the horseshoe court and if the weather holds out the fence will be painted by the end of the week.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was a meeting on May 11th, to discuss possibly putting a handicap parking space in front of the municipal building. The committee felt that there was no needed for the additional parking. Debi also stated that there are still some sidewalks to be repair this fiscal year. Randy stated that Lisa Pinkston had contacted him about the Village possibly footing the cost of some LED light bulbs for the Christmas decorations that the Chamber of Commerce is purchasing to replace the banners at Christmas time. There was some discussion on this issue. The board's feeling was not to pay for the LED light bulbs. The Village already pays for the electricity for the banner lights. It was stated that the Chamber of Commerce would like to store these Christmas decorations at one of the Village's building. Gary stated that the Chamber of Commerce could store the Christmas decoration in the newest of the old oil field museum building.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the committee was informed by Gary that the MFT Bid letting will be June 19th, at 10 am.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there are still some right of way needed for the Davis/Kilburn Project and the County Line Project. Ken stated that Gary would like to send Travis to the IRWA Training session on July 18th , in Eff ngham. The board granted the request.

F. Finance: Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills for the month of June. Joe volunteered to come in to look over the bills for the month of June and initial them.

10. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. There was no other business this month.

12. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn at 7:36 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## July 11, 2007 DRAFT MINUTES

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 11th, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter Kristina Peters (Robinson Daily News), Rhonda Clark, Crawford County Sheriff Todd Liston, Sherry Catt, Lamark Edwards and Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 6th, 2007, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Rick C. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were two additions to the agenda this month. First addition to the agenda was Lamark Edwards. He is interested in bringing a business to town. The business is a free standing concession stand. The business would sell shaved ice, ice cream, flavored coffee and hot dogs. He feels that this would be a good thing to have in the community. The location that Mr. Edwards is interested in is on South Adams Street just south of the Rusty Nail Hardware Store. There was some discussion on this issue. The Board informed Mr. Edwards that the property would have to be put up for bid.. Randy stated that the Village needs to look into how the bid ad has to run before bids can be opened. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to give the Finance Committee the authority to open the bids and award the successful bid.  
  
Second addition to the agenda was Sherry Catt (Chairperson of the Playground Equipment Committee). She wanted to update the Board on the progress of the committee. Sherry stated that the committee has received \$20,000 from the Mary Heath Foundation and that the committee is going to have a cook-out on July 27th from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Sherry stated that she has asked Joe Campanella to serve on the Playground Equipment Committee since he is the Chairperson for Building/Park Committee. Sherry stated that Joe accepted.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Rhonda Clark came before the board asking for a stop sign on the corner of West Missouri Street and South Jackson Street just for eastbound traffic. This request is due to an incident of a little girl getting hit in front of the Kids Kingdom Daycare Center. There was some discussion on this issue. Gary suggested maybe trying some safety cones with flashing lights or signs. The board felt that this would be something to try and see how it works. Chad stated that he would come down and help set the cones out.
6. Sheriff Liston came before the board to explain Reserve 911 System (Reserve 911 is the name of the company out of Indianapolis that has developed the system). Marathon helped in the purchase of Reverse 911. The system is a community interactive warning system. The system will notify residence and business of emergencies (tornados, chemical spills and etc.) and instructions as to what to do. Reverse 911 System will not replace the warning sirens. Sheriff Liston stated that the system should be operational by September 1st. There were some questions asked.. Also with this system, it will do Senior Citizen Wellness checks.
7. Rick C. stated that the Finance Committee had a meeting at 6 pm tonight with Brian Bradbury from Kemper CPA. Rick stated that the Village was given a clean audit report. Rick stated that if there were any questions that the Finance Committee would try to answer them or that Kemper would be willing to answer them.

8. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to accept the Motor Fuel Bids for this year's street maintenance. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments : 1. Randy stated that he and some of the Revolving Loan committee members met with Dan Jansen (USDA Rural Development) about the Village getting the ok for the grant in the amount of \$99,000 for the Oblong Revolving Loan Fund. The Village is to contribute \$25,000 towards the Fund also. Randy stated that there will need to be another meeting later on this month to look over guidelines for the revolving loan application. Once the guidelines are written, they will need to be approved by USDA.

2. Randy stated that he felt that the Village needs to look into possibly spraying for mosquitoes this year due to the amount of rain.

3. Randy stated that Chad has made some changes to the open burning code. Chad stated that he changed the hours to 6 am to 6 pm and add Section "G" which is as follows: "Cooking and campfires will be permitted with the exception that the owner of the property notifies the police or fire department. There will be no set time limit for cooking or campfires provided that permission has been granted to the property owner by the Fire Chief or Chief of Police". Randy stated that the ordinance will be voted on at the next meeting.

#### 10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that Chad is back from ILEAS training in Alabama. Rick stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report and a July schedule. Rick stated that Chad would like to attend IL Tactical Officers Association Twentieth Annual Training Conference in November; it is limited to first come, first served. It will be a three (3) day conference in Oakbrooks, Illinois, for a cost of \$265. The Board granted the request. Chad mentioned that the Fair would be going on the last of this month.

B. Building and Park: Joe mentioned again about the cook-out for the Playground Equipment fundraisers on July 27th, from 11am to 12:30 pm. Joe asked Gary if the large fountain had been fixed yet. Gary stated that the cost to repair the large fountain is \$2,700. A new fountain would cost between \$4800 to \$5200. There was some discussion. Gary stated that there would be a 3 yr warranty on the parts for the repair. Gary, also mentioned that the Lake Committee is willing to pay \$1000 of the cost of repairs. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to pay the \$1700 of the cost of repairs. All ayes, motion carried. Jan stated that she had sent in all the information for the matching funds grant that was due July 1st. The Village should know either October, November or December if we get it. There will be flyers put up all over town about the cook-out.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report at this time. Gary stated that there have been some small sidewalk project repairs completed. There are still some street lights that need to be fixed by Ameren.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he attended the MFT Bid letting. Tony mentioned that he had spoken with Andy Yoder and David Stutesman about parking for the Amish Buggies, but has not heard back yet. The Amish would prefer parking on the north side of Route 33. Gary stated that Diana Plummer asked if the Village would donate the paint for the Panther Paws on South Range Street. The board granted the request.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report at this time. Gary stated that there was a booster pump down at this time. It will cost around \$600 to repair. Rick H. asked if Gary had heard whether or not Mike Munson had received his money for supplies that he has purchased for the project for Robinson-Palestine Water Commission/Oblong Water Department. Gary stated that he had not heard one way or the other.

F. Finance: Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills for the month of July. Tony volunteered to come in to look over the bills for the month of July and initial them.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. There was no other business this month.

13. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to adjourn at 8:11 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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AUGUST 1, 2007

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 1st, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Member Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Diana Woodworth, Lacey Maus, Jace Woodworth, Kevin Maus, Lamark Edwards and Angie Price.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 11th, 2007, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Ken. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Jace Woodworth came before the board to ask that there be a four-way stop at the corner of East Ohio and North Taylor Streets. This request is due to an accident that he and Lacey Maus had, when the motorcycle he and Lacey were riding was struck by a truck headed westbound on East Ohio and ran a Yield sign. Jace stated that the visibility is not good at this intersection. There have been other accidents at this corner in the past. Randy stated that he would have the Street/Alley Committee look into the situation. There was some discussion on the matter resulting in a motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to give the Street/Alley Committee the authorization to resolve the situation. All ayes, motion carried.  
  
Chad stated that there is also some problems with parking around this intersection. He stated that there should probably be some "No Parking to Corner" signs put up.
6. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Resolution #2007-R-4 "A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Public Real Estate". Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #2007-R-5 "Homecoming Parade Permit". All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2007-R-6 "Halloween Parade Permit". All ayes, motion carried.
9. Under Mayor's Comments : 1. Randy stated that the Antique Tractor and Engine Show will be held the second weekend of this month out at the fairgrounds. There will be fireworks on Saturday night.  
  
2. Randy read a "Thank You" card from the Family of Max Hargis signed by Jan.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Chad stated that on August 14th, there will be a training session for Rifle Qualification. Chad stated that there will also be the normal training this month. There were only a few altercations during the fair last week.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that the Cook-out for the playground equipment fundraiser raised \$674.10. Joe stated that the total amount raised, so far, for the playground equipment is \$21,674.10. There will be another cook-out later on.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the signs were purchased for the Kids Kingdom. There was some discussion about farmers using side streets to move equipment from the fairgrounds before the fair and then back after the fair. Randy stated that maybe the Village should talk to the fair board and ask that the farmers use East Main and North or South Range Streets.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

F. Finance: Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills for the month of August. Debi volunteered to come in to look over the bills for the month of August and initial them. Rick stated that Jan has been talking with a Mike Ellis (MidAmerica Energy) about getting any relief on the Village's electric bills. Rick stated that he has also spoke with Mr. Ellis on July 25th that MidAmerica Energy could save the Village about 4% or about \$200,000 a year. This contract would only be until May of next year. There was some discussion on this issue. Randy stated that when he talks to Ameren about the street lights; he would talk to Ameren to make sure that there would be no problem with us having MidAmerica Energy supplying us with the portion that we can options out.

11. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. There was no other items of business this month.

13. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to adjourn at 7:37 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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September 5, 2007

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 5th, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheer, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Lake Restoration Committee), Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Dale Davis (Oblong Lake Restoration Committee), Bonnie Finn (Oblong Lake Restoration Committee), Lamark Edwards and Tony Myers.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 1st, 2007, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Rick H. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
4. There were two additions to the agenda this month.  
First was Dale Davis and Bonnie Finn, representatives of the Oblong Lake Restoration Committee, presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 towards the repair cost of the large fountain pump.

Second was Tony Myers from Old School Disposal. He came before the Board to request an extension of five (5) years to his current contract with the Village. The current contract expires July, 2008. He stated that if the contract is extended that the unit price will raise by fifty cents (\$0.50). The current monthly rates are \$9.00/per household and \$8.00/per Senior household. The new monthly rates will be \$9.50/per household and \$8.50/per Senior household. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to extend the contract with approval by the Village Attorney. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

There was a question about when Fall Clean-Up was going to be. Tony stated that he would get back with Ladora on a date and it will be advertised.

5. There was some discussed before the motion. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2007-O-502 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 27, Article VIII — Open Burning, Section 27-8-3 Restrictions on Burning of Landscape Waste of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to adopt Ordinance #2007-O-503 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 24 Motor Vehicle Code, Article III — Stop and Through Street, Section 24-3-3 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong , Crawford County, Illinois". Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
7. The request from the VFW for the use of the 4-way stop in Oblong to pass out Poppies on September 8th, from 9 am to 12 or 1pm was granted by the Board.
8. The request from the Shriners for the use of the 4-way stop in Oblong to pass out their paper on September 15th, from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) was granted by the Board.
9. The Board decided to go ahead and open the bids for the old Water Tower lot instead of waiting until Report of Committees: Water and Sewer. Ken opened the only bid received. The bid was for \$1,659.00 from John Ferguson of Willow Hill. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to accept the bid from John Ferguson. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to go into executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss personnel. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to come out of executive session at 7:55 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to increase the Current Part-Time Police Officers hourly rate by \$2.00/hour and all new Part-Time Police Officer that are certified will start at a base rate of \$12.00/hour. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to accept the resignation of Rodney Eubank as a Part-Time Police Officer for the Village. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. Under Mayor's Comments : Randy stated that what he had for the meeting will go under the Reports of Committees: Finance.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there will be normal training this month. Chad mentioned that everyone had a copy of the monthly report. The department will be placing a advertisement in the newspaper for certified part time Police Officers. There was a question asked about how many part-time Officers the Village was hiring. Rick stated that the department is wanting to build a hiring pool of applications in case down the road the department will need more part-time Officers.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that the Large Fountain pump has been repaired and is in service.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he has not heard any pros or cons about the signs being changed on OH Street and the corner of Taylor Street. Tony stated that the annual oiling and rock will be soon. Gary stated that if everything goes well this project will be completed next week. Chad stated that he has been monitoring the traffic on West Missouri by the daycare center.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there is an IRWA Training session in Effingham on October 17th that Gary and Travis Smith would like to attend. The Board granted the request. Ken stated that Connor & Connor is slowly getting things going for the Master Meter Project.

F. Finance: Randy stated that Jan and Ladora would like permission to attend a SECICTA meeting on September 13th in Greenup; the speaker at the meeting is from IL Department of Labor. The Board granted the request. Rick H. volunteered to initial the bills for the month of September.

13. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

14. Debi mentioned a spraying for mosquitoes. She stated that she had received some phone calls about the mosquitoes. Randy stated that he had contacted Palestine about doing the spraying for mosquitoes. Palestine told Randy that they would spray on an as needed base. They will charge us the same amount as they charge Hutsonville.

15. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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October 3, 2007

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 3rd, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Germ), Josh Brown (Robinson Daily News), Pete Lansbery, Part-time Patrol Officer Paul Maxwell, Daniel Fritchie and Tony Myers.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 5th, 2007, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Rick H. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
5. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2007-R-7 "A Resolution to Approve an Addendum to a Contract for Solid Waste Collection Service". Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony. Motion carried. This will extend the contract with Old School Disposal for 5 years. The contract will expire on July of 2013.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to adopt Ordinance #2007-O-504 "Tax Levy Ordinance". Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony. Motion carried.
7. The Board set Trick or Treat Night for October 31st, from 5 pm to 8 pm. The Trick or Treaters are to only visit house with a porch light on.
8. Under Mayor's Comments :
  1. Randy stated that Fall Clean-Up will be Friday, October 19th. Old School Disposal will not pick-up car parts, construction material or old tires. They will only pick-up for paid up customers. Randy stated that everything needs to be boxed, bagged or bundled..
  2. Randy stated that he had received several complaints about skunks in the Village. There was some discussion on this issue. Chad stated that if people will call in the location of the skunks and the skunks are not near any buildings the police department will shoot them.
  3. Randy stated that he had received a letter from Illinois Municipal League/Risk Management stating that the Village has received a Safety Award for 2006.
9. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to go into executive session at 7:11 pm to discuss personnel. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to come out of executive session at 7:36 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to hire Doug Bierman and Joshua Douthit as Part-time Patrol Officers for the Village with a starting pay rate of \$12.00/hour. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony. Motion carried.

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to give approval for Chad to apply for the Mary Heath Morris Foundation for a grant for partial funding of a K-9 Unit. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony. Motion carried.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report and new schedule. There was no training mentioned for this month.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that Playground Equipment Committee had a meeting last month and that everything is moving forward. Jan stated that the Village had received a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) stating that the Committee had been invited to the next step towards the OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) Grant. The next step is a three (3) minute presentation before a IDNR committee. The date of the presentation is October 18 th, at 9 am in Springfield. This grant will match what the Village has towards the purchase of the new Playground Equipment.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report at this time. Gary stated that his department will probably start running the Leaf Vac the first of next month (November) but may need to start toward the end of this month if the leaves start falling early. Gary stated that he will put the announcement in the paper. The department will pick-up bagged leaves now if the people call in to the Water Office.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the Village had received a letter from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities. The letter stated that the Village would not receive the CDAP grant for Fiscal Year 2007, but the Village may reapply for Fiscal Year 2008. This grant is to help with the cost of moving the water and sewer lines due to the widening of Route 33 through Oblong.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he had nothing to report at this time. Rick C. volunteered to initial the bills for the month of October.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

13. There was no other items of business this month.

14. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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November 7, 2007

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 7th, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Nick Hinterscher, Angie Fear, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Daniel Fritchie and Dee Ferguson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 3rd, 2007, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and second by Tony. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Nick Hinterscher came before the Board to asked for hour extension on Wednesday, November 21st, for the taverns in Oblong. Nick stated that the taverns, in Robinson, in the past have stayed open later on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to allow the taverns in Oblong to stay open until 1 am instead of 12 am (Midnight). Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Ms. Ferguson came before the Board to ask for an extension. She stated that she was not working and had not been able to find work yet. She could not give a definite time as to when she would be able to pay her late water bill. There was some discussion. It was mentioned that the water bill is in the landlord's name, Lynn Carbonneau. Randy stated to Ms. Ferguson that the Board could not let her have an extension without a time frame for payment. He suggested to her that maybe she could get assistance from the Oblong Benevolent Fund or Oblong Township. The Board agreed to give her some time to make contact and get some help with her water bill.
5. Shannon Woodard came before the Board to give an update on the Route 33 Expansion Project. Shannon stated that it looks like the expansion will be in 2008. Shannon mentioned about the Village having received a letter from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities. The letter stated that the Village would not receive the CDAP grant for 2007, but the Village may reapply for 2008. Shannon stated that there are four areas that the Village is scored in for the CDAP loan. The areas are 1. low to moderate income, 2. project readiness, 3. cash on hand, and 4. what have you done to help yourself. The CDAP grant is to be spent in two years after it is granted. Shannon stated that DCEO does not like to grant extension after the two years are up. Shannon stated that he understood that the Village is resubmitting the application for the CDAP grant. Shannon suggested that the Village only apply for the cost of the construction of the project and inspection and not have engineering design cost in the estimate. Shannon also feels that the Village would have a stronger chance at getting a CDAP grant if the Village already had a construction permit from IEPA. It normally takes 3 months to get a construction permit. There was some discussion on this issue. Shannon stated that the cost of the design fee is based on a percentage of the cost of the project. For example, if the cost of the project is less than the estimate then the design fee is less. Shannon stated if the cost of the project is more than the estimate then Connor &

Connor could charge more for the design fee, but they normally elect not to charge more than the estimate. The design fee includes the designing of the project and project management, but does not include the inspection fees. The inspection fees are paid hourly not at a set fee scale. The design fees break down is normally 70% design fee is for the design and 30% of design fee is for management; but, CDAP has a different breakdown 50% for the design and 50% for management. The Board will make a decision at the December Meeting on whether or not to go ahead and apply for a construction permit from IEPA. Shannon stated that he will be at the December Meeting.

6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to grant the Modular Home Permit request from Danny and Heidi Fitts. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

7. Under Mayor's Comments : Randy stated that he had only one thing to bring up tonight. Randy stated that this is something that has been discussed previously, but, nothing was put in writing. There was some discussion on the issued. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, that employees must use all their vacation personal and sick days before they can use the banked IMRF sick days, if needed, and they must use a full banked day only. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried. (Amendment of 12-5-07) Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, that vacation, personal and sick days be taken either as ½ day or whole day. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

8. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Chad stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report and new schedule. There will be a Night Qualification Shoot on November 13th. ITOA Conference on November 17th - 20th. One of the Part-time officer is already on the schedule. The other still needs some more ride along time.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that Sherry Catt went to Springfield to do the presentation for Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and that he understood it went well. Jan stated that the Village may not hear if the Village gets the money until January.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had received some complaints on the stop signs at the corner of East Ohio and North Taylor Streets. There was some discussion before the Board agreed to leave the signs as is for now.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had four items to be updated to the Board. 1. The Master Meter Replacement Project on the Village's portion is completed; but Robinson-Palestine's portion is not finished yet. 2. The Crawford County Highway Department Barn project is almost completed. This project was to install a larger line.

3. Gary stated that the 525E and 900E Project is about finished. 4. Gary stated that he is hoping to work on the information that Mr. Bowersmith requested in the next few days.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he had three items to bring up. 1. Jan and Ladora would like to attend their quarterly SEICTA meeting on December 6th, in Neoga. The Board granted the request. 2. Rick asked for a volunteer to initial the bills for the month of November. Joe volunteered to come in and initial the bills for November. 3. Rick stated that the Finance Committee would like permission to go ahead and set Christmas Bonuses for the employees at their meeting on November 28th. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to grant the Finance Committee the power to go ahead and set the Christmas Bonus. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. There was two other items of business this month. Randy stated that he and Ken had attended a class the 2010 census in Effingham on Tuesday, November 6th. Randy also mentioned that the application to Marjorie Heath Foundation for a police dog has been submitted last month.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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December 5, 2007

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 5th, 2007, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jerry Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Nick Hinterscher, Chris Hinterscher, Jerry McDaniel, Mike McReynolds, Keith Waldrop and Part-time Patrol Officer Paul Maxwell.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to make an amendment to last month's minutes under Mayor's Comments that reads "vacation, personal and sick days need to be taken as ½ day or whole days. All ayes, motion carried. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 7th, 2007, were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Rick C. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month. Mr. McDaniel came before the Board to ask to have his late water bill set-up on payments for the next 4 months after making a payment of \$65.80. The Board granted Mr. McDaniel's request. Mr. McReynolds came before the Board to ask to have his late water bill set-up for 3 payments this month. The Board granted Mr. McReynolds' request.
5. Chris Hinterscher came before the Board to asked for an hour and half extension on Monday, December 31st, for the taverns in Oblong. The Board asked Chad if there had been problems in the past on New Year's Eve and the extended hours. Chad stated that there were no problems with the extended hours in the past. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to allow the taverns in Oblong to stay open until 1:30 am instead of their normal closing time. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Under Mayor's Comments Randy stated that Shannon Woodard was going to be here to see what the Board had decided on the EPA construction permit. Randy stated that after meeting with Sara Mann (Great Wabash Valley Regional Planning Commission) that the EPA construction permit would improve the chances

of getting the CDAP grant. Tony stated that the Route 33 Project is to have a bid letting on June 13th, 2008, possibly. There was some discussion on this issue. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to have Conno & Connor, Inc. go ahead and apply for an EPA construction permit for the relocation of the Village's water and sewer lines due to the expansion of Route 33 through Oblong and also to pay half of the \$40,000 Design fee Connor & Connor. All ayes, motion carried.

Randy stated that Gary had received a letter from Cody Johnson, who has refurbished all the pipe framed benches out at the park, he was thanking the Village for allowing him to do the project for his Eagle Scout Project.

Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Mediacom. Mediacom will be raising their cable rates on January 1st, 2008, as follows:

Basic Rate	No Change
Expanded Basic	\$3 increase
Family Cable	\$3 increase
Mediacom HD Pak	\$3 decrease
Commercial Family Cable	\$3 increase

7. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there would be normal training and everyone had a copy of the monthly report.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the cracks on North and South Range Street have been filled by the Village employees.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that Gary and the guys completed three projects (larger line going back to Crawford County Highway Department Barn; Village's part of the project with Robinson-Palestine Water Commission; and the Kilburn/Davis water line Project) in November.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that everyone had a copy of the minutes for the November 28th, committee meeting. He stated that the Oblong Revolving Loan Committee will be having another meeting to finalized the loan application and then start advertising so that businesses can start applying for a loan. Rick C. thanked Joe for initialing the bills for the month of November. Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills for the month of December. Ken volunteered to come in and initial the bills for December.

8. Motion by Debi, with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Rick H., second by Joe, to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:25 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Rick C., second by Tony, to come out of executive session at 8:20 pm. There was no decision made at this time.

11. There was another item of business this month. Rick C. stated that he was approached by Gary before meeting about the Public Works department closing for the day on Christmas Eve. There was some discussion

and it was decided that the Village will close the Municipal Building at 12 pm (Noon) on Christmas Eve; if the employees want the whole day off they will need to take ½ of a vacation day.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to adjourn at 8:25 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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January 2, 2008

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 2nd, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News) and Mike McReynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 5th, 2007, were approved with a motion by Debi and second by Tony. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customers at the meeting this month. Mr. McReynolds came before the Board to ask to have his late water bill set-up for weekly payments for the next two months. The Board granted Mr. McReynolds' request.
5. Under Mayor's Comments Randy stated that the Village will be accepting applications for the Revolving Loan. The applications will be ready for pick-up at the end of next week (January 10th or 11th). The applications are for businesses located in the Oblong School District. The interested party can contact the mayor, any trustee or come to the clerk/treasurer's office and pick-up an application.

Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Illinois EPA that stated that the engineering evaluation of the Oblong Public Water Supply has been completed by Engineer Mathew Talbert. The evaluation is to make sure that the Village's water supply is in compliance with EPA regulations. There were no sanitary or operational deficiencies.

Randy stated that the Village had received a Thank You note from Debi Wilson, Carol Staffey and Michael Staffey & Kids for the floral arrangement for Audrey Wilson.

Randy stated that Old School Disposal has been bought out by Veolia Environmental Services. It was brought up that there has been a billing error from the company. The company bills that were sent to customers had billing for 4 months (December, January, February & March) instead of 3 months (January - March). Randy

stated that he will contact the company and see if they will send out new bills with the correct billing dates or how the company will take care of the error.

6. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there would be normal training and everyone had a copy of the monthly report and the year-end report. Chad stated that there will be a training session on January 18th, in Robinson for Vehicle Code Updates.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that the Playground Equipment Fund is short \$2,165.90 of the \$40,000 goal this time. Joe stated that the Village should know by January 24th or 25th if we received the matching grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month. Randy stated that he has received some positive compliments on the new Snowflake Lights. Randy wanted to thank everyone involved in getting the snowflakes.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report this month. Gary mentioned that he has gotten clear water samples on the extension and that a couple of customers have been hooked up. Gary stated that there is an IRWA Conference in Effingham in February that he and Travis would like to attend, but he did not have any information on it as of yet so he will bring it to the February meeting. Ken asked if the Westview Addition had been hooked into the new line yet. Gary said not yet.

F. Finance: Rick H. volunteered to come in and initial the bills for January.

7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

8. There was another item of business this month. Ken asked about Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve when they fall in the middle of the week. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to exchange the paid holiday of President's Day to Christmas Eve. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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February 6, 2008

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 6th, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Joe Campanella.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News) and Mike McReynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 2 nd, 2008, were approved with a motion by Ken and a second by Rick H. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. The Special Board Meeting minutes of January 30 th, 2008, were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Rick C. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
5. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mr. McReynolds came before the Board to ask for an extension on his late water bill until Friday, February 8 th. The Board granted Mr. McReynolds' request.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to allow Labor Local 1197 to collect donations for TLC of Southern & Central Illinois, Inc. on May 3 rd, 2008, at the 4-way stop from 9 am to 12 pm (Noon). Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
7. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy stated that the Village made it through another storm without too many problems. Randy stated that the village workers got out and took care of the problems.

Randy stated to the department heads that budget time was coming up. Randy stated that Rick C. will call a Finance Committee meeting in the near future to discuss what the budget goals will be due to the extra expenses of the Route 33 Project this year.

#### 8. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there was a committee meeting tonight at 6 pm. Rick stated that Chad will be attending an ILEAS Conference in March which will cost \$175. The Board approved the expenses since it is in the budget. Another item that was discussed was possibly starting a program for Grade 4 th through 6 th. The program will be called Junior Police Academy. This will be funded by private or public donations, so as not to charge a fee to the kids that are interested in attending. Chad stated that he and Jeff Patchett, Oblong School Superintendent, have been talking about this since the DARE program is no longer taught at Oblong Grade School. This program would be during the school year and possibly a couple of weeks during the summer. There was some discussion on this issue. The Board granted Chad permission to pursue the program. Rick H. stated that there would be normal training this month and everyone had a copy of the monthly report.

B. Building and Park: Gary stated that the committee had a meeting on January 30 th. The meeting was to discuss about charging a fee to reserve shelters out at the Park. This will hopefully clear up some problems that have happened in the past.

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to start charging \$10 to reserve a shelter. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Now when someone comes in to reserve a shelter out at the Park and pays the \$10 fee, they will be given a card and sign with the shelter name, date, time and name of person renting. The sign can be put up at the shelter they have reserved.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that Gary had mentioned to her that there were some lights out around the Park, but they had been fixed.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the brine solution seems to be working on helping keep the ice melted at street intersections.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee had a meeting on January 16 th, with some representatives from IDOT. Representatives from Connor & Connor were also in attendance. The meeting was to discuss the Route 33 Project timetable and funding of the project.

F. Finance: Rick C. wanted to thank Rick H. for volunteering to initial the bills for January. Rick C. volunteered to come in and initial the bills for February.

9. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. There were no other items of business this month.

11. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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March 5, 2008

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 5 th, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdashel, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem) and Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 6 th, 2008, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Randy stated that Tawnya Bailey from Evangelical United Methodist Church had called him wanting permission to use the 4-way stop on Good Friday, March 21 st, to pass out some flyers. The Board granted the request.

6. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that he had called CIPS about the light poles on Main Street. Randy stated that Ron Bailey from CIPS (down at Olney) called back and said that the poles will not have to be moved on Main Street when the widening of Route 33 is done. Randy asked that CIPS go ahead and send some information for the Board to look at for when the time comes that the Village will need to change the light poles in town.

B. Randy stated that he had called Mrs. Higgins and she had told him that the sink hole behind her building on South Range Street would be fixed if the weather held out this week. Randy mentioned that since the weather has been bad that he figured it will probably be next week before the sink hole is fixed.

C. Randy read a Thank You card from Jason Garrard's family for the flower arrangement that was sent for Jason's Grandma's funeral.

D. Randy stated that he had received a letter from Casey's General Store asking if there has been any change of the Board feeling on issuing additional liquor licenses. There has been no change in the Board's feeling.

7. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there will be a committee meeting on March 12 th at 8 am to go over the budget figures for next fiscal. Rick stated that Chad had attended the ILEAS Conference the first of this week. Rick stated that Chad will be ordering new portable radios, which will be purchased with DUI funds. Rick mentioned that there will be normal training this month. Chad stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report for February and he also mentioned that the services calls were higher than usual.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that there was no report this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was no report at this month. Rick H. stated that he had received a call stating that the light at the corner of North Range Street and East Nebraska Street was out.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that this winter has been hard on the streets. He asked if there was anything in the ordinances on restricting big trucks on the streets.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the summer baseball league had contacted Gary about installing a 2" water meter on the south side of the High School property between the football field and baseball diamond. They had gotten the okay from the School District to share the expenses. Gary stated that he hoped to get this project completed by the end of the month (weather permitting).

F. Finance: Randy stated that there will be a committee meeting on March 19 th, at 3:30 pm to look over the budget figures for the fiscal year and discuss the salaries. Randy stated that the budget figures from the department heads are due March 17 th. Jan stated that the Auditors will be here the third full week of May (19 th - 23 rd) for the annual audit. Randy mentioned that Jan and Ladora will be attending their quarterly SECICTA meeting on March 13 th, in Dieterich. Joe volunteered to come in and initial the bills for March.

8. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. There was one other item of business this month. Tony asked if any of the other Board Members had received an e-mail about a seminar on the Freedom of Information Act. No other Board Member had received this e-mail.

10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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April 2, 2008

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 2 nd, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer J Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Michael Compton and Susie Jaynes (Illinois Municipal League Risk Management).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 5 th, 2008, were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Rick H. Ayes: Rick C., Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Susie Jaynes, from IML Risk Management, came to the meeting to answer some questions that the Board had about the property, liability and workers = comp insurance and how the percents are figured. She stated the IML Risk Management has 785 municipalities that are insured through them. She explained that the workers = comp is based on payroll figures. Street Department(\$11.53/per \$100s) has the highest workers = comp rate than the Police Department(\$4.73/per \$100s) or Water Department(\$6.58/per \$100s). She stated that each municipality is rated by their amount of claims and not as a group.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to grant the request for the use of the Park for the St. Judes Bike-a-thon on May 3 rd. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Randy wanted to thank all departments for their help in keeping the figures low. The total Working Budget amount is \$908,513.00. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to accept the Working Budget for 2008 - 2009. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

8. The total Appropriation amount is \$1,223,430.00. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-505 AAppropriation Ordinance @. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #2008-R-1 AResolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code @ in the amount of \$57,000.00. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

10. Under Mayor =s Comments:

A. Randy stated that as of this fiscal year the money that was sent for the TIF mowing is completely gone. Randy wanted the Board to be aware that the Village will need to request more funds for the mowing from Roger Colmark for next fiscal year.

B. Randy stated that Spring Clean-Up will be April 17 th. One freon appliance per paid up customer of Veolia

C. Randy read a Thank You card from Jan Miller for the stepping stone that was in memory of Jan =s Dad, Mac Whitmer.

D. Randy stated that Shannon had contacted him about having a Public Hearing at 6:45 pm and Special Board Meeting at 7 pm on April 16 th, for the Emergency Grant for the water line relocation in connection with Route 33 project.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report for March and training. Chad mentioned that the felonies were higher this month.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that everything had been taken care of earlier in the meeting. Rick stated that he wanted to thank everyone who worked on the budget for a job well done. Rick thank Joe for initialing the bills for the month of March. Rick asked for a volunteer for April. Debi volunteered to come in and initial the bills for April.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

13. There were no other items of business this month.

14. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn at 7:32 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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May 7, 2008

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 7 th, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Mike McReynolds, Alex Walker, Adam Mc Reynolds, Carol Wagner, Jerome Wagner and Jim Wilkins (Oblong Skate Park Committee).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 2 nd, 2008, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 16 th, 2008, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were two additions to the agenda this month Jim Wilkins (Oblong Skate Park Committee) and Gary Lanter.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mike McReynolds came before the Board to ask for permission to pay his water bill in 3 installments. The Board granted his request.
5. Carol Wagner came before the Board to request she be allowed to kept the Village Tap open until she is able to sell it and settle her sister's (Janis Christians) estate. Carol stated that she will be staying in her sister's home until everything is taken care of. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to allow Carol to kept the Village Tap open as long as needed. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Jim Wilkins came to the meeting to update the Board on how things are going with the Oblong Skate Park Committee. Jim stated that there is a new committee member, Dave Hasty. The Committee has held one fundraiser this year and planning others. One of the fundraisers will be the selling of coupons. Jim also stated that he has been in contract with a company by the name of American Ramp Corporation. The company informed Jim that they have a matching grant to help towards projects such as the Skate Park Equipment. Jim stated that the committee will be working on submitting an application for the matching grant and other grant applications.
7. Gary stated that he had received a request from Kids Kingdom. Kids Kingdom is wanting to use the midway out at the Park for an end of the school year party on May 30 th, from 8 am to 3 pm. The Board granted the request.
8. Alex Walker came before the Board to ask permission to use the midway out at the Park for a flea market during the summer months on the 3 rd Saturday of each month. There was some discussion on this matter. It was decided that there needs to be some more information and checking on some answers to some of the questions brought up by the Board.
9. Randy mentioned that the executive session would be moved down on the agenda to right after the Report Committees.

10. There was a request from Kelly Wells to use the 4-way stop for donations to the Children's Miracle Network either May 24 th or 31 st. The Board granted the request to let Kelly use the 4-way stop on May 31 st from 8am to noon (12 pm) for donations to the Children's Miracle Network.

11. There was a request from Ed Shields on behalf of the Antique Tractor & Engine Club to use the Park on August 7 th through the 10 th for their annual Antiques Tractor & Engine Show. The request was granted by the Board.

12. There was a request for use of the lake and park on May 9 th, from 6 pm to 8 pm for a fishing rodeo by a group from Relay for Life.

13. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2008-R-3 "Resolution to Commit \$26,000.00 for the Village of Oblong's Portion of the Route 33 Project" this is for funds from the Motor Fuel Tax Funds to pay for new sidewalks. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-506 "An Ordinance in Relation to Motor Vehicle Parking". All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-507 "An Ordinance in Prohibiting the Discharge of Sanitary Sewage and Industrial Waste Water into the Storm Sewer or Drainage Facility Constructed with Improvement of Illinois Route 33, in the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-508 "An Ordinance Regulating Encroachment on Public Right of Way in the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". All ayes, motion carried.

17. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to accept the Agreement and Plan Approval from IDOT. All ayes, motion carried.

18. There was some discussion on the proposed changes to the Park Meadow Subdivision Covenants. It was decided to table any decision until next month and the Board wants the 3 homeowners to sign off on the proposed changes.

The Board was in agreement to have Jason Garrard go ahead mowing the vacant lots in Phase 1 of Park Meadow Subdivision.

Randy stated that the Village had received a request from Roger Colmark for reimbursement of his portion of the TIF taxes. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to grant Mr. Colmark's request. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Ken, Tony, Debi. Abstain: Rick H. The amount is around \$21,000.00.

19. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to give FairPoint Communications a grant of easement so that they may lay phone lines on Village property located on the west edge of the Village. All ayes, motion carried.

20. There was some discussion on the request for funding from Crawford County Humane Society. The Board decided to table any decision on the request from Crawford County Humane Society for funding until next Board Meeting (June 4 th).

21. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that Judy Butler had called in to see if there would be a problem if she came in to doing her paperwork either in the Activity Center or Farley Room. There was some discussion on this item. The Board decided that there would be no problem with her using either room to fill out her paperwork. This would be at no charge.

B. Randy congratulated the Playground Equipment Committee on receiving an award letter from Department Natural Resource stating that the Committee had received the Matching grant for new playground equipment. Randy stated that everyone involved has done a good job.

## 22. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the committee had met this morning to go over some policies and procedures. Rick also mentioned that this month is "Click It or Ticket". Chad stated that he will be sending out warning and citations on weed growth. Rick mention that the Police Department will be receiving a grant from the state for amount around \$5,000.00.

B. Building and Park: Joe mentioned about the award letter from DNR. Joe stated that new lights have been ordered for around the walking pathway. Joe stated that Gary had received an estimate on repairing the merry-go-round, to bring it up to code for the Village's insurance, in the amount of \$800.00.

Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to go ahead and have the merry-go-round repaired. All ayes, motion carried.

Gary stated that some of the slides have been removed from the Park. Gary also stated that the Lake Restoration Committee is donating some funds toward the new lights.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the street repair/patching has been started.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the last portion of the Master Meter Project is being worked on.

F. Finance: Rick thank Debi for initialing the bills for the month of April. Rick stated that Debi volunteered to come in and initial the bills for May. Rick mentioned that the Village had received a letter from Kemper CPA. The letter stated that the village's audit contract needed to be renewed and that there will be a 3% increase.

23. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to go into executive session to discuss personnel and insurance at 8:12 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

24. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., to come out of executive session at 9:08 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

25. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, that the Village will no longer pay for dependent health insurance effective May 1 st, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Rick C. – Aye; Joe – Aye;

Rick H. – Aye; Ken – Aye; Tony – Aye; Debi – Aye. Motion carried.

26. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried..

27. There was one other item of business this month. Randy read a thank you note from Ladora for the floral arrangement sent for her grandma's (Emma Rhyne) funeral service

28. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adjourn at 9:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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June 4, 2008

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 4 th, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Ken Russell.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), and Alex Walker.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 7 th, 2008, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Joe. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Alex Walker came back before the Board to let them know what dates he was looking at for holding the flea market and how much the liability insurance was for \$300,000. There was some discussion about the amount of liability insurance. The Board told Alex that they would have the clerk find out what the Village insurance personnel suggests on the amount of liability insurance and let him know. The Board was okay with the flea market dates of August 16 th, 2008, and September 20 th, 2008, from 8am to 4 pm.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-509 "Prevailing Wage Ordinance". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-510 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 24, Motor Vehicle Code, Article VII – Obstructing of Crossings, Section 24-8-1 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
8. The mayor stated that since the Village has not yet received the check from Mr. Colmark for mowing; he felt that the Board should not act upon the purposed changes to the Park Meadow Subdivision Covenants. The Board decided to table any decision until next month's Board Meeting.
9. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that he had attended a meeting of Robinson Committee for animal control which was on the subject of the request for funding from Crawford County Humane Society. The committee meet with some of the Crawford County Board members. The county board members are working on some rewording of the ordinance to include everyone in the county. He stated that there was to be another meeting at a later date for the reconsideration by the Human Society on their request for funding.

B. Randy stated that he had received an E-mail from Jim Ellis stating that his firm has launched a new website totally dedicated to providing the people of Crawford County (& surrounding areas) with a comprehensive calendar of events. Mr. Ellis states that the service is FREE and easy to use. The site is [www.CrawfordCo.net](http://www.CrawfordCo.net). It is for listing any upcoming events.

C. Randy stated that Chad has started compiling a list of unsafe buildings, unlicensed vehicles & weed violations. Chad has sent out citations on unlicensed vehicles. Randy stated that he has received complaints burning of plastics during the day and people letting their trash smother after dark.

D. Randy stated that he had been contacted a couple of weeks ago by Mark Dennis, of D & M Salvage, about possibly having an appliance pick-up day. Mr. Dennis brought over some information on what he does and would like done if he were to do an appliance pick-up day in the Village. There was some discussion and some questions on this matter. The Board will think this over and decide on this issue next month.

#### 10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the committee had met Monday (June 2 nd) morning to go over what will be expected of the part-time officers during their shifts.. Rick also mentioned that Chad has Breathalyzer training this month and Chad and Paul have Hazmat training this month also. Rick mentioned that everyone had a copy of the monthly report.

B. Building and Park: Joe mentioned that the Playground Equipment Committee had a conference call with Jan Nation of Illinois Department of Natural Resources on Tuesday (June 3rd). The call was for Jan Nation to walk the committee thru the paperwork that was sent due to the OSLAD grant. The Board agreed to go ahead and bid out for the playground equipment and concrete for handicap pad and sidewalk to playground equipment area. Randy mentioned that the merry-go-round had been brought up to code. Gary stated that it still needed to be painted. Randy mentioned that the committee will probably need to call a meeting to look at a possible site for the Skate Park due to the Skate Park Committee getting the ball rolling.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time. It was mentioned that the Village is still waiting on word as to whether or not it will be getting any funding from CDAP's emergency grant.

E. Water and Sewer: Randy stated that Ken was not here and that there was nothing that he knew of for this month.

F. Finance: Rick thanked Debi for initialing the bills for the month of May. Rick asked for a volunteer to come in and initial the bills for June. Tony volunteered to initial the bills for the month of June. Rick stated that Jan and Ladora would be attending the June Seciccta Meeting in Charleston on June 12 th, and that Jan would be attending IMTA Conference on June 29 th thru July 1 st.

Rick stated that the committee met on Tuesday (June 3 rd) at 3 pm with John Henderson from Kemper Technology Consulting about some issues with the set-up of the computers for the Village. Rick stated that there is some exposure concerns with the system the Village has at this point. Rick stated that the estimate that John gave to the committee was over \$10,000; which would need to be put out for bids. Rick stated that the

committee's suggestion is to get the issues fixed. There was some discussion on this matter. The Board decided to go ahead and have John come and look at everything and give the Village a more firm quote.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

12. There was no other items of business this month.

13. At 8:05 pm, motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to reconvene the meeting on June 23 rd, 2008 at 10:30 am. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Continuation of June 4 th meeting: Meeting on June 23 rd:

Members present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheld, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others present: Playground Equipment Committee Member Sherry Catt, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter and Police Chief Chad Pusey.

14. Randy stated that the meeting was being reconvened at 10:30 am.

15. The trustees looked over the two bids that were turned in for the Playground equipment. One bid was from Miracle for \$60,029.00 and the other bid was from Recreation Creation Inc. for \$39, 721.00. There was some discussion on the difference between the two bids. Recreation Creation did not have some of the equipment that was on the spec sheet. Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick H., to accept the bid from Miracle with the approval from Jan Nation of Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

16. Randy stated that the Village had not received any bids on the concrete work. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to extend the bid deadline to July 2 nd, at 3pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

(Amendment: The Village did not have to extend the deadline for bids. The Village will contact a few concrete contractors to get estimates for the work). 7/2/2008

17. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 am. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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July 2, 2008

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 2 nd, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheld, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Part-time Patrol Officer Paul Maxwell, Mark Dennis (D & M Savage), Skate Park Committee members: Dave Hasty, Jim Wilkins, Jerry McDaniel and Melissa Tracy.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 4 th, 2008, and continuation minutes of June 23 rd, with the amendment to item #16, which is that the Village did not extend the deadline on the concrete bid, but will contact a few concrete contractors to get estimates for the work, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that Paul Perrine, Jr. had not shown up yet; if he shows up later during the meeting; Randy would let Paul speak then.
6. Mark Dennis, D & M Savage, came before the board requesting to do an appliance pick-up; like he had done for Palestine recently. He stated that he would pick-up refrigerators, stoves, freezers, washers, dryers, lawnmowers and any car parts including batteries. He will not pick-up trash, furniture, computers or television. He stated that this is a free service and he will take care of the advertising. The board asked some questions before making their decision. One question that was asked was where Mark wanted the items placed. He stated that he would like for everything to be placed on the curbside. Randy stated that he has talked with Pat Schofield; Mayor of Palestine, and that she had nothing but praise for the job Mark did over there. Randy also stated that IML Risk Management suggested that the Village have Mark sign a waiver form that released the Village from any liability. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to allow Mark Dennis to have an appliance pick-up day on Saturday, August 23 rd, upon his signature on the waiver. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Melissa Tracy, President of the Skate Park Committee, came before the Board to ask the Village permission to go forward with the Skate Park and asked that the Village designate a place for the skate park. There was some discussion on the property for the skate park; if the committee had a diagram of what they wanted built; and if there would need to be some off street parking. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to allow the Skate Park Committee to move forward with their plan after the approval of the Village Board of design plans and to designate the lot west of the Old Oil Field Museum building out at the Oblong Park for the skate park; All ayes, motion carried.
8. Rick H. stated that the Village will be receiving the money for the mowing of the TIF lots on the closing of the sale of a lot in the TIF. It was decided by the Board to leave the Covenants as is for now. Randy asked for volunteers to assess the cost of TIF mowing. Tony & Joe volunteered to look over the lots and come back with suggestion on what should be paid for the mowing of the TIF lots.
9. Rick C. stated that the Village could go on-line to purchase the server and additional network hardware and software for the same money directly from HP and then have someone from Kemper Technology to install and setup the equipment. Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick C., to go ahead and purchase the server and additional network hardware and software on-line and have someone from Kemper Technology setup the equipment and software. All ayes, motion carried.
10. There was some discussion on the spraying for mosquitoes. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to have Hutsonville Spraying to spray for mosquitoes instead of having the spray done by a crop plane as long as the spray is the same. All ayes, motion carried.

## 11. Under Mayor =s Comments:

A. Randy stated that there have been some derby cars all ready showing up in town. Randy made a suggestion that the derby cars should not be coming into town until July 1 st and then should be gone two weeks after the Crawford County Fair Demolition Derby. The Board was in agreement with the exception if the derby cars are kept in a garage the cars could be in town longer.

B. Randy stated that Hutchinson (Miracle playground equipment) agreed to having \$30,000 down and the rest of the money on completion of the playground equipment project.

## 12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report. Chad stated that on the 21 st there will be a Handgun qualification. Chad stated that he will be on vacation.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there will be a MFT letting on July 7 th, at 10am for street work. He also stated that there has been some advertising for bids on the Route 33 water/sewer line relocation. Randy stated that there will be a bid opening on July 18 th, at 11 am for the Route 33 water/sewer line relocation and the meeting on July 21 st, at 9 am to award the bids.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was nothing that he knew of for this month. Gary stated that Robinson-Palestine Water Commission will have the water shut-off to make the final change over to the new lines on July 8 th. Gary stated that there should be enough water in the tower that there should not be a change in water supply. Gary also stated that when the water is turned back on; there will be a boil order for all of Oblong Public Water Customers until the water samples are cleared by a lab.

F. Finance: Rick thanked Tony for initialing the bills for the month of June. Rick asked for a volunteer to come in and initial the bills for July. Ken volunteered to initial the bills for the month of July. Rick stated that the bank accounts interest is needing to be bid again. There was some discussion about having the change done at the beginning of the Fiscal Year instead of August. Rick also stated that the auditor had a scheduling conflict so they will be at the August meeting to give their report.

13. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to go into executive session at 7:53 pm to discuss personnel. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Debi, with a second by Tony, to come out of executive session at 9:03 pm. All ayes motion carried. Randy stated that there will be no action taken at this time.

16. There was one other item of business this month. Debi stated that she has received some calls about Veolia not picking up all the trash that is set out. Randy stated that he would get in contact with Veolia.

17. At 9:09 pm, motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to reconvene the meeting on July 21 st, 2008 at 9 am. All ayes, motion carried.

Continuation of July 2 nd meeting: Meeting on July 21 st:

Members present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella and Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter and Police Chief Chad Pusey.

18. Randy stated that the meeting was being reconvened at 9 am.

19. Randy stated that there was only one bid on the Water/Sewer Line Relocation Project. It was from Munson Construction for \$354,905.00. The total estimate was \$477,288.00 for this project. The Village's part of the estimate would be \$181,920.00. This would be a saving of about \$80,000.00 in cost. The Village has already paid \$20,000.00 in engineering fees. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to accept the bid from Munson Construction contingent upon the grant acceptance. Three (3) ayes, motion carried.

20. Gary brought to the Boards attention that the State had made some changes on the location of the sidewalk in the 500 and 600 block of East Main Street due to some problems with the electric poles to be moved back. With this change, the new sidewalk would be right on top of the Village water line. There was some discussion. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to pursue the cost of moving the waterline on East Main Street from Taylor Street to South Roosevelt Street. Three (3) ayes, motion carried.

21. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 am. Three (3) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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August 6, 2008

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 6th, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Absent: Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), and Cindy McReynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 2nd, 2008, and continuation minutes of July 21st, 2008, were approved with a motion by Ken and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one deletion to the agenda this month. Randy stated that there will not be an executive session this month.

4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Cindy McReynolds came before the Board to ask for an extension on her water bill until Friday, August 8th. The Board granted her request.

5. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-511 ATax Levy Ordinance. @  
Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to adopt Resolution #2008-R-4 AHomecoming Parade Permit@.  
All ayes, motion carried. Homecoming will be September 19th, 2008.

7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to adopt Resolution #2008-R-5 AHalloween Parade Permit@.  
All ayes, motion carried. Fall Follies will be October 25th, 2008.

8. Under Mayor=s Comments:

A. Randy stated that the Village had received a Thank You card from Paula Myers & family for the wreath she made for her mother-in-law=s funeral.

B. Randy stated that he had received two letters from MediaCom. The first letter was to state that there will be a rate increase effective August 9th, 2008. The rate changes are as follows:

Starz Service Package	from \$11.95	to \$12.95
Primary DVR Service	from \$8.95	to \$9.95.

The second letter was to inform the Village that MediaCom will be changed to all digital channel line-up and will be discontinuing some West Coast versions of the premium channels. This change will be effective in August, 2008.

9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the committee had a meeting August 4th, to discuss some policies/procedures and personnel. He also mentioned that the Police Department has received a \$5,000 grant thanks to State Senator Dale Righter and State Representative Roger Eddy. Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report. There will be normal training this month.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that the new playground equipment will be delivered tomorrow morning (August 7th). Ken mentioned that there is a three week turnaround for the gentleman from Miracle to come and help with the assembly of the equipment. There was some discussion on a date for the assembly. It was decided that the week of September 8th, would be a good week. Randy stated that he had met with Jim Closson, IML Risk Management Loss Control, and had received a letter with some suggestions. Some of the suggestions are as follows: 1. make the facility just for skateboards only; 2. have an ordinance restricting skateboarding only to the facility in the Village Skate Park; and 3. signage stating the rules and hours for the park. The Board decided that the height of the fence around the Skate Park needs to be 8'. Randy stated he would get with the Skate Park Committee. Gary stated that the guys are a little behind on the trimming out at the park, but will try and catch up by the end of the week.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Ken for initialing the bills for the month of July. Rick asked for a volunteer to come in and initial the bills for August. Joe volunteered to initial the bills for the month of August. Rick stated

that the committee had a meeting at 6 pm prior to the Board Meeting with the Village auditors. He stated that the Village has received a good audit report from Kemper CPA. There were some suggestions from the auditors. One of the suggestions was to have the trustee to initial the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department. The Board decided to have the Trustee that is initialing the bills for each month do the initialing of the adjustment list. Another suggestion is that all employees fill out a time sheet and sign it and turn in for each pay period. The Board agreed that this is a good idea to be implemented.

Ken opened the bids from the local financial institutes on the Village=s bank accounts. They are as follows:

First Financial Bank	1.75% APY
First National Bank in Olney	4.05% APY
First Robinson Savings Bank	4.56% APY

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to accept the bid from First Robinson Savings Bank at 4.56% interest for 2 years. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Abstained: Rick C. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. There was one other item of business this month. Tony stated that he, Joe and Rick H. looked into the mowing of TIF lots. Their recommendation is to leave cost for the mowing as is for now. The Board agreed to leave the cost as is.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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September 3, 2008

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt and Trustee Tony Madlem.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Zoe Campanella, Present: Tom Compton (Robinson Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor), Jim Wilkins (Skateboard Park Committee), Kenneth M. Bell, and Cindy McReynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 6th, 2008, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Debi. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Cindy McReynolds came before the Board to ask for an extension on her water bill until Friday, September 5th. The Board granted her request.
5. Jim Wilkins, from the Oblong Skateboard Park Committee, came before the Board to give an update on the progress of the committee's plans. Jim stated that the rock will be brought in by Ping Trucking and that Jerry Ping is going to not charge for the hauling of the rock. The depth of the rock will only be 5" to 6". Esker will be doing the concrete work. Jim stated that the Committee had a request of the Board. The committee wanted to know if the Board would consider changing the height of the fence around the Skateboard Park from 8' to 6'. There was some discussion on the matter. The Board agreed to change the height of the fence from 8' to 6'. Jim also stated that the Committee had received a \$500 donation from the Community Service Club. Jim stated that if any of the Board members wanted a complete breakdown of the cost to let him know.
6. Shannon Woodard, from Connor & Connor, came to the meeting to give an update on where the Village stands with the \$100,000 Emergency Grant. Shannon stated that a number has been assigned to the grant, the Village still needs to receive the official notice, which will be in the form of a Grant Document that will need to be signed and dated by the Mayor and Clerk; before the agreement can be signed and date with Munson Construction. Shannon stated that IDOT will be sending a letter that will give the Village 90 day notice from the date of the letter to move the water lines. There was some discussion on the matter. It was decided to wait until next month to make any decision on where to go with the Route 33 Water and Sewer Line Project. Shannon also mentioned that IDOT has set a date for opening bids on their project of November 15th, which means that they could start on their project 4 to 6 weeks later. Ken stated that he had spoken to Representative Eddy's office about making some calls on the grant for the Village.
- Ken stated that the Water/Sewer Committee met on August 18th, to look at putting in new water lines from South Taylor Street to the east edge of the Village. Ken stated that the Committee's recommendation is to have Connor & Connor go ahead and apply for a construction permit for this project. Ken stated that Munson's bid was \$93,755. There was some discussion on this matter. Shannon stated that he would be submitting the paperwork on. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to go ahead and replace the water line from South Taylor Street to the east edge of the Village. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
7. Randy stated that he had talked with Tim Attaway and Keith Waldrop. They were wanting to know if the Village could help out in some way with putting the flags out on 5 different dates (Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, September 11th and Veterans Day). Since the moving of the electric poles on Main Street, they can no longer use just a pick-up with a ladder in the bed, instead the use of a bucket truck will be needed, to put the flags up. It was discussed and a suggestion by Ken to have the Village supply the fuel for the truck was thought to be the best solution. Motion by Joe, with a second by Ken, to supply the fuel for the bucket truck when used to put the flags out. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
8. Randy stated that the Shriners would like to use of the 4-way Stop to pass out paper on either September 13th or 20th from 8 am to Noon (12 pm). The Board approved the request.
9. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-512 AAn Ordinance on Standards for Hiring Part-Time Police Officers. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Debi. Motion carried.
10. Under Mayor's Comments
  - A. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom. The letter stated that MediaCom will be

adding the Big Ten Network to the Family Cable package. This will be on channel 74, which was the Jewelry TV. Jewelry TV will be on channel 96. This will be effective on or about September 11th.

B. Randy stated that he was informed that there has been a fund set-up for the Tim Brooks' family for expenses while Tim is in the hospital at First Robinson Savings Bank.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the new schedule for September is out. Everyone has a copy of August month report. He also mentioned that Chad will have training during the end of the month. Rick stated that Chad, Randy and him had received a letter of resignation from Paul Maxwell, with an effective date of September 19, 2008. Motion by Joe, with a second by Debi, to accept the letter of resignation. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that construction on the new playground equipment will begin on September 8th through the 12th, from 8 am to 4:00 pm each day. Joe stated that volunteers will be welcomed in assembling the equipment.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was nothing to report at this time. Gary stated that there maybe an issue in lighting on West Main Street due to the distance between the new electric poles.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that the chip and seal of the streets will begin the week of September 22nd weather permitting. This should only take a day or two.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the Committee also discussed the issue with delinquent water bill customers at the meeting of August 18th. The Committee has decided that the department apply what is already stated in handling of delinquent water bills in the Village's code book.

F. Finance: Ken mentioned that Jan and Ladora will be attending the quarterly meeting of SECICTA in Tuscola on September 11th, and also they will be going to the IML Conference on September 26th and 27th, Chicago. The Board approved of the trips. Rick H. volunteered to initial the bills and initial the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of September.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

13. There was no other items of business this month.

14. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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October 1, 2008

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Mike Munson,

Present: David Fulling (Crawford County Board Member), John Stone (Connor & Connor), Keith Waldrop, Chris Hinterscher and Mike McReynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> 2008, were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Joe. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mike McReynolds came before the Board to ask for an extension on his water bill until Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board granted his request.
5. David Fulling came before the Board to explain about the referendum for the Crawford County Forest Preserve to be voted on this November. The ground (124.5 acres) is being donated by Eula and the late Doctor Gus Schmidt for the above purpose. If the County does not want the Forest Preserve then the property is to be sold and the proceeds are to be divided between Crawford Memorial Hospital and Lincoln Trail College; but the County Board has been unable to find the exact language if the property has to be sold. Mr. Fulling showed a slide show presentation with some of the options that the County and some interested individuals have come up with on the use of the property the County has applied for a matching grant from the Department of Natural Resources. They're to go to Springfield and make a 3 minute presentation which is the second stage of the matching grant. Mr. Fulling handed out some papers with some information. He stated that the County Board is planning to only have a .02% tax rate instead of the maximum of .06%. He stated that with the .02% tax rate would generate around \$102,000. He stated that if anyone had questions that his e-mail was at the bottom of the paper.
6. Chris Hinterscher came before the Board to request an hour extension on October 25<sup>th</sup> for the taverns. The taverns would close at 2 am instead of 1 am (last call at 1:30 am). There was some discussion before the motion. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to allow the extension. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Tony, Debi. Nays: Ken. Motion carried.
7. John Stone, from Connor & Connor, came to the meeting to answer some question that the Board has. John stated that Shannon had spoken with Ken Groves of Illinois Department of Transportation. There was some discussion on the decision to go ahead with the Villages water and sewer lines relocation. The feeling of the Board was to have Mike Munson go ahead and start with the project as long as it doesn't cause the Villages to lose out on the emergency grant of \$100,000. Connor & Connor is to figure where the stopping point will be so that there will be 70% (\$130,000 or more) left of the cost for the project. This amount is what is needed for the emergency grant. The Board wants to make sure everything is in writing before having Mike start the work.
8. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-513 AAn Ordinance to Condemn an Unsafe Building at 403 West Illinois@. Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to adopt Ordinance #2008-O-514 AAn Ordinance to Adopt Identity Theft Policies and Procedures@. All ayes, motion carried.

10. The Board set Trick or Treat Night for Oblong on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 8 pm and only houses with lit porch lights.

11. Under Mayor=s Comments:

A. Randy stated that he only had one item and that was the Fall Clean-up date is October 16<sup>th</sup>. The same list of thing from the Spring Clean-up that Veolia will not pick-up.

12. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. read statement about the DUI Strike Force Grant. The grant is a federal grant. The grant would reimburse salary and fifty cents on mileage. Rick stated that Chad would like to participate.

Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick H., to allow Chad to participate. All ayes, motion carried.

Rick read a letter of resignation from Part-time Patrol Officer Doug Bierman. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to accept the letter of resignation with a thanks for his help during his time with the police department. All ayes, motion carried.

Rick stated that there would be normal training this month. Chad stated that as soon as he has the monthly report for September done; he will put a copy in each Trustees= mail slot. Chad also mentioned that he will be taking a three day training session in Mattoon at the beginning of next month.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report for the building. The new playground equipment has been completed. Ken mentioned that it only took two and half days instead of five days. Jan mentioned that she had found out that the Village could go ahead and ask for a partial payment from the OSLAD grant (matching funds). She stated that she will start working on the paperwork for the partial payment. Randy mentioned that the concrete for the skate board park has been poured and the fence will be up soon.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that there was nothing to report at this time. Gary stated that he had spoken with Ameren about the lighting on West Main Street and they had added another light and put some different bulbs in. Gary stated that it is brighter around the old Freedom station.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the sealing of the street was complete. Tony also mentioned that the Street Sweeper had been repaired. Gary stated that it be used either tonight or tomorrow night.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken asked Gary what the amount of \$7,100 in Contractor Expense was for? Gary stated that it was for the repair work done on Lift Station #1.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he did not have much to report this month. Rick thank Rick H. for initialing the bills for September. Rick C. volunteered to initial the bills and initial the adjustment to customer accounts the Public Works Department for the month of October. Rick mentioned that Kemper Technology will be here on October 9<sup>th</sup> to start working on hooking-up the server and software.

13. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

14. There was no other items of business this month.

15. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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November 5, 2008

Submitted on December 1, 2008

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 5 th, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton

Present: (Daily News), Jeff Lawhead, Norma Bice and Daughter.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 1 st, 2008, were approved with a motion by Rick H. and a second by Rick C. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Norma Bice came before the Board to ask for an extension on her water bill of \$109.36 for 507 East Indiana Street until November 12 th. There was some discussion about her having an outstanding water bill for a different address that has not been paid on for several months. Mrs. Bice stated that she planned to pay the outstanding bill off when she got her tax return next year. The Board stated to Mrs. Bice that they would like for her to pay some on this bill now. The Board asked her how much she thought she could start paying on her outstanding bill of \$470.36. Mrs. Bice stated that she could probably pay \$10 a week starting next Monday, November 10 th, and when she gets her tax return next year pay the remaining balance.

The Board granted her request for the extension on the water bill for 507 East Indiana Street (Trailer) of \$109.36 until November 12 th. The Board also agreed that if Mrs. Bice will start paying \$10 a week starting Monday, November 10 th, and finish the remaining balance when she receives her tax returns next year for the water bill from 509 East Indiana Street (House); the Board will not start legal proceeding. But if she misses one payment, the Board will start legal proceedings.

5. Jeff Lawhead came before the Board to ask for a 15-day extension for getting the porch torn down and cleaned up at 403 West Illinois Street. Randy stated that the Village has already condemned the property. Jeff stated that he is wanting to fix up the house. He is wanting to have a bonded contractor come and look at the house to see if it is structurally sound and what all needs to be done. Joe feels that the Village should give him the 15-day extension to tear down the whole house or the Village will. Rick C. stated that Jeff will need to bring a signed estimate and an itemized list of what needs to be done from a bonded contractor and a commitment

letter from a financial institution into the Village's Clerk/Treasurer's Office before the 15 days expire. The 15 days will start upon the receipt of a letter from the Village's attorney to Jeff.

#### 6. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that he had only one item and that was to thank Mike Munson for holding off on taking the sidewalks up until after Fall Follies.

#### 7. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there would be normal training this month. Rick also stated that the committee had a meeting last month to discuss some options concerning the department's part-time officers. The 2004 Crown Vic had to have a new heater coil installed. The department had to purchase two new computers for the office due to compatibility issues with the new server. Rick stated that everyone had a copy of the month-end report and November schedule. Chad stated that everything went well during Fall Follies thanks to help from the Oblong Fire Department personnel.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the Village's portion of the Route 33 Project has started. Randy stated that he thought Mike Munson will start next week on pulling up the sidewalks.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee had a meeting earlier, last month (October 13 th) with Connor & Connor (Village Engineers) and Mike Munson (Munson Construction) to discuss some issues. Ken stated that the committee will have a Preconstruction Meeting November 7 th, at 11 am with Connor & Connor (Village Engineers) and Mike Munson (Munson Construction). This meeting is a requirement for the emergency \$100,000 grant that the Village has been awarded.

Ken stated that he would like to entertain a motion to approve the payment of stored materials to Munson Construction and payment for the relative up-to-date costs of design and inspection to Connor & Connor upon approval by the Mayor.

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to approve the payment of stored materials to Munson Construction and payment for the relative up-to-date costs of design and inspection to Connor & Connor upon the approval of the Mayor. All ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that Dale had attended a meeting about Red Flags (Identity Theft) a few weeks ago in Effingham. Rick stated that the initial compliance date was November 1 st, 2008, but now it has been pushed back until next May.

Rick asked for a volunteer to initial the bill and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for November. Ken and Tony both volunteered. Ken will initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for November and Tony said he would do the initialing of the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for December.

Rick stated that since the 1 st pay in December, which is when the Christmas Bonus is given to the Village employees, is the week of the December Board Meeting; the Board should set the bonuses at this meeting. Rick stated that last year the amounts were \$115 for Full-time (permanent) and \$80 for part-time. Motion by Rick C.

with a second by Tony, to give the same amount this year for Christmas Bonuses as last year. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Joe, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

9. There was one other item of business this month. Rick H. asked about the fencing at the new skateboard pad. There was some discussion on this matter. The Board feels that as long as there are no obstacles; the skateboarders can skate on the concrete pad without a fence around it.

10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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December 3, 2008

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 3 rd, 2008, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Tony Madlem and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton

Present: (Daily News), Jeff Lawhead, Nick Hinterscher and Shannon Woodward (Connor & Connor, Inc.).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 5 th, 2008, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Ken. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no water bill customer at the meeting this month.

5. Jeff Lawhead came before the Board to ask what would be happening next with the property at 403 West Illinois Street. Randy stated that the Village will be taking the next step by having the Village Attorney (Frank Weber) start the process of getting a court decision of condemnation. Then the Village will hire someone to tear down the building and then the Village will put a lien on the property which will include all legal fees and cost of having the buildings torn down. Randy stated that if Jeff would sign an agreement to give the Village permission to tear the buildings down and make arrangement for payment to reimburse the Village for the cost. This would save some of the legal costs. Jeff stated that he would need to talk to his family before making the decision. Rick C. mentioned that before having the papers drawn up and Jeff sign them, that the Village should

make sure that there is a clear title on the property. Randy stated that he would contact Frank and asked about the title search and then contact Jeff.

6. Nick Hinterscher came before the Board to ask for an extra hour and half on New Year's Eve. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to have last call at 1am and everyone out at 1:30 am for the tavern's New Year's Eve hours. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

7. Shannon came before the Board to request payment for pay estimate #2 of the Route 33 Water Line Project. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick C., to pay Mike Munson \$87,942.97 for Pay Estimate #2. Four (4) ayes, motion carried. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick C., to pay Connor & Connor, Inc. \$7,975.97 for Inspection by the Engineers. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Ken. Abstain: Rick H. Motion carried.

Shannon stated that the bills from Connor & Connor will also state which engineer did the work. He also brought to the Board a breakdown of the budget for the Route 33 Water Line Project. Original total was \$664,073.50 (Village's Portion \$293,881.43). Current Estimate total is \$553,504.82 (Village's Portion \$198,504.82). There was some questions about when IDOT would be letting for their project. Shannon stated that the letting is scheduled for January or February, 2009.

8. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that the Village had received a Thank You card from The Ralstons for the floral arrangement sent by the Village for Mary Lu's funeral.

B. Randy wanted to thank the city guys & Mike Munson for the progress of the project and the residents for their patience.

9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that there would be normal training this month. Rick also stated that DUI Task Force will be reimbursing the Village for Chad's hourly pay with overtime and mileage. Rick mentioned that there are a couple of guys from Effingham that are finishing up their Part/Time Academy Training that have shown an interest in working for the Village part-time. Chad stated that he will let the committee know when the guys could come for an interview. Chad stated that the schedule reflected the vacation days that he needed to take loose.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report for this month for the building but that Gary had mentioned that the North Bathrooms is costing the Village about an extra \$150/month to keep it open through the winter months. The Board agreed to let Gary winterize the North Bathrooms and close them until some time in March. Ken stated that Jan had contacted Jan Nation about the Oslad Grant to see if the Village could apply for a partice payment for the playground equipment. Jan stated that the most the Village could receive would be \$20,000. Gary stated that David Krick had told him that they would start tomorrow (12/4/08) if it did not rain much. There was some discussion on this.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that Gary & Travis would like permission to attend an IRWA seminar in Case on January 18 th from 8 am to 12:30 pm and if possible take Dale along due to some discussion on Red Flag (identity theft).

F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Ken for initialing the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for November. Rick mentioned that Tony will be initialing the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for December. Rick stated that he asked that CCDA to let us know that if anyone from the Oblong area applies for loans. Randy mentioned that the mileage rate needs to be reinstated for Jan and Ladora when attending meetings. The Board granted that reinstatement of the mileage rate for Jan and Ladora.

10. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills and bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

11. There were two other items of business this month. Ladora mentioned that the quarterly SECICTA meeting will be this month some time, and that Jan and her would like to attend. Jan stated that she would let the Board know the date later. Tom Compton mentioned that there is a book on odd towns in Illinois and that Oblong is mentioned.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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January 7, 2009

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 7 th, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton

Present: (Daily News), Charlotte Cannon (Oblong Gem), Gary Lawhead, Keith Waldrop, Joe R. Byler, Melvin Mart and Joe L. Yoder.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 3 rd, 2008, were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Joe. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Joe Byler asked to speak to the Board about renting the Activity Center on March 7 th, May 16 th, July 11 th, September 5 th and November 14 th, to have fundraiser breakfasts for the Amish School. The Board had no problem with the request. Randy told Mr. Byler that he would need to speak with Dale Davis to make sure that the dates are available. They will have to pay the rent for the Activity Center (Commercial Rate).

4. There were no water bill customer at the meeting this month.

5. Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick C., to adopt Ordinance #2009-O-515 "Cable & Video Customer Protection Law". Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to adopt Ordinance #2009-O-516 "Cable/Video Service Provider Fee". Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adopt Ordinance #2009-O-517 "An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Oblong by the Addition of Article XI to Chapter 33 Establishing Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Right-of-Way". Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

8. Randy stated that the amount to be repaid is \$7,500 (includes legal fees, filing fees and demolition of the buildings at 403 West Illinois Street) and that Jeff's brother, Gary Lawhead, was here to let the Village know what he thought they could pay a month. Gary stated that they could possibly pay at least \$70/month. He stated that if they could pay more than \$70, they would. When they sale the lot, they will pay the remaining balance off. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adopt Ordinance #2009-O-518 "An Ordinance Approving an Agreement Between Jeffery Lawhead and the Village of Oblong, Illinois". Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: A. Randy stated that he had nothing this month.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Chad stated that there would be normal training this month. Chad also stated that the Board had the December Monthly Report and 2008 Year End Report.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that most of the main water lines for the Route 33 Water Relocation Project are in the ground. Also, that Mike Munson will be working through the rest of this winter, weather permitting, on service hook-ups and tie-ins. Ken stated that there is to be a JULIE Seminar on February 3 rd, in Effingham that Gary, Travis, Rick White and Jason would like to attend (they will make sure to have some one to work if there would be an emergency) and there will be an IRWA Conference on February 17 th & 18 th, in Effingham that Gary and Travis would like to attend. Both request were granted. Gary stated that there will be an IRWA Training Session in May that will be held here in Oblong in the Activity Center.

F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Tony for initialing the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for December. Rick asked for a volunteer for January. Joe volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for January.

11. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

12. There was one other item of business this month. Randy stated that a situation came up last month where after the sick days were paid out an employee need some time off; to make sure that when situation comes up again there will be no question as how to handle it there needs to be something in writing on the employee guideline policy. Randy read what he felt sure stated in the employee guideline policy. Statement as follows: "

sick days have been paid and an additional day or days are needed at the end of December, those days will be taken without pay.”

Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to add to the Employee Guideline Policy under item V. SICK LEAVE & PERSONAL DAYS/PERSONAL LEAVE, after the 3 rd paragraph the following sentence: If sick days have been paid and an additional day or days are needed at the end of December, those days will be taken without pay. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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February 4, 2009

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 4 th, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Ken Russell.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Gary Lawhead, Jeff Lawhead,

Present: Stanley Seward, Doug Jones and John Stone (Connor & Connor, Inc.).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 7 th, 2009, were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Rick C. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customer at the meeting this month.
5. Gary Lawhead stated that he had some questions on how Mike Munson brought down and disposed of the house and garage at 403 West Illinois Street. Gary stated that it is against EPA Regulation to burn building materials within a 1000 feet of a residence by a contractor. Randy stated that a gentleman from EPA is coming down to talk to Mike and Randy sometime in the next week or two. Gary and Jeff feel that since Mr. Munson did not take the demolished house and garage to a landfill then there should be a reduction in the billing for demolition. Randy and the Board said that they would look into the issue and let Gary and Jeff know at the next Regular Board Meeting (March 4th).
6. Doug Jones came before the Board to ask if the Board would allow him to move in a 16' x 32' pre-built cabinet (storage shed) on his lot at 207 East Alabama Street. There was some discussion on this matter. The Board stated that they would need to look into this issue and get a little more information before making a decision.

7. John Stone, from Connor & Connor, Inc., came to the Board Meeting to present bills for the Route 33 Water Main Relocation Project. They are as follows:

Pay Estimate #3 to Mike Munson \$ 38,640.15

Connor & Connor, Inc. (Dec Inspection) 4,383.81

Connor & Connor, Inc. (Dec R-O-W) 90.22

Connor & Connor, Inc. (Jan Inspection) 3,034.20

Total \$ 46,148.38

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to pay Mike Munson for Pay Estimate #3 for \$38,640.15. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to pay Connor & Connor's bills totaling \$7,508.23. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to allow Laborer Local #1197 to use the 4-way stop on May 2 from 8 am to Noon (12 pm) to collect donations for TLC of Southern & Central Illinois, Inc. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that the Village had received a "Thank You" card from the family of Jack Gallion. Randy stated that Jack would be sadly missed.

B. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Casey's General Store asking if there has been any changes for issuing a liquor license. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, stating that at this time the Village does not want to issue a liquor license for the sale of liquor from a convenience store. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

C. Randy wanted to thank everyone who helped with the snow removal.

D. Randy appointed Rick H., Tony and Debi to a committee on Condemned Properties Committee. Randy stated that he would get a hold of them when the gentleman from IEPA to come and listen in.

E. Randy stated that the Village has received some requests for copies of the Village's code book. Randy wanted to know what the Board's feelings were on possibly putting the code book on the Village's web site. There was some discussion on this issue. The Board was in favor of the idea; if there was minimum cost incurred.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the committee had a meeting last week (January 29th). Discussed at the meeting were the possibility of hiring a new part-time patrol officer, changing the probationary period of 6 months to 12 months, and some budget items for next fiscal. During the committee meeting, the committee decided to hire Jason Langley as a part-time patrol officer. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to ratify the action of the Police Committee on the hiring of Jason Langley, Five (5) ayes, motion carried. Rick H. also stated that Chad had ILEAS training in a few weeks in Springfield.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report for this month. Rick H. stated that he had been asked about having street lights put up in the Park Meadow Subdivision. The Board decided to look into who is responsible for having them put up.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Randy stated that he did not know of anything that needs to be reported this month since neither the committee chairperson or the Public Works Superintendent were present and had not let Randy know of any pressing matters.

F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Joe for initialing the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for January. Rick asked for a volunteer for February. Rick H. volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for February. Rick C. mentioned that the department heads need to start working on next fiscal year's budget so that the committee can look them over the first part of March.

11. Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick C., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees with the exception of the check to Mike Munson for the demolition of the house at 403 West Illinois Street. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

12. There was one other item of business this month. Randy stated that the Village had received a complaint about a property at 505 South Adams. Randy stated that the Crawford County Health Board was contacted and that they have sent a report back with what they felt were concerns. Randy stated that the Village will need to do research to find out who owns the property.

13. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**March 4, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 4 th, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Keith Waldrop,

Present: Vickie Ferguson (Oblong Gem) and Tom Compton (Daily News).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 4 th, 2009, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that Gary Lawhead had contacted him to says that he would not be at the meeting tonight. Tony stated that the Condemned Building Committee had met and discussed the issues that were brought up at the last meeting. The feeling of the committee is that since there was a verbal contract with Munson Construction and the work was done, it is not the Village's place to ask for a reduction in price for demolition. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to go ahead and pay Munson Construction for the demolition of buildings located at 403 West Illinois Street. All ayes, motion carried.

Tony stated that the committee also discussed that a contract should be written up with the proper guidelines on disposal of the building debris. Upon approval by the Village's Attorney, the Board will adopt the contract, which will then be use for future demolitions.

6. Tony stated that at the Condemned Building Committee meeting that there was also some discussion on the bringing in of a storage shed for residential use. It is already covered in the code book, so there is no need to make any changes to the code book. In the code book on page 552, it states that there needs to be at least 900 square feet of living and there also needs to be a sticker, which show approval by BOCA before the

building is considered a residential. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to deny the request made by Doug Jones to move in a storage building, which is built like a cabin, to live in at the February 4 th, 2009, Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Rick C. stated that Mike Ellis of Mid American Energy out of Iowa had contacted the Village about purchasing electricity from them. Rick mentioned that a couple years back that Mr. Ellis had contacted the Village about the same thing, but back then they could not give the Village any saving on what the Village was already paying. This time, there would be about a 41.6% saving on what the Village is paying for the electricity. Mr. Ellis had sent two proposals to the Finance Committee, so that they could make their recommendation to the full Board. One being for a 13 month contract and the other was a 25 month contract. Rick stated that the Finance Committee had a conference call with Mr. Ellis on February 26 th, and the recommendation from the committee is to go with Mid American Energy for a locked-in price for thirteen (13) months. There was some discussion on this issue. It was discussed about the Franchise agreements with Ameren CIPS. In the agreement, the Village receives 6,000 free therms of gas a year and 6,000 free kilowatt hours of electric a year (Electric Franchise Agreement will expire on September 18 th, 2013 and the Gas Franchise Agreement will expire on September 16 th, 2021). Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to give the mayor authority to enter in a contract for 13 months with Mid American Energy. All ayes, motion carried. The company only deals with commercial, municipalities and non-profit organizations.

8. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that the Village had been contacted by the Evangelical United Methodist Church wanting permission to use the 4-way stop on Good Friday, April 10 th, 2009, from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) to pass out pamphlets. The Board granted the request.

B. Randy stated that the Village's code book is now online for use.

C. Randy stated that the Village had received a "Thank You" card from Gary Lanter on the concrete angel the Village had sent in memory for his grandma's passing.

D. Randy stated that Gary had received an award from IRWA. Randy read the following:

### **IRWA Selects Gary Lanter as Runner-up For Annual Award**

On Tuesday, February 17, 2009, the Illinois Rural Water Association, the state's largest rural utility association, selected Gary Lanter as the runner-up for the "Water System Operator of The Year" award at the 27 th Annual Technical Conference in Effingham.

The Illinois Rural Water Association's "Water System Operator of The Year" award is given to an individual dedicated to the water industry. This person must be a selfless individual who gives back to the industry by furthering the goals and objectives of the operations and maintenance of the water treatment and/or distribution system. "This

accurately describes Mr. Lanter,” said Frank Dunmire, Executive Director of the Illinois Rural Water Association. “Gary has shown himself to be truly committed to furthering the professionalism of the Water Treatment and Distribution Industry by helping to insure a safe potable supply of water to the customers of the Oblong community”. Mr. Dunmire continued, “Gary goes above and beyond to make sure their customers have a safe and protected supply of water for today and the future.”

Mr. Lanter works as Public Works Superintendent for the Village of Oblong. Gary and his wife, Gwenda, reside in Oblong, IL. Mr & Mrs Lanter have one son, Braden, a student at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN.

The Illinois Rural Water Association is a private, not-for-profit association of small water and wastewater systems, and is dedicated to training and technical assistance to those individuals who work in the water and wastewater industry.

Gary stated that he could not have received this award without the support of past and present Public Works Employees and the support of the past and present Mayors and Trustees.

#### 9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that the committee will be have a meeting on March 17 th, at 8:30 am to discuss budget figures for the new fiscal year. Rick stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report for February. Rick mentioned that Chad had ILEAS training in Springfield, this past Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Rick stated that the Police Department had received a NCR report, which a crime index report, the overall percent of crimes in the Village was up by 12% (the rate is per 100,000). This report was just for Oblong Police Department.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that Gary told him that he had renewed the contract with Concorde, Inc. for the random drug screening for the Village’s Public Works Employees. Gary stated that since he had missed the February Board Meeting he would like to thank everyone who had helped with the snow removal from uptown back in late January. Those he mentioned were Butch Knicely, Cris Harris, Dean Dart (skid loader), Tony Madlem, Oblong Township (loan of dump truck), Jerry Ping, Jeff Munson, Mike Munson and the Public Works Employees. Gary stated that he had received several compliments from area business. Gary stated that the Village normally does not removal snow unless there is a sufficient amount of snow.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the Village had received the check for the CDAP Emergency Grant of \$100,000.00 from the State (\$50,000.00 was transferred from General Checking to Water Checking to keep the Water Fund from overdrawing). Ken

also mentioned that most of the service hook-ups located on the same side as the main water line relocation project had been completed. Gary stated that Mike told him that there were about 30 more bores and the equipment for the bores would possibly be here next week.

F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Rick H. for initialing the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for February. Rick C. volunteered to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for March. Rick C. stated that the committee will have a meeting some time the last full week of March to go over the budget figures from all department heads for the next fiscal year. Rick mentioned that a business in the Oblong School District has showed an interest in borrowing from the Oblong Revolving Loan Fund. Ladora mentioned that Jan and herself would like to attend the SECICTA meeting which will be held in Effingham on March 12 th. The Board granted the request.

10. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. There was no other items of business this month.

12. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick C., to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **April 1 st, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 1 st, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Keith Waldrop,

Present: Tom Compton (Daily News), Kendra Bailey, Mike McReynolds, Jennifer Strum, Kenneth M. Bell, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.), William Winings (WTW

Salvage) and Bambi Clark (WTW Salvage).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 4 th, 2009, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Joe. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month.

Mike McReynolds asked for an extension on his water bill until April 3 rd. The Board granted his request.

Jennifer Strum asked for an extension on her water bill until April 2 nd. The Board granted her request.

5. Kendra Bailey came before the Board to ask for permission to use the Park for a Dog Walk fundraiser for the Crawford County Humane Society on either June 6 th or 13 th. She handed out a sheet explaining what she was wanting to do. She stated that the tentative hours would be 10 am to noon with set-up starting at 8:30 am. She stated that the volunteers would make sure that everything was cleaned up. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to let the volunteers for Crawford County Humane Society to use the park on June 13 th for their Dog Walk fundraiser. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Kenneth Bell came before the Board to ask if there was anything that can be done about his neighbor's dogs and cleaning up where the dogs have gone to the bathroom numerous times. He stated that when he goes out his back door the odor is really strong. Randy stated that he had contacted the Crawford County Health Department to see if there was anything they could do, but the person he needed to talk to was not there. Mr. Bell thought that the neighbor had about half a dozen dogs. If there are more than five dogs at the residence then they would be in violation of the Village's Codes on the number of dogs that can be housed on any property. Randy stated that he would let Mr. Bell know what the Village finds out.

7. Shannon Woodard came to the meeting to give an update on the Route 33 Main Water line relocation project and turn in some requests for reimbursement. Shannon gave all the Board members a sheet on the revised budget summary. Shannon stated that he would send in a request to IDOT for reimbursement on there portion of the Village's Project for the amount of \$149,640.00. Shannon stated that the Pay Estimate #4 for Munson Construction is \$53,887.25, the amount for Inspection by Connor & Connor, Inc. for February and March is \$19,615.62 and the amount for Grant Administration is \$5,000.00 (which the Village is already on the Warranty List for approval of payment at the Board Meeting). Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to

pay the amount to Munson Construction and to Connor & Connor, Inc. for February and March Inspection. All ayes, motion carried.

8. William Winings from WTW Salvage came before the Board to ask to be allowed to pick-up scrap metal, old appliances, TV and Computers. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to allow WTW Salvage on April 17 th starting at 8 am to pick-up scrap metal, old appliances, TV and Computers from the curb of residents in the Village. All ayes, motion carried.

9. The Board granted a request for the use of the Park on May 2 nd for the St. Judes' Bike-a-thon.

10. The total for the 2009 - 2010 Working Budget is \$1,030, 597.00 which is an increase from 2008 - 2009 Working Budget of \$120,884.00 (this amount was due to needed updating of vehicle/equipment). Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to accept the Working Budget for 2009 - 2010. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

11. The total amount for the 2009 - 2010 Appropriation is \$1,357,888.00 which is an increase from 2008 - 2009 Appropriation of \$134,458.00. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2009-O-519 "Appropriation Ordinance". Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to adopt Resolution #2009-R-1 "Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code". Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

13. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2009-R-2 "Resolution for Village of Oblong Census 2010 Proclamation". All ayes, motion carried. Randy stated that Ken volunteered to be the chairperson for the Complete Count Committee. Randy stated that Ken will form the rest of the committee member.

14. Randy stated that the Board would need to okay a payroll deduction for any employee interested in taking out additional insurance with AFLAC. There was some discussion on this issue. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to allow any interested employee to have additional AFLAC insurance taken out of their pay check. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Randy stated that he wanted to update the Board about the building located at 505 South Adams Street. Randy told the Board that the certified letter was mailed on February 26 th. And signed for on February 27 th. Randy stated that at the next Board meeting it will have been 60 days, so there will need to be a decision made if the improvements have not been made that were listed.

16. Randy stated that the Eastern Illinois Sportsmen's Club would like to use the Park and Lake for their annual fishing rodeo on June 6 th, from 9am to 11:30 am. The Board

granted the request.

17. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that the Village Clean-up with Veolia will be April 16 th. Veolia will not take tires, car parts or yard waste, but will pick-up one appliance for paid-up customers.

B. Randy read two letters that the Village had received from MediaCom. One letter stated that there will be some changes to the music channels and that they will no longer carry the TV Guide Channel as of April 6 th. The other letter stated that there will be a rate increase as of April 24 th.

C. Randy stated that the Village had received some papers on tax sale for some property that the Village has lien on. He stated that he had the Village Attorney look into the situation and give the Village advise on what to do. Randy stated that the Village Attorney will stay abreast of the issues and let the Village know what to do along the way.

D. Randy stated that the Skate Park Committee had given him a copy of rules that they had come up with to the Skate Park and had a copy put in each of the Trustees' mail slot. Randy also mentioned that he had a copy of the diagram for the fence placement, if anyone wanted to look at it.

18. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report for March and schedule for April. Rick mentioned that Chad has some training this month. Rick mentioned that after the election the department will probably hire another part-time officer.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Debi stated that she had nothing to report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

F. Finance: Rick C. said he wanted to thank Chad, Gary, Jan and Ladora for doing a good job on the budgets for next fiscal year. Rick asked for a volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for April. Debi volunteered to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts for the month of April.

19. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list

and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

20. There was one other item of business this month. Chad stated that he will be giving a 30 day notice to a property owner on South Grant Street to clean-up from the demolition of a house.

21. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick

Present: Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt and Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Clifford Dennis,

Present: Tom Compton (Daily News), Patty Weaver, Gerald Weaver, Nancy Russell, Kenneth M. Bell, Jarrett Johnson (Connor & Connor, Inc.), Harold Coulter, Shirley Coulter, Jeanne Hinterscher, Ron Hinterscher, Vickie Ferguson (Oblong Gem), Carrie Sablone, Paula Myers and Harlei Myers.

1. The Village Clerk swore in Randy Rich, as mayor; Rick Houdasheldt, as trustee; and Ken Russell, as trustee; before the Board Meeting was called to order.

2. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mayor Rich.

3. The Mayor reappointed Ladora Boyd (Village Clerk), Jan Miller (Deputy Clerk & Treasurer), Chad Pusey (Police Chief) and Gary Lanter (Public Works Superintendent). Their terms will run concurrently with the Mayor's term of office.

4. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Randy stated that there would be a Resolution to adopt the Crawford County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
5. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 1st, 2009, were approved with a motion by Rick H. and a second by Joe. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
6. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
7. Kenneth Bell came before the Board to state that he felt that there had been no improvement about the cleaning up where the dogs have gone to the bathroom numerous times in his neighbors yard. He also has a problem with the way the neighbor's relative mows the yard because he mows on to Mr. Bell's property. The Mayor stated that Chad had checked on the issue with the dog waste and found that the waste had been pick-up and put in a garbage can. The Mayor stated that the mowing on to Mr. Bell's property was not an issue for the Village of Oblong to handle. Mr. Bell's neighbor, Carrie Sablone, had written a letter and gave it to the Board after Mr. Bell left the meeting.
8. Jarrett Johnson came to the meeting to give a brief update on the Route 33 Main Water line relocation project as May 6th, the old main has been abandoned from Taylor Street to the Booster Station; and all services that needed to be moved with the exception of the Grade School (which will be done either on a day when there is no school during the week or Saturday, so as not to interrupt their water service). Jarrett also stated that he will be getting with Gary about the Punch-List for the project. Randy stated that he had talked with Shannon earlier and that Shannon is going to revise the cost analysis to reflect the payment that the Board is voting on tonight. Jarrett stated that Pay Estimate #5 for Munson Construction is \$52,275.00, for work up to May 10th and the amount for Inspection by Connor & Connor, Inc. for April is \$10,603.44. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to pay the amount to Munson Construction and to Connor & Connor, Inc. for April Inspection. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

There was some discussion on when IDOT was going to start. Jarrett thought it would be after school is out for the summer. Randy also stated that he wanted to thank the residents who live on Main Street for their patience.

9. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to grant a request for the use of the Park on September 26th, 2009, for Oldies in the Park and Fireworks sponsored by the Oblong Chamber of Commerce. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Resolution #2009-R-3 "Resolution Urging Passage of a Comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program". Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
11. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2009-R-4 "Adopting

the Crawford County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan". Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to grant a request for use of the Park on August 7th, 8th and 9th by the Antique Tractor and Engine Club for their annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to grant a request for the use of the 4-way stop on May 30th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) for the collection for the Children's Miracle Network. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

14. Randy stated that he had been contacted by Mr. Dennis about the buildings and trash located at 505 South Adams Street. Mr. Dennis asked for an extension on bring the house up to specs or torn down if beyond repair and tearing down the garage until July 1st. He also stated that he would start as soon as possible getting the trash/garbage cleaned up. Some of the neighbors around the 505 South Adams Street property stated that they feel there should have been enough time that was stated in the letter received by Mr. Dennis from the Village for there to have been some work done. Mr. Dennis stated that he was told by the occupants that they would do the necessary clean-up and work on the repairs, but did not do what they said they would. One neighbor also stated that the residents play there stereo so loud and would leave the front door wide open so that you could here it outside the home. Chad stated that the neighbors needed to contact the Dispatcher at the Sheriff's Department and lodge a complaint when the noise was too loud. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to give Mr. Dennis the extension he asked for. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

15. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy mentioned the passing of Robinson Mayor Gary Davis and wished to send the Village's condolences to the family of Mayor Davis.

B. Randy stated that he wanted to thank the Character Counts from the Grade School for the mulching and picking up of trash and limbs at the Mini Park and the Oblong Park and Lake.

C. Randy stated that the Village had received a check from Illinois Department of Transportation for the amount of \$159,852.85 for the reimbursement of the State's part of the relocation of the main water lines.

D. Randy stated that the Village had also received a check from Illinois Department of Natural Resource OSLAD Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the New Playground Equipment. This was a matching grant. Randy wanted to again thank everyone who helped with the playground equipment.

E. Randy mentioned that he would be having Ladora send a couple of letters for

junk/hazards (South Range) and a hole in a roof (North Range).

F. Randy stated that he and Ladora are working on a letter to Mr. Colmark about the unpaid mowing bill of \$900 from last year. Until the Village receives prepayment for this year's mowing, the Village will not have mowing done; so, he will probably be receiving weed ordinance violation citations.

#### 16. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Rick H. stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report for April and schedule for May. Chad mentioned that there has been a Sewer Ordinance Violation Notice sent out and the problem is being taken care of. Chad also mentioned that the new squad car will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday, May 12th. Chad stated that the Newton Police Department had purchased the video camera from the 2004 squad car.

B. Building and Park: Joe stated that he had nothing to report for this month. Gary stated that there had been some money received from the family of Norma Rice for a Memorial to her; he stated that the money would help with some improvements to the JayCee Shelter out at the Park. He stated that the only request by the family was a packet in remembrance of their mother.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Randy stated that he had told Gary about a couple of problems with some street lights. There was nothing else to report.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee had a meeting on April 21st, to review the Route 33 Water Main Lines Relocation Project. The committee met with Shannon Woodard of Connor & Connor, Inc.

F. Finance: Randy stated that Debi volunteered to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for May. Jan mentioned that the auditors will be here to audit the Village the week of May 18th. The Audit will probably be from May 18th to May 21st or 22nd. Randy stated that he had made some changes to the committees. The committees are as follows:

FINANCE: Rick Catt - Ken Russell - Debi Wilson

LAW: Joe Campanella - Tony Madlem - Debi Wilson

BUILDING/PARK: Debi Wilson - Rick Houdasheldt - Rick Catt

WATER/SEWER: Ken Russell - Debi Wilson - Tony Madlem

STREET/ALLEY: Tony Madlem - Ken Russell - Rick Houdasheldt

SIDEWALKS/LIGHT: Rick Houdasheldt - Joe Campanella - Rick Catt

17. Motion by Joe, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

18. There were no other items of business this month.

19. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton Present: (Daily News), and Jarrett Johnson (Connor & Connor, Inc.).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Village Clerk swore in Rick Catt, as trustee.
3. Randy stated that there needed to be two changes to May draft minutes. One of the changes was to line item #8 from the old main has been abandoned to several sections of the old main have been abandoned and replaced with new lines. The other changes was to line item #16F on the Finance Committee instead of Rick Catt, Ken Russell and Debi Wilson it will be Rick Catt, Ken Russell and Joe Campanella. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, with the changes were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

5. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

6. Jarrett Johnson came to the meeting to give a brief update on the Route 33 Main Water line relocation project as June 3rd, there is only a little more leveling and seeding work to be done before Gary, Jarrett and Mike Munson start on the Punch List for the project. Jarrett stated that he feels that the projection will be finished by next month's board meeting. Jarrett stated that Pay Estimate #6 for Munson Construction is \$6,240.00, for work up to June 3rd and the amount for Inspection by Connor & Connor, Inc. for May is \$3,151.12. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to pay the amount to Munson Construction and to Connor & Connor, Inc. for May Inspection. All ayes, motion carried. There was some discussion on the final inspection and if there was any more reimbursement coming from the State. Jarrett stated he would check with Shannon Woodard and get back to Randy with the answers.

7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adopt Ordinance #2009-O-521 "Prevailing Wage Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.

8. Randy stated that all the Trustees had a copy of an ordinance, for consideration, on adopting certain procedures regarding dangerous and unsafe buildings. Randy stated that this ordinance may give the Village a little more legal standing with the issue of unsafe/abandoned buildings in the Village. Randy asked the Trustees to look this ordinance over and see if they had any changes that they felt needed to be made, so that the Board may adopt this ordinance at the July meeting of the Board. There was some discussion on the property at 405 South Adams Street.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: □A. Randy mentioned that Ken and him had been looking into possibly renting a dumpster for citizens of Oblong to get rid of junk instead of fining them the first time. There was some discussion on this matter. It was decided that this issue needed to be tabled until next month.

B. Randy stated that the Village had received a "Thank you" card from the family of Mayor Gary Davis for the funeral arrangement.

C. Randy stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) had an issue with four (4) of the concrete light poles in the 200 block of West Main Street. He stated that if the Village would decide to put up any kind of metal pole, that the Village would be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the poles, wires and lights. Ameren would put a meter on these poles like they have with the banner lights. Randy stated that if Ameren would replace the poles; they would put in creosote poles. Randy stated that if he gets some estimates on the metal poles and costs, there may have to be a special meeting called to make a decision on this matter.

D. Randy stated that he had received a letter from IDOT on the handicap parking spaces on Main Street that the Village is not ADA compliant at this time. Randy said he was

going to look further into the matter; there may have to be a special meeting called to make a decision on this matter.

E. Randy mentioned that he had been contacted by Mr. Colmark after Mr. Colmark had received the letter from the Village about the mowing of the Park Meadow Subdivision. Randy stated that Mr. Colmark said that he would be willing for the mowing payments to be taken out of the amount he receives of the property tax money. Randy told him that the Village needed for Mr. Colmark put that in writing. Randy stated that arrangements have been made with an individual to take care of the high grass and then the Village will take over the mowing for the rest of the mowing season.

F. Randy stated that there were two (2) applications for the Oblong Revolving Loan Funds. The two businesses were TNT Video, wanting to borrow \$25,000, and The Hair Connection, wanting to borrow \$10,150. Randy explained that 20% of the money was from the \$25,000 that the Village had to obligate and 80% of the money is the grant from USDA Rural Development. The term of the loans will be 3% interest for 10 years because there is property involved. If there is only equipment involved then the length of the loan will be 5 to 7 years depending on the type of equipment. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to grant the loan request from TNT Video and The Hair Connection. All ayes, motion carried. There was some discussion on the remaining balance of the grant.

G. Randy stated that while he is on vacation, from June 12 to June 22, Rick C. will be Mayor Pro-tem.

10. Reports of Committees: □A. Police: Joe stated that the committee had interviewed a young man for Part-time Patrol Officer position. Joe stated that it was the recommendation of the committee to hire him. The Board gave their approval. Joe stated that the new squad car is all equipped and in use; the only thing left is the detailing. Joe had passed around a picture of the new logo for the squad car. The Board approved of it. Joe stated that there would be a handgun qualification county wide on June 22. Chad explained the monthly report for May.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report for this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the committee would like to recommend that the Board give Gary and Chad the ability to make decision on changing certain side street intersection to 4-way stops during the construction on Route 33, if need be. There was some discussion on this matter. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to give Gary and Chad the authority to make changes to side street traffic control. All ayes, motion carried. Gary mentioned that the Bid Letting for the annual maintenance of the Village streets would be June 4th at 10 am.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that everything had already been taken care of earlier in the meeting.

F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Debi for initialing the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for May. Rick asked for a volunteer for the month of June. Joe volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of June. Rick stated that the annual raises for the employees was figured in the Working Budget. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to give a 2% raise across the board for the Village employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Debi, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. There were two other items of business this month. Joe mentioned that the 2004 squad car has been sold as of today. Randy stated that IDOT asked if the Village would put a notice in the paper about having customers of the downtown businesses park off of Main Street during construction hours.

13. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **June 11, 2009 Special Board Meeting**

The Village Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, June 11th, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick  
□Present: Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi  
Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, John  
Stone □Present: (Connor & Connor, Inc.), and Sherry Catt.

1. At 7 pm, the Mayor called the Special Meeting to order.

2. Randy stated that he had received an estimate from the State on the cost of replacing

the street lights and brushed aluminum poles in the business district here in the Village. The estimate was for 14 street lights and poles. The estimate was \$121,765 for the new lights and poles plus an additional cost for temporary lighting of \$52,500.

3. Randy stated that he had contacted a gentleman, from Mattoon, to get an estimate from him. The estimate was around \$67,000. Until the Village gets the approval from state with exact specifications, the Village Board could not get a good quote of cost.

4. Randy stated that Tony had contacted a couple of companies about their prices.

5. There was some discussion on this matter plus the possibly moving the lights from the north side of Main Street to the south side and with some input from John Stone. John stated that Connor & Connor would do the design and send it in for approval if the Village wanted to proceed. Randy asked the Board if they wanted to proceed with design and engineering. Randy also wanted to know what the Board's feeling was on an amount that the Board would say it was no longer feasible. There was some discussion with the Board stating that if the expense for the new lights and poles was between \$60,000 to \$90,000. Tony will be making some calls to get some information on the prices and what Ameren CIPs will want.

6. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, for Connor & Connor to go ahead and draw up the design & engineering. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Debi, with a second by Joe, to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ladora Boyd

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**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 1st, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,  Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton  Present: (Daily News), Vickie Ferguson (Oblong Gem), Mike McReynolds and John Stone (Connor & Connor, Inc.).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 3rd, 2009, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Joe. All ayes, motion carried.
3. The Special Board Meeting minutes of June 11th, 2009, were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Rick H. All ayes, motion carried.
4. There was one deletion to the agenda this month. Connor & Connor, Inc. did not have any bills for the Village on the Rt. 33 Water Line Relocation Project.
5. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mr. McReynolds came before the Board to ask for an extension on his late water bill until July 2nd. The Board granted Mr. McReynolds request.
6. John Stone (Connor & Connor, Inc.) came before the Board to give an update of the changing of the light poles in the downtown area. If the Board decides to go with 30 ft poles, IDOT requires that the Village put up 17 or 18 light poles. If the Board decides to go with 40 ft poles, IDOT requires that the Village put up 13 or 14 light poles. The cost of the poles, light arms and lights is \$5,000 to \$6,000 each. John stated that IDOT does not require the conduit to be trenched under the sidewalks, but will need to be bored under the intersections. IDOT told John that the Village will not need to put the project up for bids. The Village will need to submit a utility permit application along with a design (diagram). John stated that he had given the spec list to Tony. There was some decision on this issue. The Board decided to go with the 40ft light poles. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to have Connor & Connor, Inc. go ahead and submit the utility permit application and design. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Randy stated that he felt the Village attorney should look over Ordinance #2009-O-522 "An Ordinance Adopting Certain Procedures Regarding Dangerous and Unsafe Buildings and Authorizing the Village Enforcement Officer to Enforce Such Procedures", before the Board considers adopting it. The Board agreed with Randy and tabled the Ordinance until the Village Attorney looks it over. Randy asked for a couple of the Trustees to volunteer to meet with him and the Village Attorney. Tony and Rick H. volunteered.
8. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to accept the MFT Bid for the Chip and Seal of several streets in the Village for \$41,942.30. All ayes, motion carried.
9. Randy stated that the property at 505 South Adams has been purchased and the new owner has started the clean-up and has the garage torn down. The surrounding neighbors are pleased with the progress.
10. Under Mayor's Comments:  A. Randy stated that the Village had received a "Thank

you” card from the family of Larry Fear for the funeral arrangement.

B. Randy mentioned that the new picture on the south wall of the Farley Room was donated by Jan Miller and her Family. The picture is an eagle flying in front of the American Flag.

11. Reports of Committees: □A. Police: Joe stated that Chad will be on vacation until July 12th. Joe stated that the new squad has the detailing done and is in full service now. Chad mentioned that there is a banquet in conjunction with the Click or Ticket it Campaign on July 17th in Springfield. The Village place 3rd in their group size. Chad stated that there is a training session on July 29th for School Violation in Mattoon.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the committee will be having a meeting on July 7th at 4:30 pm.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that everything had been taken care of earlier in the meeting so he has nothing else to report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that everything had been taken care of earlier in the meeting so he has nothing else to report for this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee will be having a meeting following the Building/Park Meeting on July 7th. The committee would like to recommend that the Village hire a Part-Time Employee in the Public Works Department , from the existing application already on file with Village Clerk, for the time frame of construction on Route 33. The Board agreed with the request.

F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Joe for initialing the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for June. Rick asked for a volunteer for the month of July. Rick H. volunteered to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of July.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

13. There was one other item of business this month. Gary stated that he wanted to update the Board on what the Chamber of Commerce is talking about for the Fall Follies this year. The Chamber is thinking of have the first 3 blocks of South Range for the vendors and people that normally set-up on Main Street. Gary also mentioned that the Village should still send in requests for the Homecoming Parade and Halloween Parade for this year even though the request will probably be denied due to the construction on Route 33.

14. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 5th, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick  
□Present: Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton □Present: (Daily News) and Vickie Ferguson (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 1st, 2009, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one deletion to the agenda this month. Connor & Connor, Inc. did not have any bills for the Village on the Rt. 33 Water Line Relocation Project.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that Brian Bradbury had met with the Finance Committee at 6 pm this evening to go over the Audit for Fiscal Year 2009. The Village had a clean audit report. The Village's finances are very sound.
6. Randy stated that he had talked to John Stone of Connor & Connor, Inc. about the permit for the uptown street lights. John stated that he is still waiting on some specs from State to finish the permit application for the Village. John also told Randy that there is another company wanting to give the Village a quote on the 14 uptown street lights.
7. Randy stated that Ordinance #2009-O-522 "An Ordinance Adopting Certain Procedures Regarding Dangerous and Unsafe Buildings and Authorizing the Village Enforcement Officer to Enforce Such Procedures", was still at the Village Attorney's

office.

8. Motion by Joe, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #2009-R-5 "Homecoming Parade Permit" for September 11th, 2009. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2009-R-6 "Halloween Parade Permit" for October 31st, 2009. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. Under Mayor's Comments: □A. Randy stated that Keiffer Brothers has been working right along, even with the rains, on the Rt 33 project. Randy stated that he had not heard many complaints from the citizens yet.

B. Randy stated that there needs to be a member of the Board on the Tourism Advisory Board. Debi volunteered to be on the Tourism Advisory Board. The other members are Sherry Catt and Keith Waldrop.

11. Reports of Committees: □A. Police: Joe stated that Chad will be having training on October 27th - 28th on Street Survival in Urbana. Joe stated that the department is going to try for a grant from U of I. The grant will be used to replace some old equipment, if received. Joe stated that Chad had qualification with the rifle today and that there has been a DUI task force last Saturday. Chad stated that there would be a few more before September.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony asked Gary if the chip and seal would be done this month? Gary stated that it would probably be September. Tony stated that the catch boxes on East Illinois is finished except the black top and cleaning up people's yards. Gary stated that there had been 8 street signs damaged.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee had a meeting on July 7th to review an application to have the Public Works Department join the Illinois Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network. This would be a mutual aid agreement. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to join the Illinois Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

F. Finance: Randy asked for a volunteer for the month of August. Ken volunteered to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of August. Jan stated that she had sent the Annual Treasurer's Report to the Gem to be published.

12. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list

and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

13. There was one other item of business this month. Debi asked about the Revolving Loan Fund. Randy stated that there had been 2 loans. Debi asked about the amount left to be loaned. Randy stated that there was about \$80,000 left to be loaned out.

14. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,  Present: Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton  Present: (Daily News), Vickie Ferguson (Oblong Gem), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.) and Rhonda Morris.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 5th, 2009, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Ken. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Connor & Connor, Inc. had some bills for the Village on the Rt. 33 Water Line Relocation Project.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Rhonda Morris came before the Board to ask for a two week extension on her water bill. The Board granted her request.
5. Shannon came to update the Board on the progress of the Rt. 33 Water Line

Relocation Project. He stated that there was about a 4 page Punch List of things the contractor would need to do before the retainage can be paid. Shannon stated that on the Punch List there are five or so items that could be done now and the rest Shannon suggested be done after the Rt. 33 road project is finished. There was some discussion on this issue. Shannon presented bills to be paid for the work already completed. Pay Estimate #7 to Munson construction in the amount of \$30,513.49 and pay to Connor & Connor, Inc. in the amount of \$7,785.23 (Project Management \$6,200.00; June Inspection \$1,256.43; August Inspection \$237.24; June Right-of-Way \$91.56).

Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick C., to pay Connor & Connor, Inc. \$7,785.23 and approve Pay Estimate #7 to Munson Construction \$30,513.49 less \$4,000.00, which will be due and payable upon completion of Preliminary Punch List. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

This will leave a retainage of \$8,000, which will be due upon completion of the Final Punch List. Shannon stated that he will be sending in a request to Ken Grove of Illinois Department of Transportation for the State's portion of the project, which is in the amount of \$63,088.11.

Shannon stated that he had received the paperwork for the final report for the grant, that the Village received to help with the project. He stated that he would have the paperwork ready for the October Board Meeting and that there would need to be a public hearing scheduled for 6:45 pm before the October meeting.

6. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2009-O-522 "Tax Levy". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

7. Tony stated that there is a company that is wanting to give the Village a price on two different designs of concrete light poles and the cobra light fixtures. Randy stated that by next month's Board Meeting there will be enough information for the Board to vote on what type of poles for the downtown area.

8. Under Mayor's Comments:  A. Randy stated that the Village's Motor Fuel Tax Fund's 2008 Audit had been completed by the state.

B. Randy stated that the Shriners have requested to use the 4-way stop either on September 12th or 19th to pass out their hospital paper. The Board granted the request.

C. Randy stated that he had received a letter from Illinois Municipal League stating that the Village had been awarded a Risk Management Association Safety Award for 2008.

D. Randy mentioned that Fall Clean-Up will be October 22nd, (Bagged, Bundled or Boxed plus one appliance per paid household; no car parts). Also WTW Salvage has asked to come in and pick up scrap metal, old appliances, televisions and computers.

There will be a charge for televisions (small \$3 – medium \$5 – large \$8 – Big Screen \$10). The Board set the date for WTW Salvage to be October 21st.

E. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from IDOT denying the parade permits due to the construction on Rt. 33. □ Gary stated that the Band Boosters were working on a marching band only parade for judging purposes only during the Band Fest on October 31st. The Board will be given a more detailed route at the next Board Meeting. □ Chad stated that the Homecoming Parade will start at the High School go north down South Range Street to Missouri turn west and go towards the Elementary School this year with the Board's permission. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to allow the Homecoming Parade to use the above streets for the parade this year. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

F. Randy read a letter sent to the Village from MediaCom stating that the TV Guide will be on channel 291 and will not include a scrolling program guide.

G. Randy stated that there will be an Emergency Service Expo on September 26 with lives demonstrations on the Midway out at the Park. This will be along with the Oldies in the Park & Fireworks that evening.

9. Reports of Committees: □ A. Police: Joe stated that the department had applied for a \$20,200 Federal grant for updating equipment in the squad cars. The department should hear if we received the grant by the end of the month.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the committee and Gary had come up with a policy for Landscaping, Construction or Renovation in the Oblong Park for memory of someone. Motion by Debi, with a second by Tony, to adopt the policy as printed. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that he had nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony asked Gary if the chip and seal would be done this month? Gary stated that it would be this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that Gary and Travis would like permission to attend a International Construction Utility Expo seminar on October 6th & 7th, in Louisville, Kentucky. The Board granted the request. Ken mentioned that the IRWA will be having a monthly training session here at Oblong on September 17th.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that Jan and Ladora would like permission to attend the quarterly SECICTA meeting in Altamont on September 9th. The Board granted the request. Rick thanked Ken for initialing the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of August. Rick volunteered to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the

month of September.

10. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. There was one other item of business this month. Debi stated that the Tourism Committee had a meeting to look at a request from the Chamber of Commerce asking for \$1200.00 for help with this year's Fall Follies. The committee recommends that the Chamber of Commerce receive \$600.00 towards the Fall Follies this year. The Board was in agreement with the recommendation.

12. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 7th, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton Present: (Daily News), Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.) and Atta Shahid.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 2nd, 2009, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Debi. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that Dan Elkan (whose company is a preferred developer for Dollar General in Illinois) was planning on attending the Board Meeting tonight, but had an out-

of-state meeting he needed to attend, so he e-mailed what the company has planned and requirements needed from the Village. Dan's Company is planning to build a 9100 square foot store. They expect sales should be 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars annually with gradual increases each year. The cost of the project is approximately \$850,000. They have already received the approval from Dollar General's real estate department and have gone under contract with the Goodwins (property owners) for some property on the west side of town, which will be the future site. They hope to have the store open by June 1st, 2010. There are three (3) hurdles to overcome before starting. The hurdles are as follows: 1. Water and Sewer lines to the site; 2. TIF district set up for the development; and 3. Annexation of the ground into the Village limits. These hurdles are the Village responsibility. When the three (3) hurdles have been accomplished then they will start the construction.

Tony stated that there was a gentleman from DMI coming Monday, October 12th, to see if it will be feasible to get the TIF district.

There was some discussion on this matter. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to proceed with getting the three (3) hurdles taken care of. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Randy stated that he had received a letter from the Oblong Chamber of Commerce requesting additional street closing on South Range Street from Indiana Street to East Kentucky Street on October 31st for additional vendor spaces during Fall Follies. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to allow additional street closing on South Range Street from Indiana Street to East Kentucky Street for October 31st. All ayes, motion carried.

There was some discussion on the Marching Band Competition route. Gary stated that he was told that the bands would come up South Adams Street to West Tennessee Street to South Range Street and back to the High School. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to close South Range Street from West Tennessee Street to East Florida Street for the Marching Band Competition on October 31st. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Shannon came to update the Board to request payment for Pay Estimate #8 to Munson construction in the amount of \$7,500 and the remaining \$4,000 from Pay Estimate #7. □ Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to pay PE #7 and #8 to Munson Construction \$11,500. All ayes, motion carried.

This will leave a retainage of \$500, which will be paid upon completion of the Route 33 Water/Sewer Line Relocation Project.

8. Rick H. stated that there was a meeting with a gentleman from a company that has concrete light poles similar to the current light poles in the Business District of Oblong. The pole height would be 35 ft. The estimated total for the fourteen (14) lights for the Business District is \$84,000. The state estimate was \$122,000. If the Village Board

decides to go with aluminum poles, it would be about \$15,000 less. There was some discussion on this issue before any action was taken.

Motion by Ken, with a second by Joe, to go ahead and get all the information for what the Village will want for the speaker system and banners/snowflakes attachments for a more accurate price for the light poles in the Business District. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Rick C. opened the bids for the three (3) trucks that were for sale by the Village. They are as follows:

1978 Chevrolet  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton 4x4 pickup - one (1) bid of \$400 from Lloyd Tracy

1987 Dodge Ram 350 with 10 ft dump bed - three (3) bids of \$3,750 from William J. Roberts – \$1,726 from Clell Fry – \$400 from Lloyd Tracy

1997 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup - one (1) bid of \$400 from Lloyd Tracy

Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to accept the bid of \$3,750 for the 1987 Dodge Ram 350 Dump Truck from William J. Roberts. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to accept the bids of \$400 each for the 1978 Chevrolet  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pickup and 1997 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup from Lloyd Tracy. All ayes, motion carried.

10. There was some discussion on what day to set as Trick or Treat night in Oblong. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., to set Trick or Treat night in Oblong for October 29th, from 5 pm to 8 pm and only to houses with their front door/porch light on. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy stated that on October 21st WTW Salvage will be picking up scrap metal, old appliances, computers and televisions (there will be a charge of small \$3 – medium \$5 – large \$8 – Big Screen \$10). The Fall Clean-Up with Veolia will be on October 22nd.

12. Reports of Committees: □A. Police: Joe read the monthly report. Joe mentioned that the Police Department will be receiving a grant from Wal\*Mart in the amount of \$1,000. Joe mentioned that Chad will be attending a Street Survival training session on October 27th and 28th, in Champaign/Urbana. Joe stated that there will be some kids from the High School doing job shadowing for about 4 hours a day. Chad is hoping that it will only be with him. Joe stated that there needed to be a change made in the operational manual of the police department, which he read during the meeting. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to put in the OPD Operational Manual the following statement:

2.10.0 Use of Seat Belts and Prisoner Transport

All officers and persons that ride in a Village of Oblong Police vehicle must wear a safety seatbelt unless circumstances prevent the use of a seatbelt or other circumstances are present.

All prisoners and/or persons that are being transported in the back seat of Village of Oblong Police vehicle shall be securely fastened in a safety seatbelt. This shall not be the case in which circumstances prevent such action from being taken.

All officers that violates these rules will be subject to the following disciplinary action: □1. First Violation will result in a verbal warning. □2. Second Violation will result in a written reprimand. □3. Third Violation can result in a suspension. □4. More than three reprimands can result in action by the Village Board. □All ayes, motion carried. □Still waiting to hear wether the department has received a grant for \$22,000 that Chad has applied for.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the Metal Meet will be October 13th through the 19th. This year the Metal Meet group is planning on donating to the Playground Equipment Fund. Debi mentioned that there have been some vandalism in the park, so, the committee felt that the police will have to start enforcing the 10 pm closure of the park by first giving warnings and then if repeat offenders they will get ticketed.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing else to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the chip and seal has been completed. Tony mentioned that the Contractor for IDOT have been and will be closing streets as needed for construction.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee met before the Board Meeting to discuss enhancing the existing water line north and east of Oblong. This would give the existing water customers in this area better water pressure. The line would start at 1200N go east to 450E North to 1350N west to 300N. The line would either be a 4" or 6" line. The cost would be between \$60,000 to \$75,000. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to install jump over lines north and east of Oblong to enhance the existing line. All ayes, motion carried. The Village could possibly pick-up some new customers. The Public Works employees are planning to do the majority of the installation work. The employees will not do any boring or trenching work.

F. Finance: Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of October. Rick H. volunteered for the month of October.

13. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

14. There was one other item of business this month. Debi stated about the Skateboard Park and the weed growth.. She wanted to know who was to maintain the grass on the inside of the fence. Randy stated that he would contact Dave Hasty about the situation.

15. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 4th, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton

Present: (Daily News), Freddie Clark, Mike McReynolds, Joan Knollenberg (DAR Representative), Nick Hinterscher and Eric White (Development & Municipal Initiatives, LLC).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 7th, 2009, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Joe. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month.

Mike McReynolds asked for an extension on his water bill until Friday, November 6th. The Board granted his request.

Freddie Clark asked for an extension on his water bill until Thursday, November 12th. The Board granted his request.

5. Joan Knollenberg came before the Board asking that the mayor sign a Proclamation for National American Indian Heritage Month, which is the month of November. She is the chairperson for the American Indian Committee for the local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Chapter. She gave a brief history of how this proclamation for the National American Indian Heritage month came about.

6. Nick Hinterscher came before the Board to request an extension of tavern hours with last call at 12:30 am and everybody out at 1 am for Floyd's only on Wednesday, November 25th, before Thanksgiving. There was some discussion on this before the Board made their decision. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick H., to allow the extension. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Before the Board voted on the two resolutions and one ordinance, Tony asked Eric White, from Development & Municipal Initiatives, LLC, to explain what the resolutions and ordinance were for and answer any questions that the Board may have. He stated that until they do the feasibility study they can not say whether or not the Village will be able to have the property put in a TIF.

8. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2009-R-7 "A Resolution Providing for a Feasibility Study on the Designation of Areas as Redevelopment Project Areas". All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #2009-R-8 "Agreement for Technical Services and Assistance: Tax Increment Financing–Village of Oblong". All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adopt Ordinance #2009-O-523 "An Ordinance of the Village of Oblong, Illinois, Authorizing the Establishment of Tax Increment Financing 'Interested Parties' Registries and Adopting Registration Rules for These Registries". All ayes, motion carried.

11. Eric talked about the possibility the Village would want to develop a Business District and how it would benefit the Village. There was discussion on this issue. It was decided that before the Board decided to develop a Business District the Board would hold a public meeting to explain how the Business District works.

12. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that he felt that the Fall Follies went pretty good without the parade this year, but hopes there will be big crowds next year when the construction work on Route 33 hopefully is done and the Village can have the parade again.

B. Randy stated that with the Board's permission he would like to form a Development Committee. The Board approved. Randy asked for three volunteers for the Development Committee. Tony, Rick H. and Rick C. volunteered for the committee. Tony stated that he was willing to be the chairperson of the committee.

C. Randy stated that there was already a water service in the area where Dollar General is planning on building but no sewer service. There were three options on how the Village could supply sewer utilities to the site. Option 1 – Septic System with a leach field for \$11,000 – \$15,000; Option 2 – Simple Site Lift Station with 2" line for Single pump \$19,000 – \$21,000 or Duplex (Two) pump \$24,000 – \$26,000; or Option 3 – Municipal (Commercial) Pump Station – in excess of \$100,000. There was some discussion on which option to go with. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to go with option 2 with the duplex pump system and move forward with the feasibility study. All ayes,

motion carried.

### 13. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report. Joe mentioned that the Police Department had received a grant from Wal\*Mart in the amount of \$1,000. Joe mentioned that Chad had Low Light Shout tonight and had qualified. Joe stated that there would be a training session on Handling Deadly Force which Chad, Dan Cheadle and Brian Cox will be attending on November 16th in Mattoon. Joe stated that Brian Cox had completed his part-time training so he will be working more hours now.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the committee met at 6:15 pm tonight before the Board meeting. At the meeting they talked about what the Playground Committee wanted to do in the second phase for new playground equipment. The cost of the pieces the Playground Equipment Committee had picked is \$47,000. They have sent in an application to the Mary Heath Foundation for some funding towards the second phase. Debi stated that Gary is working on the lights out at the park. Debi stated that there has been some problems with water leaking into the municipal building when it rains. The affected areas are the Mayor's Office, Public Works Office and midway on the north wall of the Activity Center go towards the east wall. The committee wants to have someone come in and inspect the building and see if the problem can be solved. Rick C. stated that he would try to get a name of a building inspector that the bank used in Vincennes and give it to Gary.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that there is another distributor on the concrete light poles for the downtown area that may be a little less expensive. Joe stated that he had talked to a gentleman about the speaker system for the downtown area. Joe stated the gentleman had talked to the pole company and found out that there would be no problem with the mounting brackets on the poles for the speakers. Joe stated that he and Gary had done some measuring. The price for the speaker system , which includes 7 all weather speakers, 2 wireless mikes & all the specifics for a 70 volt system, would be between \$8,000 and \$10,000. There was some discussion about having wireless speakers also. Joe stated that he would get back in touch with the gentleman and get specifics and pricing for next month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report this month. Gary stated that he would like to commend Keiffer Bros. on the job they have been doing on the Route 33 Project.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the Village had received the legal description and he is now going around getting easement signatures. He stated that all but one property owner lives locally. He stated that once he has all the signatures he will take the paperwork to Shannon at Connor & Connor Inc. so that they can start on the paperwork to get the Village's permits from the State for the jump over water line north and east that was discussion at last month's meeting.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the Board would need to set Christmas Bonuses for the Employees at this meeting because the first pay in December is the week of the Board

meeting. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to give \$115 to the full-time employees and \$85 to the part-time employees for their Christmas Bonuses. All ayes, motion carried.

Rick C. thanked Rick H. for initialing the bills and adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of October. Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of November. Joe volunteered for the month of November. Rick stated that there are some interested parties in the Revolving Loan Fund. Randy stated that he would bring some guidelines to the next meeting to be approved.

14. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

15. There were no other items of business this month.

16. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella,

Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton

Present: (Daily News), Nick Hinterscher and Steve Myers.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 4th, 2009, with the changing of the name of the TIF Committee to Development Committee were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Randy added to the Reports of Committees letter "G" for the Development Committee.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Nick Hinterscher came before the Board to request an extension of tavern hours with last call at 1 am and everybody out at 1:30 am for New Year's Eve. Nick stated that he would make a donation of \$30 towards the cost of an extra officer on duty to offset the cost. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to allow the extension. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom. The letter stated that there will be some changes to the local cable television lineup effective on or about December 14th, 2009.

B. Randy stated that the Christmas lights and decorations out at the Park look nice and he wanted to commend the Christmas at the Park group for a good job.

7. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for November. Joe mentioned that Chad had several felony arrests in November. No training this month. The department is still participating in the Click or Ticket Campaign.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the committee had a meeting earlier this evening to discuss the leaks in the municipal building. Gary met with the building inspector who found one of the problems, which is that there is moisture under the flashing. The flashing and seal will need to be replaced, this will probably not be done until next spring due to the weather.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that there are more sidewalks than there was last month. He stated that the construction work on Route 33 is progressing right along. Rick mentioned that the complete specs for the new street lights has not been received yet. Rick said that the specs should be in soon so that the Village can get the poles ordered. Joe stated that he had contacted the gentleman about going wireless instead of the wired speaker systems. Joe stated that it would be cheaper to go wireless, but the speakers would be horn instead of box. The cost of the wireless system is around \$9,000. There was some discussion on the speaker system. Joe stated that the Chamber of Commerce is willing to give a donation towards the cost of the speaker system.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report this month. Tony mentioned that if it snows, would need to make sure that people did not park on the street so it would be easier to plow.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had received all the right of ways from the property owners and had taken them over to Shannon at Connor & Connor. Randy stated that he had signed off on some letters, to start on the next step, today. Ken mentioned that there will be a Census Informational Meeting at the Village Hall on December 7th, at 12 pm (Noon).

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that Jan and Ladora would like to attend the SECICTA Meeting on December 10th, in Charleston. The topic is the new FOIA rules. The Board

granted the request. Rick C. thanked Joe for initialing the bills and adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of November. Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of December. Debi volunteered for the month of December. Rick stated that there are two applications pending for the Revolving Loan Fund.

G. Development: Tony stated that he had talked to Eric White (DMI), the people that are working on the TIF project. There has been a representative from DMI in town getting information from Jan and property information from the county. Letters to notify the taxing districts have been mailed out. The interested parties registry will be published in the newspaper pretty soon. Eric stated that he will need to meet with the committee in the near future to discussion the feasibility study. Randy stated that he had been in contact with Pat Boehler, from Westmore Equities. They needed the Village to send a letter stating that the Village will provide water and sewer to the Dollar General property. Randy stated that he had Ladora type up a letter and had signed it. He wants Gary to look it over and then will mail it out.

8. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

9. There was some other items of business this month.

A. The first item was Steve Myers speaking to the Board about an elderly woman being mauled to death by a pit bull in Flora. He wanted to know what the ordinances/laws that the Village had to prevent this from happening here in Oblong. There was some discussion on this matter. There was a suggestion made that Randy speak with the Village Attorney to see if there are more laws/ ordinances the Village could put into effect.

B. Tom Compton stated that he had been to a training session on the new FOIA rules. He said he would be will to answer questions that the Board might have on this subject.

C. The second item was the addition of Ken to the Development Committee. Randy appointed Ken to the committee with the approval of the Board.

10. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday,**

## **January 6th, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.**

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe □Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom □Compton (Daily News), Dean Myers, Tom Haley, Tim Attaway, Alexis Houser (American Legion District Commander) and Dan Houser (from the American Legion).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 2nd, 2009, with the removal of Ken from the Development Committee, because with Ken on the committee it would make a quorum, approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Dan and Alexis Houser, from the American Legion, came to the Board meeting to make a few presentations from the American Legion Illinois State Office. Alexis stated that the State Commander, Bill Flannigan, was planning to come and make the presentations, but something came up. The first presentation was to the Village of Oblong for their support of the remembrance of the community's veterans. The second presentation was to Tim Attaway for allowing the display of crosses on the lawn at the funeral home for the community's veterans on Veteran's Day. The third presentation was to Tom Haley for his work on the display of the crosses for each veteran of the community. Tom said that if it was not for the veterans, we would not be doing this. Randy stated that every American should be thankful for our nation's veterans.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Dean Myers came before the Board to ask permission to use the Oblong Park for a Bluegrass Festival. The dates that he would like to use the park are May 24th thru 30th, and August 23rd thru 29th, of this year. The Board granted his request for the use of the park. Mr. Myers stated that everyone was invited to come out and join in or just sit and listen to the music. The Board let Mr. Myers know that there is to be no alcohol in the park.  
  
There was some discussion about camping fee discounts for groups due events out at the park. It was stated that no group had ever asked for a discount. The consensus is that the camping fee is lower than most of the surrounding campground fees.
6. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy stated that the Board needed to pass the 2010 Investment Policy. This is an annual requirement for the Village. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to adopt the 2010 Investment Policy. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony. Motion carried.
7. Reports of Committees: □A. Police: Joe read the year-ending report for 2009. Joe mentioned that Chad had solved three businesses break-ins and there was a press

release on this. Joe stated that Chad also has a forfeiture vehicle and will be applying for a title to the vehicle so that it can be sold. Joe stated that Chad had Criminal Patrol training this month on 19th and 20th in Mattoon.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had talked to John Stone (Connor & Connor, Inc.) Rick mentioned that the complete specs for the new street lights, in the downtown area, have been received and that John had received a quote from Mr. Biggs in Mattoon. The quote is right at \$27,000, which is about \$20,000 less than the quote from the company in Missouri which was around \$46,000. Rick stated that before having the Board vote to go ahead and place the order, he wants to wait until everything is in writing. He hopes to have it all ready for the next Board meeting (February 3rd) to be voted on.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report this month, except that the street department is ready for the incoming snow.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that Gary wants permission for all the Public Works employees except Dale and Byron to attend the Julie Excavation Safety training on 28th of this month in Olney; and Travis and Gary to attend the annual IRWA Expo Conference on February 17th, 18th and 19th in Effingham. The Board granted the requests by Gary. Ken stated that Gary, Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor) and himself met with three representatives from EJ Water to go over some concerns that the committee had and to show the plans to EJ. EJ seemed real receptive to the plans. EJ would like to have a list of new costumers that might hook onto Oblong Water. Ken stated that the Village has received the construction permit from Illinois EPA for the water loop project north and east of Oblong. Ken mentioned that he had spoke with Frank Weber, Village Attorney, about some questions Gary had about going ahead and purchasing the equipment and supplies for this project.

F. Finance: Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of January. Tony volunteered for the month of January. Rick C. thanked Debi for initialing the bills and adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of December. Rick stated that he had received an e-mail from Jan that there have been some issues come up with the computers in the office. The computers were purchased in March of 2004. John from Kemper Technology gave quotes for two new computers with software for \$1,065 each, which is about \$15 higher than the price of the existing computers when they were bought. Rick stated that the purchase of new computers was not in the administration budget, but since the issues have come up; he felt that it would probably be a good idea to go ahead and order the computers. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to purchase two new computers for Jan and Ladora. All ayes, motion carried.

G. Development: Tony stated that the Board needed to pass the inducement resolution. Tony stated that this resolution does not tie the Village to anything. Motion by Tony, with

a second by Rick H., to adopt Resolution #2010-R-1 "Inducement Resolution". Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony. Motion carried. Tony mentioned that the committee will be meeting with DMI on January 20th at 5 pm.

8. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

9. There was one other item of business this month. Gary mentioned that people can call and set out their live Christmas trees for pick-up by the Public Works Department.

10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

**The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.**

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Rick Present: Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Joe Campanella.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Present: Compton (Daily News), Mark Noonan (Development & Municipal Initiatives) and Jessi Duzan (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 6th, 2010, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Tony. Ayes: Rick C., Rick H., Ken, Tony. Motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Mark Noonan, from DMI, came to the meeting to go over the Redevelopment Plan & Project for Oblong TIF#2. Mark brought several copies of the Redevelopment Plan & Project booklets. He talked about the Eligibility Study requirements that needed to be met. DMI looked at 109 properties of those properties 85% of them are over 35 years old; 77% of the parcels and 39% of the buildings exhibit deterioration; 50% of the parcels

demonstrate excessive land coverage; 100% of the Area suffers from inadequate utilities and lack of community planning; also 100% of the undeveloped parcels are adjacent to deteriorated parcels. The Undeveloped Area has grown at a rate less than that of the remainder of the Village for three of the last five years. The Board felt that there needed to be two more businesses added into the TIF boundaries. These businesses are in the second and third blocks of East Main Street.

Randy stated that the Board needed to approve the Oblong TIF #2 Redevelopment Plan and Project and send copies of the Plan to the affected Taxing Districts with the changes to the boundaries that were discussed.

Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to approve the Oblong TIF #2 Redevelopment Plan and Project with changes to the TIF #2 boundaries that were discussed. Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to approve sending copies of the Plan to the affected Taxing Districts. Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to adopt Resolution #2010-R-3 "Establishing Wednesday, March 24, 2010, as the Public Hearing Date for Village Board Consideration of the Oblong TIF #2 Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project and Redevelopment Area within the Village of Oblong, Illinois". Five ayes, motion carried.

There will be a meeting of the Joint Review Board on February 24, at 4 pm in the Activity Room. There will also be a Public Hearing meeting on March 24, at 7 pm for all interested parties.

6. The Board granted the Labor Local #1197 permission to use the 4-way stop on May 1st from 9 am to 12 pm (noon) to collect donations for the TLC of Southern & Central IL, Inc.

7. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Resolution #2010-R-2 "A Resolution to Designate February as Spay/Neuter Month". Ayes: Rick C., Rick H., Ken, Tony. Motion carried.

8. Under Mayor's Comments: □ 1. Randy stated that the Antique Tractor & Engine Club would like to use the Park on August 13, 14 and 15 for their annual show. The Board granted the request.

2. Randy stated that there are only three months left of this fiscal year, so the department heads need to start working on their budget for the next fiscal year.

3. Randy stated that he had received a letter and a call from the Crawford County Spay/Neuter Foundation. They are asking for a donation of \$500 to help defray the cost of the spaying/neutering. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to give the Crawford County Spay/Neuter Foundation a donation of \$500. Five ayes, motion carried.

4. Randy read a "Thank You" card from Sgt. Dan Cheadle for the bench given to him in memory of his mother.

9. Reports of Committees: □ A. Police: Tony stated that the Oblong Police Department

had received recognition for the memorial to Chief Jack Fancil, who was killed in the line of duty on June 1st, 1970, from the International Police Association. Chad stated that there needs to be a change in section 12.06.01 of the Police Policy & Procedure Manual. The change to the section reads as follows: When it is determined by a police officer that a vehicle is to be towed for any reason, the officer will document the tow by first obtaining a case number, or using an existing case number that was previously obtained by that same officer or any other officer. The officer will then conduct a thorough vehicle inventory search of the vehicle being towed. The officer will also complete a tow report form, which will reflect items located inside such vehicle. Copies of the tow report form will be given to the tow operator and the person in possession of the vehicle at the time of the tow. The original tow report form will be filled at the Oblong Police Department. If a tow is required at the scene of an automobile accident, and the person(s) involved in the accident makes arrangements for a tow service, and as long as the person(s) involved in the vehicle are still present at the scene of the accident when the vehicle(s) are being towed, a tow report form will not be required. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adopt the wording change in section 12.06.01 of the Police Policy & Procedure Manual. Five ayes, motion carried.

Tony read the monthly report for January. Chad stated that there will be some training this month.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the lights around the walking path are being worked on by the Public Works Employees. The committee is looking into the possibility of purchasing new light fixtures for next fiscal year's budgeting.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the application for the new street lights and poles has been sent to IDOT for their approval. Rick stated that once the Village receives the approval, the lights and poles needs to be ordered, if the concrete price is around the \$27,000 amount. Rick stated that there needs to be a motion to give Randy and him the authority to go ahead with the ordering. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to have Randy and Rick H. to go ahead and order the new street lights and poles upon the approval of the application to IDOT. Five ayes, motion carried.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that Gary wants permission to attend an Informational/Customer Appreciation Meeting hosted by Ambraw Asphalt on February 9th. The Board granted Gary's request

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee met before the Board meeting to discuss some changes with the tap-on fees to \$500 across the board and that the customer will need to pay a permit fee if the tap-on is along Route 33. They also discussed changing the size of the pipes for the Northeast Water loop from 6" to 4" with approval. Ken stated that the Village had received a letter from the Robinson-Palestine Water Commission stating that the water rates are being increased effective on April 20, 2010. The committee feels that the Village should not raise the water rates for the Village's customer until it becomes necessary to do so.

F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Tony for initialing the bills and adjustment to customer

accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of January. Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of February. Ken volunteered for the month of February. Jan mentioned that she had called Kemper CPA about the audit which will be either the third or fourth week of May.

G. Development: Tony stated that the committee had been working with Mark Noonan, from DMI, on the TIF #2 plan and project. The committee is also working on the annexation of some properties into the Village limits. Randy stated that he has been in contact with the developers. The developers are waiting for the Village to meet the stipulations before setting a start date.

10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. There were no other items of business this month.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe

Present: Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom

Present: Compton (Daily News), Mike McReynolds and Jessi Duzan (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, were approved with a motion by Ken and a second by Joe. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mike

McReynolds  asked if he could make payments on his water bill. He stated that they had had a  water leak which caused the bill to be higher than normal. The Board granted his  request.

5. Under Mayor's Comments: □ 1. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom regarding the annual customer service report. He stated that the report will be on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office if any of the trustees want to see it.

2. Randy stated that the Village had received another letter from MediaCom regarding the expansion of their broadband services to this area.

3. Randy stated that the Village had received a Thank You letter from the Crawford County Spay/Neuter Foundation for the Village's donation. Randy stated that the foundation has already started setting traps.

4. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Casey's General Store regarding the possibility of getting a Beer/Wine Sales liquor license. The Board has not changed their minds about issuing any more liquor license. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to deny Casey's request and send them a letter to inform them of the Board decision. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Randy stated that the Revolving Loan Committee had met last month and have approved and recommend that the Village get Todd Allen a loan in the amount of \$25,000 for equipment, in the businesses he is buying, from the Oblong Revolving Loan Fund. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to ratify the committee's recommendation to loan \$25,000 to Todd Allen for equipment from the Oblong Revolving Loan Fund. All ayes, motion carried. □ There was some discussion on how much longer the Village had before the USDA grant period expires and in the future, possibly limiting how much will be loaned out per application. The original end date for the grant from USDA is June, 2010; but Randy stated that with the above loan the Village may be able to get an extension. There is a recommendation that the Revolving Loan Committee look into possibly limiting the total amount loan to an applicant.

6. Randy mentioned that the Spring Clean-Up with Veolia will be April 29th. He also mentioned that WTW Salvage wants to collect the items that they have in the past. No set date as of the Board meeting, but hoping that April 30th will work for them. Randy asked that the Board consider possibility having a dumpster brought in after Spring Clean-up for those who are not Veolia customers to use for a month or so. Randy stated that after giving the citizen this amount of time then any trash/junk seen; the Police department will send the property owners tickets for ordinance violations.

6. Reports of Committees: □ A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for February. Joe stated that Chad has written a rough draft of an ordinance on the use of Golf Carts and other low speed vehicle on Village streets. The committee will have a meeting sometime this month to go over the draft ordinance and then hopefully bring it to the Board for a vote next Board Meeting.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that Rick H. is getting quotes on new guttering and flashing for the Municipal Building and Gary is getting quotes for new lights out at the park. Debi stated that the above items are being put into next fiscal's budget.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that Kieffer Bros. has started asking about the new wiring for the new street lights. Rick stated that there has been some issue that

needs to be ironed out before state will approve.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that Kieffer Bros. have started working on the Route 33 Project again while the weather is cooperating. Gary stated that the department is working on the potholes, but it is slow going because the patching material needs to be heated before being used. Gary asked Randy to give Veolia a call and have the drivers stay more to the center of the street for now due to the softness of the street edges.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that with the change in pipe size from 6" to 4" for the Northeast Water Loop Project. The Village had to resubmit the request for a permit from EPA. The permit has not been issued yet.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the committee will meet on March 29th at 3 pm to go over the budget figure with the department head. Rick C. thanked Ken for initialing the bills and adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of February. Rick C. asked for a volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of March. Rick H. volunteered for the month of March.

G. Development: Tony stated that everything is going as expected. The Joint Review Board Committee Set-up meeting was February 24th at 4 pm. The committee minutes are in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office for anyone to see. Tony stated that there will be a Public Hearing meeting on March 24th at 7 pm. Randy stated that he had spoke with Frank Weber about getting the annexation paper ready for the next board meeting. Randy stated that the Village will need to vote on the annexation and then adopt the TIF #2 plans. Randy mentioned that the site plans for Dollar General need to be given to Connor & Connor, so they can start working on the water and sewer lines design.

7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

8. There were no other items of business this month.

9. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.  All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 7th, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.**

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe

Present: Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony

Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom  
□Present: Compton (Daily News), Rhonda Morris and Jessi Duzan (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 3rd, 2010, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Tony. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Rhonda Morris □asked if she could have an extension on her water bill. She stated that she had a water leak which caused the bill to be higher than normal and she is trying to get some help. The Board granted her request. She is to talk with Dale if she has not paid her bill by April 14th.
5. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-524 “An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois (Goodwin Property). Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. There were no nays, motion carried.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-525 “An □Ordinance Approving Oblong TIF #2 Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project”. Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. There were no nays, motion carried.
7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-526 “An Ordinance Designating the Oblong TIF #2 Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area”. Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. There were no nays, motion carried.
8. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-527 “An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing.” Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. There were no nays, motion carried.
9. Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick C., to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-528 “ An □Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Golf Carts Within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Oblong, Illinois”. Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. There were no nays, motion carried.
10. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt the 2010-2011 Working □Budget. Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. There were no nays, motion

carried.

11. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-529 "Appropriation Ordinance". Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. There were no nays, motion carried.

12. Motion by Joe, with a second by Ken, to adopt Resolution #2010-R-3 "A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code". Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. There were no nays, motion carried.

13. Randy read a letter from State Senator Dale Righter about the Governor's plan to reduce the amount that the municipalities receive from the Income tax. Senator Righter is encouraging the Board of Trustees to let the Governor know their opinion on the reduction of money. The resolution was supported by the Illinois Municipal League. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., Resolution #2010-R-4 "A Resolution Opposing Reduction of Local Government Distributive Fund". All ayes, motion carried.

14. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, granted the Modular Home Application for Troy and Dawn Jacobs. All ayes, motion carried.

15. It was stated that the \$500 donation from the Village to the Crawford County Spay/Neuter Foundation along with the \$1500 the foundation had has been used plus \$297.50 more to help control the feral cat population in Oblong. There was some discussion on the issue. Rick C. made a motion, Debi seconded, to give the foundation another \$500 to continue the work. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Randy made a proclamation that April, 2010, is the National Safe Digging Month.

17. Randy stated that he had received a packet from Illinois Commerce Commission Transportation Division/Rail Safety Section. Randy read the letter that accompanied the Stipulated Agreement #1495. The Indiana Railroad Company will be installing new crossing material at the South Range Crossing. This will be at no expense to the Village. The Funding will be from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) and the Indiana Railroad Company. Randy stated that the Village will receive a detail of the detour route for approval before the construction will begin. Motion by Ken, with a second by Debi, to execute the Stipulated Agreement #1495. All ayes, motion carried.

18. Randy stated that he had received several complaints on the property located at 210 West Ohio Street. He stated that the property owner no longer reside there but the property owner is bringing garbage to the property. Randy stated that he had contacted the Crawford County Health Department concerning the condition of the Ronnie Evans' Property located at 210 West Ohio Street. Randy stated that he had received a letter from the CCHD that the inspection of the property was done and the following conditions

were noted: 1. The roof on the house/porch and the soffit on the house have rotted in places which allow openings for animals including rats, skunks, raccoons, bats and feral cats to find harborage. 2. There were windows broken on the west side of the house and an opening to crawlspace or basement which allows harborage for animals. 3. Broken windows on the east side of the house. 4. Screens on front porch rotted and plastic covering screens is torn and rotted. 5. Numerous plastic garbage bags of food and other trash is in front of the garage opening and inside of garage that will attract animals and other pests. 6. Large pile of garbage in yard east of garage. □ From these observations, it is the opinion of the CCHD that the house and garage on this property is a potential health and safety concern. □ Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick C., to start the condemnation of the property located at 210 West Ohio Street. All ayes, motion carried. □ Randy informed Chad to start issuing citation for the trash. Randy also stated that there will be a couple of properties on next month's agenda that will need to be looked at for possible condemnation proceedings. □ Chad stated that he will start issue warnings and then citations next week.

19. Under Mayor's Comments: □ 1. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom dated March 19th, 2010, regarding the programming changes and that they are in negotiation with WTHI (Channel 10) for renewal of their retransmission agreement. □ 2. Randy stated that the Village had received another letter from MediaCom dated April 1st, 2010, regarding some service charge increases. Effective date is May 1st, 2010. □ 3. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) regarding the Compliance with Audit Requirements for the Emergency Grant the Village received to help with the Route 33 Water/Sewer Relocation Project. The letter states "Based on the information contained in the audit, we have determined that as of the date of this letter, the grantee is in compliance with the audit requirements of the agreement." □ 4. Randy asked that the Board consider the possibility of having a dumpster brought in later this summer. There was some discussion on this issue. □ 5. Randy stated that the Village had received the signage for the SAFE HAVEN designation. It is a law that every hospital, fire station and police station is now a designated safe haven where new born babies can be given up. Randy stated that the newborn can only be left when there is an officer on duty. □ 6. Randy stated that there has been another application turned in for the Revolving Loan. He stated that the loan committee will be meeting sometime this month to look over the application. The question was asked if this would be enough to finish getting the grant money for the revolving loan fund. Randy stated that it would probably come close.

20. Reports of Committees: □ A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for March. Joe stated that there was nothing else to report.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that Gary is working on new lights for the park. Debi stated that there had been some rule changes and additions made for the Activity Center when it is being rented.

- C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month. Randy stated that John Stone will probably call a meeting next week.
- D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had some Thank You(s) for the spreading of rock in the alleys. Gary stated that the department has finished some repairs to North Range. He stated that the rest of the repairs will be worked on after the spring planting by the farmers. There was some discussion about the Route 33 State Project.
- E. Water and Sewer: Ken asked Gary to give an update on the Northeast Water Loop Project. Gary stated that there had been some boring work done and that he and the guys have exposed some of the lines that will be crossed.
- F. Finance: Rick C. thanked Rick H. for initialing the bills and adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of March. Rick C. stated he would volunteer to initial the bills and the adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department for the month of April. Rick suggested having Jan or Ladora set-up a rotation schedule for the trustees to do the initialing of the bills and adjustment to customer accounts in the Public Works Department. This way each trustee will have two months each year. The board was in agreement.
- G. Development: Tony stated that a big portion of the development was taken care of earlier in the meeting with the passing of the ordinances. Tony stated that the company proposing the new business has been making some inquiries the past couple of weeks. There was some discussion on the water/sewer lines to the new business. Gary stated that he had taken the plans to the engineers today (4/7/10). Randy stated that he had made contact with the company and until the finalization of the property transaction the Village will not start laying the lines. Tony stated that Connor & Connor has started working on the right-of-ways.
21. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.
22. There was one other item of business this month. There has been some complaints about a business owner working late into the night and disturbing the neighbors behind him. The problem is that he is running a generator which is noisy. There will be some citations written to the business owner for violation of the noise ordinance. Chad stated that the problem is under control at this time.
23. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **Finance Committee Meeting**

**April 28, 2010** □

The finance committee met at 4:00 pm, April 28, 2010 in the Farley Room. Members present were Rick Catt, Ken Russell and Joe Campanella. Mayor Rich joined the meeting at 4:45 pm. On a motion by Joe Campanella, seconded by Ken Russell the following pay adjustments were approved unanimously, trustee Russell did not participate in the discussion on Paula Myers' pay and abstained on the vote for her pay. These adjustments were within the 3.0% overall cap approved in the budget by the full board. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Administrative: Payroll was approved with no increase. This involves Jan, Ladora, the mayor and the trustees.

Building and park: Byron was given a 1.50% or \$0.22 per hour increase, hourly rate increases from \$14.67 to \$14.89 per hour. • Paula's hourly rate was increased from \$8.82 to \$10.00 per hour.

Law: Chad was given a 3.0% increase to \$50,096 per year or \$24.05 per hour. • Part-time officers were approved with no increase.

Sewer: Travis was approved for a \$500 increase or 1.36% which increased his hourly rate by \$0.24 per hour to \$17.78 per hour.

Water: Gary was given a 3.0% increase from \$21.17 to \$21.80 per hour. • Dale was given a 3.0% increase from \$13.65 to \$14.05 per hour. • Jason was given a \$500 raise or 1.49% increase which increased his hourly rate by \$0.24 per hour to \$16.32. • Rick was given a \$500 raise or 1.53% increase which increased his hourly rate by \$0.24 per hour to \$15.84.

Village will continue to pay insurance as was previously approved.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Rick

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**May 5th, 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 5th, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe  
□Present: Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom  
□Present: Compton (Daily News) and Ron Evans.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 7th, 2010, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Joe. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-530 "An Ordinance Setting Forth Provisions for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act". Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony. There were no nays, motion carried.
6. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-532 "An □Ordinance Approving the Dollar General Subdivision Plat". Upon roll call ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony. There were no nays, motion carried.
7. Ron Evans came before the Board to let them know what his plans are for the property at 210 West Ohio Street. He stated that he is willing to tear down the buildings on the property but that he cannot afford to hire someone to come in and do the job. He asked the Board to give him a time line of getting the buildings down. There was some discussion on this issue. The Board stated that they would go on month to month bases as long as they see that Ron is making progress. There is an issue about the filling where the basement is.

The Board discussed about the conditions of the buildings (garage and lean-to) still on the property located at 402 South Range Street. Motion by Rick H., with a second by

Rick C., to move forward with the condemnation of the property. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the conditions of the buildings located at 510 South Wilson Street. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to move ahead with the condemnation of the property. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the conditions of the mobile home located on the property located at 502 West Ohio Street. It was suggested that the Village could have the property researched to see who owns it and if there are any liens on it. If no liens then the Board could declare it abandon and possibly get the property for the paperwork; clear it and resale it. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to look into who owns the property and the mobile home and then proceed from there. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the condition of the property located at 509 East Ohio. The Board decided to have a title search done and then revisit the issue at the next regularly scheduled board meeting (June 2nd, 2010).

Chad mentioned that there is another property located on the northwest corner of South Adams Street and West Texas Street that the Village needs to keep an eye on.

The Board discussed the property located at 509 North Range Street. The Board decided that this property could be taken care of by the Police issuing nuisance citations for tall weeds and trash in garage.

8. Randy stated that WTW Salvage had contacted the office and was wanting to do another scrap metal clean-up at the end of this month or one in June. The company stated that when they came on Friday after Veolia's Spring Clean-up that there was nothing to pick-up. The Board decided to have Randy contact WTW Salvage and see if they would be interested in possibly putting an ad in the paper with their phone number so that the citizen could called the company when they had some items to be picked up.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: □1. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom dated April 7th, 2010, regarding the clarification of three points. 1. There will be no increase of charges for voicemail. 2. Late fees will be increased by \$2.50. 3. DVR-SVC Additional from \$5.00 to \$6.00. □2. Randy stated that the Village had received another letter from MediaCom dated April 16th, 2010, regarding the addition of EPIX and WEIU PBS HD. EPIX is a unique premium service that is designed with the High Definition customer in mind and is available more ways for greater viewing convenience. The EPIX packages and prices are as follows: EPIX-Movie \$9.95; EPIX-Video & Online \$4.95; and EPIX-Video, Online & Phone \$1.00.

10. Reports of Committees: □A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for March. Joe stated that Chad has a training session on May 18th in Robinson on Blood-borne

Pathogens. Joe mentioned that the department has already issued six permits for non-highway vehicles. Randy opened the four bids that had been received on the 1994 Jeep that the police department had seized. They are as follows:

1. Travis Smith \$333.00 □ 2. Scotty Chiddix \$401.00 □ 3. Bob Tracy \$300.00 □ 4. Matthew Hightshoe \$800.00

Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick C., to accept the bid of \$800 from Matthew Hightshoe for the 1994 Jeep. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

B. Building and Park: There was no report for this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that there will be a meeting with Keiffer Bros. and Mike Nash about the new street lights for the downtown area. Rick thanked Randy and Tony for their help on this issue.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report this month. Tony asked if the Village would be responsible for black topping the street approaches. Gary stated that the Village was not responsible for that.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that Gary and the guys have started work on the Northeast Water Loop Project around the weather. Gary stated that they're about a third done with the project.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the committee met on April 28th to discuss raises. Rick stated that the raises were included in the budget that was approved last month.

G. Development: Tony stated that things are moving along with the Dollar General store. Randy stated that he had talked with Shannon from Connor & Connor about the sewer line lay-out. Shannon told Randy that he had some issues that needs to be addressed by the developers before he can finish the lay-out.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

12. There were a couple of other items of business this month. The first was about the Crawford County Fair Queen Candidates. It was mentioned that last year there was only five candidates. Tom stated that if any of the Board members knew of someone who may be interested in trying-out for the Fair Queen, the Board should encourage them. The second was about whether Dr. Szigethy was going to tear down the clinic and rebuild. Chad stated that Dr. Szigethy was planning to tear down the clinic but has already found a location for the practice.

13. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. □ Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe

Present: Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter and Tom

Present: Compton (Daily News).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 5th, 2010, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Tony. All ayes; motion carried.
3. There were two additions to the agenda this month.

First addition to the agenda was a request from Wal\*Mart to use the 4-way stop on June 26th, from 8 am to 12 pm (Noon) for donations towards Children's Miracle Network. Board granted the request.

Second addition to the agenda was calls about trees in the right-of-ways. The first tree is located on property on the southeast corner of East Indiana Street and South Taylor Street; the second tree is located on property on the northwest corner of West Indiana Street and South Adams Street in the alleyway; and the third tree located on property on the northwest corner at South Adams Street and West Oklahoma Street. It was decided to have the Street/Alley Committee look at the trees and make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-532

“Prevailing Wage Ordinance”. All ayes; motion carried.

6. Randy stated that all the yards of the properties that were discussed last month

have been mowed. Randy showed the trustees pictures of some of the properties. There was some discussion about the property at 210 West Ohio Street and that there has not been any progress by the owner. There was some discussion on how the Board wants to proceed on the property. Tony stated that he had talked with Pat Schofield (Palestine’s Mayor) and they are doing the same thing as Hutsonville is. That is to make arrangement with the property owner(s) to sign over the property to the respective Village. The Board decided if the property owner was willing to turn the property over to the Village; then the property owner(s) would have to pay for a title search before turning the property over to the Village. It was decided that Randy and Tony or whoever is available to go ahead and approach the property owner(s). Randy asked about interest on non-payment from property owner(s); when the Village has paid for the demolition of buildings. Rick C. stated that it would have to be stated on the contract before the property owner(s) signed.

7. Under Mayor’s Comments:

1. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency dated May 21st, 2010, stating that an engineering evaluation of the Oblong Public Water Supply has been completed by Engineer Matthew Talbert. Based on this evaluation, no sanitary or operational deficiencies are apparent with the Oblong Public Water Supply. There was one maintenance suggestion made that the Village establish a scheduled inspection program for the elevated tank so that maintenance on the steel tank is performed as warranted. Steel tanks should be examined at a maximum of 5 year intervals dependent on the findings of the previous inspection.

2. Randy stated that he had received a letter from Veolia inviting him and the Oblong Officials to visit the landfill for a tour on June 11th, from 9 am to 2 pm with a light lunch served from 11 am – 1 pm.

8. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for May. Joe stated that Chad was involved with the Mutual Aid DUI Task Force over the Memorial Day weekend. There was some routine maintenance done on both squad cars last month. There was some discussion on increasing the amount of the penalty from \$75 to \$100. The Board was in agreement to increase the amount by ordinance at next month’s meeting.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that there will be a committee meeting next week in regards to repair work to be done on the municipal building. Debi also stated that Gary is still looking into new lighting for the walking path.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the new light poles for the downtown area are here. Randy stated that there has been an issue raised about the lights' illuminations. There may be a chance that the Village will need to put up 2 or 3 more lights in the downtown area. Rick stated that the electrician will probably be ready to start working next week. Rick stated that any sidewalk projects will be in the fall.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the MFT Bid Letting will be June 21st at 10 am in the Farley Room for chip and seal.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the work on the Northeast Water Loop Project is progressing slowly due to the rains.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that Jan and Ladora will be attending the SECICTA Meeting on June 10th in Effingham. Rick also stated that Jan will be attending training on June 14th and 15th.

G. Development: Tony stated that the Developer for Dollar General has broken ground for the new store. Randy stated that the Village is working on the water and sewer line and hook-ups. There will be a meeting sometime next week.

9. Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick C., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

10. There were no other items of business this month.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm.

All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 7th, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe  
 Present: Campanella, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt and Trustee Tony Madlem.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter and

□Present: Byron Sanders.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 2nd, 2010, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Joe. Four (4) ayes; motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Byron came before the Board to ask some questions on behalf of his sister, who has purchased the property at 510 South Wilson Street that the Board has started condemnation processing on. Byron asked if his sister can have a month extension before the Board continued with the condemnation processing. Randy stated that the Board would not stop the process but would drop the process if Byron's sister has the building torn down before the court condemnation hearing.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Rick C. stated that the Village has received a clean audit from Kemper CPA for the Fiscal Year 2010. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to accept the audit. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.
6. Gary came before the Board to inform them that the Oblong Chamber of □Commerce is planning a 5K run during the Fall Follies. The possible route for the 5K run will start at the Collings Shelter at the Park and head west on Wisconsin Street to North Adams then turn south to Ohio Street then turn east towards the Oblong Park and then around the lake to the start. The race will start at 8 am and take approximately an hour.
7. Motion by Joe, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-533 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1, Administration, Division IV—General Penalty, Section 1-1-20 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of Oblong, Illinois". Four (4) ayes; motion carried.
8. Randy stated that condemnation procedure is moving forward and staying on □track.
9. Under Mayor's Comments: □
  1. Randy stated that he had received an e-mail from the chamber that the Oblong Gem is possibly going to close.
  2. Randy stated that there is a problem with one of the gas stations on how they are running the purchases through. Randy stated that he will talk to the owners and inform them that if the problem is not resulted then the Village will no longer purchase gas from them with Board approval.

10. Reports of Committees: □A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for June. Joe stated that the committee had a meeting on June 24th. In this meeting the committee interviewed and hired two new part-time patrol officers (Gabe Lowrance and Keith Rich). Joe stated that Chad will be having range qualification at the Robinson Range on July 13th. Joe stated that there are 13 or 14 neighborhood vehicle stickers that have been purchased. Chad stated that there needs to be some signage put up about the neighborhood vehicles that is stated in the state statues. It was decided to post the signs at each entrance into the Village with the correct wordage and reference to the ordinance number. Joe stated that the Village has received two new tasers through a grant application over a year ago. Joe also stated that Chad has applied for a grant to purchase new computers.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she did not know of anything that needed to be reported this month. Randy stated that Fred Biggs, who the Village has purchased the new street lights from, has a light fixture that may work for the walking path at the Park. Randy stated that when the sample fixture comes in maybe the committee could meet at the park and see if it will work. Randy also stated that he was approach by a union electrician that stated he and some of his buddies might be willing to help with the installation of the new fixtures for the pathway when the Village decides and purchases them.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Randy stated that the light fixtures for the new street light will possibly be in this week or next week. He stated that the company will not give Mr. Biggs a firm delivery date. Randy stated that the Village will still possibly need to purchase two more light poles.

D. Street and Alley: Gary stated that there was no report for this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the work on the Northeast Water Loop Project is about done and once everyone signs off on the project then the Village can start mail out letters to potential water customers with estimates on the cost to hook-up to the water line. Ken also stated that the guys have been working on some other projects as well. Gary stated that he and the guys will be working on the new sewer line for the Dollar General Store tomorrow weather permitting.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the Committee met with Jody Truitt, from Kemper CPA, before the Board meeting to go over the audit.

G. Development: There was no report this month.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the □warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

12. There were two other items of business this month. □1. Randy stated that the Village had received a “Thank You” card from the family of “Pod” Lorance.

2. Randy stated that Chad had brought to his attention that the Village needs to adopt a “Waiver and Indemnification Agreement” for when the Village deals with the people working off their community service time. Motion by Joe, with a second by Debi, to adopt the “Waiver and Indemnification Agreement”. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. □Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **August 4th 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4th, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt (Mayor Pro-tem), Trustee Joe Present: Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Mayor Randy Rich.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Present: Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Tony L. Williams and Dr. Steven B. Szigethy.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-tem Catt.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 7th, 2010, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Ken. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Dr. Szigethy came before the Board to ask if there were any permits or anything that needed to be done before having the roof put back on and new windows and doors put back in at the Oblong Clinic. The Board had questions about the cleanup of the burn debris and if the structure is sound enough to support a new roof. Dr. Szigethy stated

that he was planning to clean out the debris after having the roof, windows and doors replaced. He stated that the contractor would be starting with the garage was because it had received the least amount of damage from the fire. The Board stated that Dr. Szigethy would need to clean out the debris and have a licensed engineer to evaluate the concrete walls of the Clinic to make sure that the walls will support a new roof. Rick C. stated that the Village had received a letter from the Crawford County Health Department that listed some public health/safety concerns. Rick asked if the Board would be willing to let Dr. Szigethy start the cleanup and get a signed statement from a licensed building engineer between now and the September 1st Board Meeting. The Board agreed. The Board asked Dr. Szigethy when he would have the cleanup started. Dr. Szigethy stated that he thought the contractor would start next week.

Joe brought up about a letter dated July 28th from the Police Department to the Szigethys about a couple of abandoned vehicles and some tall weed that are Village of Oblong ordinance violations. The issues need to be addressed and resolved.

6. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2010-R-5 "Halloween Parade Permit". Five (5) ayes; motion carried.

7. Rick C. stated that all of the Board members had copies of the letters and notices that need to be voted on by the Board for the "Notice to Remediate" for properties located at 402 South Range Street and 210 West Ohio Street. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to proceed with the "Notice of Remediate" to the property owners and other paperwork. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

8. Rick C. stated that the Village had received the annual MFT audit report from Illinois Department of Transportations. The Village received a clean audit. The audit is for the 2009 calendar year.

9. Rick stated that Jan had sent out letters requesting bids on the Village's checking account interest. Jan opened the three (3) bids for the Village's checking accounts. The bids are as follows:

1. First National Bank in Olney 0.50% (APY) 2. First Financial Bank 0.51% (APY) 3. First Robinson Savings Bank 1.14% (APY)

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to accept the bid from First Robinson Savings Bank of 1.14% APY for a two (2) year term. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Abstain: Rick C. Motion carried.

10. Under Mayor's Comments: Rick stated that Randy had not given him anything for comments.

11. Reports of Committees: A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for July. Joe stated that the department had received 2 new tasers with eight (8) reloads through a grant from United States Municipal Police Association. Joe stated that the laptops in the squad cars are old and in need of an update. Joe mentioned that the department has received a new laptop computer which will replace the laptop in the chief's squad car through a grant from ILEAS. Joe mentioned that Chad had busted a grow operation by a felony, who also had body armor and ammunition, the gentleman will be going back to prison. Joe stated that Chad has written some letters, with Debi's help, to try and get some new defibrillators for the department. Chad and Brian Cox received recognition for their involvement with the DUI task force. Joe stated that Chad will have Rifle qualification on August 24th. Joe mentioned that there will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on August 19th in the Activity Center of the Municipal Building.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that there have been two new light fixtures put up along the walking path at the Park. Gary stated that the new lights are located just south of the walking bridge. Debi stated that she would like for the Board to take a look at the lights and give their opinions on the lights; before the Village orders anymore. Gary asked the Board for permission to approach the Fair Board before next year's fair about the carnival leaving right after the fair is over. The Board granted Gary's request.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the new sidewalks along Route 33 are coming along. He stated that the new light fixtures for the new street light have been delayed due to an engineering malfunction, but are supposed to be shipped August 5th or 6th and be a 3 day ship. Unsure if the 3 day ship is business day or other. Gary stated that Ameren is planning to put some more of the light poles on the north side of Main Street. Tony stated that the quickest the Village could get temporary lights up is August 10th or 11th. Tony felt it would be best to hold off on putting the temporary lights up until knowing for sure that the new lights will not be here by August 12th. Joe stated that the police department will start having a dark to dawn (midnight) shift starting August 6th to 10th (or longer if need be) in the downtown area to reassure the business owners; while there is not sufficient lighting in the area.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that Keiffer Bros is making great progress on the Route 33 street project. Chad stated that he had put in a request for speed reduction out by the new Dollar General Store entrance. The store is to open on August 8th or 9th. Chad stated that the Grand Opening is to be August 28th. There was some discussion about when the chip-n-seal would be. Gary mentioned that he and Tony get together and look at the streets that are on the map to be done and see if they still do.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there is still a section of line on the Northeast Water Loop Project to be done. Gary stated that weather permitting they will finish next week (August 9th through 13th).

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that everything had already been taken care of earlier.

G. Development: Tony stated that all he had was about the Dollar General Store opening. There was some question about the employees and where to get applications. Chad stated that he had been told that the employees are being trained at the Robinson and Newton stores.

12. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

13. There were four other items of business this month.

1. Jan stated that there will be a Playground Committee Meeting at 6 pm everyone is welcome to attend.

2. Rick H. stated that Jeff Walker and his crew will be work on the Municipal Building this month sometime putting up new guttering. Rick stated that the only difference between the bid is the prevailing wage increases.

3. Tony stated that the red flashing light will be shut off until temporarily until the new conduit is in place. There was some discussion on the street signs at Main and Range Street.

4. Ken stated that it had been brought to his attention about the Freedom Oil Station property. It is becoming a safety issue. Ken stated that there is a for sale or rent sign in the window. Chad stated that he would get the number and make contact. Chad will let them know that the Village has some concerns with the property.

14. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 1st, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Rick

Present: Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Joe Campanella.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom

Present: Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), and JJ Aten (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 4th, 2010, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Rick H. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that the Village had received a new quote on the speaker system for the downtown area. The quote is from Kemp Music of Vincennes, Indiana for \$16,740, which includes 8 all-weather wireless speakers, a wireless microphone, schedulon and software to run the system. There is a ten year warranty on the system. The Village budgeted \$12,000, for the new sound system. Randy stated that there is a possibility that the Village could purchases the sound system equipment directly from the manufacturer, which would be around \$9,800; and then hire Kemps to put up the system for around \$6,940. If the Board wants to hold off, there has been an offer of a temporary sound system (which is not wireless). There was some discussion on the issue. If the Board decides to go with the new system, the gentleman from Kemps said that the equipment would be here in three weeks and the mounting supplies would be here in four weeks. He would have the system installed and going by the second week of October. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to go ahead and purchase the sound system, as long as the Village is able to purchase the equipment directly from the manufacturer. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2010-O-534 "Tax Levy Ordinance". Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
7. Under Mayor's Comments:
  1. Randy stated that Fall Clean-Up will be October 21st, if okay with Veolia.
  2. Randy mentioned that WTW Salvage and D&M Salvage are interested in picking up appliances, scrap metal and electronics. The Board felt that as long as there are no complaints with WTW Salvage to go ahead and stay with them.

3. Randy stated that the Village has IDOT's approval to close Route 33 for the Halloween Parade. Randy said that if the construction on Route 33 has not been completed along the parade route then the Village will cancel the parade due to liability issues.

#### 8. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Chad stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report for August. He stated that calls for service were up. Chad stated that on September 9th he'll be in Urbana to finish up the paperwork for the grant from ILEAS. Chad mentioned that there will be training later in the month at the shooting range.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the new guttering has been put up at the Municipal Building.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the last five light poles will be going up soon. There have been several comments on how nice the new lights are.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the Chamber has requested that the 100 block of South Range Street be closed off on Friday before the Fall Follies at 5:30 pm instead of 7 pm. The Board granted their request.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was a committee meeting on August 31st, at 4:30 pm to give an update on the Northeast Water Loop Project. The lines are installed and Gary has sent off water samples. If the water samples came back approved, then the Village will be able to start sending out letters to new potential water customers, who live close to the new lines. The committee also discussed adding some wording on the "Application for Water System Service Installation". The wording change is an addition to #1. It reads as follows with the words in bold being the addition: I agree to pay a \$500 tap-on fee plus the cost of all necessary materials and including the cost of road boring if necessary **and the cost of any permits or easements that may be required**. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to accept the wording change made on the Application for Water System Service Installation. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Ken stated that the Board should put the house located at 305 South Range Street on the list of properties in disrepair. Rick H. asked about whether the Village needed to have some papers to be served to property owner of 402 South Range Street or not. Randy stated that the Village Attorney has stated that the Village has done what is required. Chad asked about the signs that are to be posted in the yards. Randy stated that the signs are being taken care of. Rick C. mentioned that the Oblong Clinic building has been torn down and cleaned up.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that there was nothing to report this month, other than the committee had met to discuss the Tax Levy Ordinance.

G. Development: Tony stated that the Dollar General Store has opened since last board meeting. Tony stated that there is more space available in the TIF for more businesses.

9. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. There was one other item of business this month. Ladora stated that the SECICTA quarterly meeting will be September 9th at Neoga.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**October 5th, 2010**

**Water/Sewer Committee - Meeting Minutes**

Present: Committee Chairperson Ken Russell, Committee Member Tony Madlem, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter and Shannon Woodard (Connor & Connor, Inc.).

Meeting was call to order at 4:30 pm.

Discussion on the finalization of the Northeast Water Extension (Water Loop Project).

Discussion on the Village doing a couple of smaller extension in the future.

The committee will be suggesting to the Board that the Village make another extension of 4" water main line approximately 4200' on 1350th Avenue from 450th Street to 525th Street and also, an extension of 3" water main line approximately 2600' west of 450th Street on 1275th Avenue.

Discussion on a punch list for the Route 33 Water/Sewer Lines Relocation Project, there

are several items that still need to be done. Shannon will put together the list and then talk with Mike Munson; to see if he wants to do the finishing and clean-up or forfeit the \$500 reserved amount from the Village. If Mr. Munson decides to forfeit, then the Public Works employees will do the necessary work.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Russell

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### **October 6th 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 6th, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Ken Present: Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Joe Campanella and Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Present: Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Paul Perrine Jr. and Alexis Staffey.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 1st, 2010, were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Debi. Four (4) ayes; motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Paul Perrine Jr. asked to speak with the Board.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that Paul could speak with the Board before they made a decision on the approval of the bid letting for clean-up of certain properties.

Paul stated that he had not received any correspondence from the Village about the property at 402 South Range Street. Paul stated that he and his grandfather are trying to get the property cleaned-up. He stated that they will be tearing down the lean-to that is attached to the garage. He has already boarded up the broken windows in the garage

and will be putting up a garage door. He has already started cleaning out the lean-to. Randy stated that he will send a letter to Paul with a list of items that need to be taken care of. Randy stated, with the Board's approval, that if Paul has taken care of the items that are stated in the letter by the time the Village has received the bids; then the Village will reject the bids for the property. Paul asked the Board about how long he had to get the property clean-up and fixed. The Board said he had 30 days or until the Board has received the bids for clean-up. Paul asked if the sign, which the Village has placed in the yard at 402 South Range Street, could be taken down out of his yard. Randy stated that the sign had to stay in the yard until either he has the property cleaned-up and the building is fixed up or the Village has the property cleaned-up and the garage will be torn down.

Randy stated that for the next step on getting some properties cleaned-up the Board would need to make a motion to let bids out for the clean-up and leveling of the lot on certain properties. The bids will be for each individual property, not a combined bid. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to start accepting bids for the clean-up of the properties located at 210 West Ohio Street and 402 South Range Street. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

6. The Board set October 28th as "Trick or Treat" night in Oblong from 5 pm to 8 pm and only at houses with a porch light on.

7. Under Mayor's Comments: 1. Randy stated that the new street lights in the downtown area have been completed and that he has received several comments on the new lights. Randy stated that Mr. Provines from Kemp Music of Vincennes, Indiana, will be installing the new speaker system on October 16th and then will be back on October 23rd to do any troubleshooting that needs done. Randy stated that Mr. Provines will also be here the morning of October 30th (Fall Follies) in case of any problems with the system. Randy mentioned that this unit is portable, if need be.

2. Randy mentioned that Ken had received a letter and plaque from the U.S. Census Bureau for the Village of Oblong's efforts which placed the Chicago Region number one in the nation with a 78% participation rate. The national participation rate is 74%. The letter also stated that the Village's participation helped to define the spirit of the 2010 Census and reveal the diverse portrait of our great nation.

3. Randy stated that since the Route 33 Project is about to wrap up, the Village needs to decide on where to place the "Welcome to Oblong" electric sign that had come from the Former Crawford County Tourism Board. Randy mentioned that the sign would look nice placed next to the Fire Department. There is already electric at this location. Motion by Debi, with second by Tony, to place the "Welcome to Oblong" sign next to the Fire Department. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

4. Randy stated that he had been approached about the speed limit out by the new

Dollar General Store entrance. Randy stated that Chad had put in a request to have the speed limit lowered from 55 mph to 45 mph. Chad stated that he had received a refusal letter from Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to reduce the speed limit. Chad stated that he had talked with Representative Roger Eddy about this issue and Roger told Chad to write a rebuttal letter and send it to him and he will then write a letter to accompany Chad's letter to IDOT. Chad asked the Board for permission to send a rebuttal letter to IDOT. The Board granted Chad's request.

8. Reports of Committees: A. Police: Chad stated that everyone had a copy of the monthly report for September.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that there had been an informal meeting out at the park due to some vandalism done to the Jaycee Shelter at the Park. Debi stated that the vandalism has been taken care of and the culprits have been caught. Gary stated that he and his employees had done some upgrades around the Jaycee Shelter that had been planned. Randy stated that the light fixtures that were being tested to possibly be replacements for the walking path lights were not bright enough. He said that Tony had contacted a gentleman from Lighting Solutions out of St. Louis, Missouri. The gentleman did some work on his computer to figure out what the Village would need. The estimated cost per light would be \$750. Randy stated that the price is a little higher than what the Village had budgeted for the pathway lights project. For now the Public Works employees will try and make a few repairs so that the Village can put it in the budget next year for the additional amount.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated there was nothing to report for this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the Chip-N-Seal had been done. Gary stated that the streets are looking a lot better.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the committee met on October 5th, and discussed several items of business (see Attached minutes). Gary stated that all but one new customer has been connected. Ken stated that the committee wants to recommend that the Board approve to have Shannon Woodard, Connor & Connor, to apply for a permit from EPA to do a couple of small extension project east of the last project. The projects would be a 4" water line on 1350th Avenue from 450th Street to 525th Street, which would be approximately 4200' of line; and a 3" water line on 1275th Avenue approximately 2600' of line west of 450th Street. Ken stated that the estimate for the two projects is around \$35,000. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to have Shannon go ahead and apply for a permit from EPA for the two small extension projects. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Ken stated that the committees also talked about the punch list for the Route 33 Water/Sewer Line Relocation Project. There are several items that will need to be done as soon as the construction work is done. Ken stated that Shannon will put together the

list and then talk with Mike Munson; to see if he wants to do the finishing and clean-up or forfeit the \$500 reserved amount from the Village. If Munson decides to forfeit, then the Public Works employees will do the necessary work.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the Crawford County Spay/Neuter Foundation is requesting another donation from the Village. Rick feels that an additional \$500 donation would be a good amount. Motion by Rick, with a second by Debi, to give a \$500 donation to the Crawford County Spay/Neuter Foundation. Four (4) ayes, motion carried. Rick stated that the committee will have a meeting to look over the health insurance package.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

9. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

10. There was one other item of business this month. Ken stated that Connor & Connor are now requiring that for any job that the Village has Connor & Connor to do there will need to be a signed agreement.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Present: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Present: Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Nick Hinterscher and Don York (Dino Construction).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 6th, 2010, were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Ken. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that there was one bid for each condemned property. For the property located at 402 South Range Street, the bid for tearing down garage, taking all debris to landfill, and hauling in dirt and leveling property is \$3,994.00. For the property located at 210 West Ohio Street, the bid for tearing down all buildings and concrete, taking all debris to landfill, and hauling in dirt and leveling is \$13,995.00. Motion by Joe, with a second by Ken, to accept both bids from Dino Construction for the cleaning-up of properties located at 402 South Range Street and 210 West Ohio Street. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. Joe asked when Mr. York of Dino Construction would start the demolition. Mr. York said he could start as soon as the utilities are disconnected.
6. Nick Hinterscher came before the Board to ask for an additional hour for Floyd's and the Village Tap to stay open on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The Board asked Chad if there were any problems last year. He stated that there had been no problems last year. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick H., to grant the hour extension to both Floyd's and the Village Tap. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Tony, Debi. Abstain: Ken. Motion carried.
7. Under Mayor's Comments:
  1. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom, on October 14, 2010, stating that they would be adding two more channels to the HD Broadcast Basic lineup. They are WTWO-HD NBC (Channel 702) and WFXW-HD FOX (Channel 708).
  2. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom, on November 1, 2010, stating that they would be increasing their rates on December 1, 2010. The increases are as follows: Broadcast Basic is \$25.95 and will increase to \$27.95 Expanded Basic is \$37.00 and will increase to \$38.00 Total Family Cable is \$62.95 and will increase to \$65.95. The letter also stated that customers currently on promotional rates will not receive this rate change until the expiration of their respective promotional period.
  3. Randy stated that William Winnings from WTW Salvage would like to get with the trustees about two weeks before the Spring Clean-Up to discuss possibly having a central location for the citizen of Oblong to drop off appliances and scrap metal, so that it would be feasible for his company to come down. Mr. Winnings stated to Randy that the last two times that his company has come in there has been nothing for them to pick up. The Board is willing to meet with Mr. Winnings before the Spring Clean-Up date.

4. Randy stated that the Route 33 Project is coming to completion. Randy stated that the Village would like to give their Thanks to the following people that were involved with the Project: Keiffer Bros. for their professionalism and extra efforts that made it possible for the Fall Follies and Halloween Parade this year; the Oblong Citizens for their patience during the Project; the Public Works Department for their dedication to working with the construction crews; the State Engineers for their professionalism; and Joe Stephenson and Dick Ridlen for stepping up at the last minute to supply a speaker system for Fall Follies. 5. Randy stated that there were some problems with the new sound system. Randy stated that John Provines will be here on Thursday at 4pm to meet with the committee to discuss the problems and what will need to be done to fix the problems. There was some discussion about this issue.

8. Reports of Committees: A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for October. He stated that there was nothing else to report this month. Chad stated that he had heard back from Representative Roger Eddy. Representative Eddy stated that IDOT is going to do a traffic study around the new Dollar General Store and will let him know by November 15th, if they will reduce the speed limit from 55 MPH to 45 MPH. If not, Mr. Eddy stated to Chad that he will talk with Senator Dale Righter and see what can be done.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that there was nothing to report this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick stated that he had heard several comments on the new street lights and new sidewalks in the downtown area.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there has been some discussion on getting new street signs for along Route 33. Tony stated that it was talked about having the background of the new signs blue with the lettering being gold. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, for Gary to go ahead and get a quote on how much it would cost for the new signs and if the price is under \$200 a piece then the committee has permission to go ahead and purchase the signs. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. Gary asked for the Board's permission to look into getting new trash cans for the downtown area, since the Route 33 Project is finished. The Board granted his request.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the right-of-ways have all been signed and notarized for the new water extensions northeast of town. Ken stated that Gary has already bought some of the pipe and supplies for the new extension project. Gary stated that they might start working on the project next week weather permitting.

Ken asked about the welcome sign from the tourism board. Randy stated that the township fire department had to okay the placement. The sign will be placed between the flag pole and the existing fire department sign. There was some discussion on who would take care of the sign. Gary stated that he felt that Byron could take care of the sign, since he does the sign here at the municipal building.

F. Finance: Randy asked Jan and Ladora if they had anything to bring up. Jan stated that the Village had received a \$6,861 check from Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Bill Program to be placed in the Motor Tax Fuel Fund. Randy stated that the committee met to look over the health insurance, Christmas Bonuses and talk about the possibility of being reimbursed from the government for flood damage.

The insurance will be with United Healthcare, which is the parent company of Midwest Security Life Insurance Company. Midwest Security Life Insurance Company plans will no longer be available.

Randy stated that the Christmas Bonuses will be as follows \$115 for Full-Time/Permanent employees and \$85 for Part-Time employees. Motion by Debi, with a second by Joe, to give the Christmas Bonuses as previously stated. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Randy stated that the Village did not have any Flood Damage, so the Village will not be applying for any reimbursement from the government.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

9. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. There was two other item of business this month. Rick H. mentioned that there is possibly a problem at the corner of North Taylor Street and East Ohio Street that needs to be addressed. Ken asked Chad about the dog problem out around the Park. Chad stated that he has not had any more complaints and has not seen the dog in question.

11. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 1st, 2010, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe  
Present: Campanella, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson

and Treasurer Jan Miller. Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt. Others Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Present: Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Nick Hinterscher, Mike McReynolds and Adrienne Kelly.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 3rd, 2010, were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month. Mike McReynolds asked if he could pay his bill on Friday, December 3rd. The Board granted his request. Adrienne Kelly asked if her mother, Jamie Griffin could pay her bill on Monday, December 6th. The Board granted her request.
5. Randy stated that the Village had received Pay Estimate #9 & Final for the Route 33 Water/Sewer Line Relocation Project from Connor & Connor. Randy read the accompanying memo dated November 9th, 2010, from Shannon Woodard; which stated that this pay estimate is intended to ZERO out the project. There was no amount owed for this pay estimate, due to the agreement that the Village employees would do the final work instead of Munson Construction, so the \$500 which was held back is not owed. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to approve Pay Estimate #9 of Route 33 Water/Sewer Line Relocation from Connor & Connor with no amount owed. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
6. Nick Hinterscher came before the Board to ask for an additional hour for Floyd's and the Village Tap to stay open on the New Year's Eve. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to grant the hour extension to both Floyd's and the Village Tap (last call will be 1am and everybody out at 1:30 am) with a \$30 donation to help offset the cost of police man power. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Tony, Debi. Abstain: Ken. Motion carried.
7. Under Mayor's Comments:
  1. Randy stated that the condemned properties are cleaned-up and that the lien process has been started. Randy stated that he will be contacting the Village Attorney about possibly sending bills to the condemned properties owners, so that payments can possibly be set-up.
  2. Randy stated that the new speaker system is still not up and running properly. He has talked with Mr. Provines. There was some discussion on this issue. The company, that manufactured the system, is going to upgrade to the next hertz at their cost. The speaker located next to TNT Video will possibly have a repeater transmitter installed, if needed. If

the transmitter is installed then it will send to the rest of the speakers. Mr. Provines has asked the Village for time to get the new system and install it. The Board is giving Mr. Provines until December 13th, to get the speaker system up and running. The Board feels that if the speaker system is not up and running on December 13th, then the system will be taken down and the Board will look into a different system next spring. The Board also wants a written warranty which will cover it when the system is turned on for Fall Follies next year. Randy stated that there has been no payment sent to Kemp Music at this time.

#### 8. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for November. He stated that there will be some training this month and next month for the Chief and officers. He stated that the department has confiscated a golf cart. It was decided that the Board will discuss what to do with the golf cart next month. Joe stated that there are twenty-seven (27) golf cart permits issued.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that there had been an issue with the antenna for the Police and Public Works Department. Gary stated that two of three legs on the antenna had rusted off underground, but has since been fixed. He wanted to thank Tony for the use of his bucket truck. Debi stated that she had received several phone calls about how the leaf pick-up went. Gary wanted to commend the Christmas in the Park Committee for the decoration at the park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: There was nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that Keiffers Brothers were back in town to complete some of the items on their punch list for the Route 33 project. Gary stated that he had gotten a price on new trash cans for uptown. The price is \$600 a piece. He stated that six (6) cans would work, but eight (8) would be better. There was some discussion on the type of trash can to purchase. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to purchase eight (8) trash cans with gravel looking sides for the downtown area at \$600 each. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report this month.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he had nothing to report this month.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

9. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

10. There was one other item of business this month. Randy stated that this weekend there will be a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday and then on Sunday there will be the Santa Train and other activities.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 5th, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt (Mayor Pro-tem), Trustee Joe

Present: Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Mayor Randy Rich.

Others Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News),

Present: Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), and Part-Time Patrol Officer Dan Cheadle.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-tem Catt.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 1st. 2010, were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Debi. All ayes; motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Under Mayor's Comments: Rick stated that Randy had left a couple of things but then decided to wait and bring them up at the February Board Meeting instead.

6. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe stated that Chad was in training this week and did not have time to do the

December Monthly Report or the Year-end Report, so will have the report at the February Board Meeting.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that Gary is still shopping for prices on new trash cans for the downtown area. She also stated that the Oblong Community Service Club will possibly purchase some planters for the downtown area. Debi stated that she had received several positive comments on the new street signs along Main Street (Illinois Route 33). Debi mentioned there has been some more lights repaired along the pathway at the park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that there was nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he did not have much to report since Debi had mentioned about the new street signs earlier. Tony stated that the sign brackets for the corner of Main Street and Range Street are on back order.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the permit for Water Line Extension 7&8, north east of Oblong, had not come in yet, but should be here anytime. As soon as the permit comes, the Public Works employees will start on the extensions, weather permitting. Ken stated that the committee had a meeting before the Board Meeting to discuss a letter from Robinson-Palestine Water Commission about a 3% increase in the water rates. The committee has decided not to recommend a water rate increase from the Village to the water customers at this time but will keep an eye on the bottom line for now. Ken stated that the trencher the Village has been using north of town is now up for sale at a price of \$15,000. Ken stated that for the asking price the Village would have paid the owner to lay about 2 miles of a water line, so the committee makes the recommendation to purchase the trencher. Motion by Ken, with a second by Joe, for the Village to purchase the trencher for \$15,000. Roll call vote ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he had nothing to report for this month. Jan stated that the Village had received a \$1,000 donation from Marathon to go towards the purchase of new playground equipment in Phase II.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty

list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

8. There was one other item of business this month.

Dan Cheadle wanted to thank the Board for allowing the police department to have

shooting qualification training. He mentioned that there had been a school shooting in Nebraska.

9. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.

All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 9th, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Betty Boyd and Part-Time Patrol Officer Joe Gunn.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich. The Mayor stated that the meeting had been postponed from February 2nd to tonight due to weather.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 5th, 2011 were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Ken. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that Dean Myers had contacted the Village about reserving some dates to hold a Bluegrass Jamboree in the Park. The dates are May 23rd thru 29th and August 22nd thru 28th. The Board granted Mr. Myers request for both dates.
6. Randy stated that the Labor Local 1197 is requesting the use of the 4-way stop to collect donation for The Therapy Center of Southern & Central Illinois, Inc., on May 21st,

from 8 am to 12 pm (Noon). The Board granted the request.

7. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2011-R-1 "A Resolution to Make February 'Spray or Neuter Month'". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

8. Randy stated that MediaCom has sent the Village the renewal contract for the franchise. Randy stated that the contract is up in June. He has had the Village Attorney look it over. He stated that the contract will be in the Clerk/Treasurer's office for the trustees to look over it before the next scheduled Board Meeting. There was some discussion on this issue. The Board decided that if there were some questions on the contract; that maybe MediaCom could send a representative to the meeting to answer them.

9. Randy mentioned that the Village had received a letter from the Crawford County Health Department regarding the new NDPE Permit required for pesticide/larvicide application. This is a new requirement by IEPA. The cost for this permit is \$250/year. It was decided to not do anything about this permit until Gary receives more information from the state.

10. Gary stated that the Oblong Chamber of Commerce would like permission to use the Park Midway and in front of the Fair Board Office on September 24th from 5:30 pm to around 9:30 pm for "Oldies in the Park". The Board granted the request. Gary also stated that he had been approached by a group wanting to do a memory walk for Alzheimer, on the walking path, also on this day but from 2 pm to 5pm. The Board granted this request with one stipulation that the group could not close the walking pathway for just their walk.

11. Randy stated that Mike Ellis has contacted the Village about having him do some pricing on the electric rate. He used to work for MidAmerican Energy, but has since started his own business. The Village has also been contacted by Dan Shroeder from MidAmerican Energy on the same issue. The Board agreed to have both companies submit rates to look at.

12. Randy stated that he had received a letter from CW3M Company request that the Village considers passing an ordinance prohibiting the installation or use of private potable groundwater wells within a small section of limits of the Village. Randy stated that he had the Village attorney look over the letter and enclosed information. He stated that the letter and information will be in the Clerk/Treasurer's office for the Trustees to look at before the next scheduled Board Meeting.

13. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that the sound system is up and running. There is a 10 year warranty on all the components. There was an upgrade to 900 Megahertz system from Techno Mad

at no cost to the Village and one year service contract. There was a booster for the wireless microphone. Randy stated that Mr. Provines from Kemp Music will be here the week before the Village's next two events to make sure everything is running okay. There has been a suggestion that the Village pass an ordinance to prohibit any company using certain Megahertz range. There was some discussion on the possibility of using the system for advertising. There was no action taken at this time.

B. Randy stated that the Village has received a Thank You card from the "Christmas in the Park" Committee for the help with the lights and decorations.

C. Randy stated that the Village Board had received a Thank You card from Michelle "Missy" Kessler wanting to thank the Board for the new street signs along Main Street with Oblong School colors. The signs are bright and eye catching. She asked if the Board is planning to replace the other street signs in the Village to match the new ones in the future.

D. Randy mentioned that the Municipal Building is designated as an Emergency Shelter. Do to this designation the Village needs to purchase a back-up generator for the building in case the electricity would be off. There was some discussion on what size would need to be purchased and see if there is a grant that would help with the purchase of the generator.

E. Randy stated that the budgets need to be worked on for next fiscal year.

#### 14. Reports of Committees:

Police: Joe read the January Monthly Report. Joe stated that the committee had had two meetings since last month's Board Meeting. The first one was to interview two candidates for possible hiring. The committee decided to hire Joe Gunn as a new Part-Time Patrol officer. The second meeting was to discuss the possibility of applying for a grant that would fund three-fourths of the purchase of a new squad car for the department. The Board decided to go ahead and try for the grant. If the Village does not get the grant; then the department will not purchase a new squad until 2013 Fiscal Year. Chad stated that the department has handled its first accident out by the new Dollar General Store.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that there have been some more lights repaired along the pathway at the park, but have lost a couple.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that there was nothing to report this month except he wanted to thank Gary and the guys for the clean-up of limbs after the ice storm. Gary mentioned that he would like to thank Frank Yager for plowing some of the sidewalks off up town with his four-wheeler with a blade attachment.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month, except he wanted to mention the good job Gary and the guys did on the streets. Gary brought to the Board for their consideration, on what he had gotten together, on the new trash cans and planters to match. If the Oblong Community Club still wants to purchase the planters. Gary stated that he had finally found a company that had what he was looking for. He showed the Board the color for the trash cans (made of precast concrete with salt/pepper plastic lids) and planters that would come close to matching the color of the new street lights. The cost of the trash cans would be \$388 a piece; this price includes the liners for the cans at a cost of \$43 a piece. The cost of the planters is \$222 a piece. Gary stated that if everything is purchased at one time the cost for shipping would be \$433.30. The decision was made at the December Meeting to purchase eight (8) trashcans and four (4) planters. Motion by Joe C., with a second by Debi, to purchase eight (8) trash cans at \$388 each for a total of \$ 3,104. Five ayes, motion carried.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the Village had received the permit for Water Extension #7 a few days after last month's Board Meeting and the guys have almost completed laying the lines for this project. Ken mentioned that one of the sewer lift stations' pump is out for repairs at this time.

F. Finance: Randy stated that the Board needed to accept the new Investment Policy. This is an annual item and there were no changes this year from last year. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to adopt the 2011 Investment Policy. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Jan stated that the audit will be May 16th thru 20th. She also mentioned that the Farm Rent has been paid for this year. She stated that there have been some donations given to the Phase II Playground Equipment Fund; Marathon has given a \$1,000 and Oren Dart has given \$400.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

15. Motion by Joe C., with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

16. There was one other item of business this month.

Randy stated that the Antique Tractor and Engine Club would like permission to use the park for their annual show on August 12th, 13th and 14th. The Board granted the request.

17. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY) and JJ Aten (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 9th. 2011 were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Joe. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy asked the Board if they had anymore wording changes on the contract from MediaCom, besides the wording changes he had found. The Board did not find any more wording changes in the contract. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to approve the new five (5) year contract with MediaCom, which will make the new contract expiration on June 5, 2016, upon MediaCom's approval of the wording changes in the contract. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
6. Randy stated that Dan Shrader, from Midamerican Energy, had e-mailed what the Village is currently paying for electric and what his company rate would be for a 12 month period and a 24 month period for the Village. Randy stated that he had Jan to call Ameren Illinois to see what they were offering. Jan stated that Ameren could not say what the rates would be for the next 12 or 24 months. The Board looked over the rates and decided to go with the 24-month rate from MidAmerican Energy. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to lock in the 24-month rate from MidAmerican Energy for the Village's electric. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

7. Randy asked the Board what their feelings were about the letter from CW3M Company requesting that the Village considers passing an ordinance, which would prohibit the installation or use of private potable groundwater wells within a small section of limits of the Village. The Board's decision was if CW3M Company wants the Village to pass this ordinance then the Company should reimburse the Village for the expense of having the ordinance made by the Village Attorney and the cost of putting it in the Village code book.

8. Under Mayor's Comments: A. Randy stated that the Village has a letter from Casey's General Store asking if the Board has changed their mind about issuing them a license to sell packed liquor. The Board has not changed their opinion about issuing a liquor license to Casey's.

B. Randy stated that the Village Spring Clean-up will be April 21st, for all current Republic customers. Republic will only pick-up one appliance per pay up household and any boxed or bundle items, except yard waste, paint cans & vehicle parts.

C. Randy stated that WTW Salvage has contacted the Village about coming in and doing their pick-up of televisions, appliances, vehicle parts and other scrap metals. They asked if the Village would allow them to also have a central location for people to drop off the items listed above. The Board is willing to let WTW Salvage have a central location, with the stipulation that WTW Salvage employees would be responsible for the container and clean-up around the container when they leave town. The date will be April 22nd.

#### 9. Reports of Committees:

Police: Joe read the February Monthly Report. Joe stated Chad wants to attend the ILEAS Conference on March 6th through 8th, at Springfield. The Board granted his request. Joe stated that the grant application has been submitted, that will help purchase a new squad car for the department.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month. Gary stated that all but three lights are working along the walking pathway around the lake at the park.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Randy asked Gary if there was anything to report for this month. Gary stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month. Gary stated that he had talked to the Oblong Community Club about purchasing the planters for uptown. Gary stated that the Club is willing to purchase the planters and has contacted the Horticulture Club at the High School to do the planting. Gary stated that he has ordered the four (4) planters and eight (8) trash cans.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there have been some problems with the testing of the samples on extension #7, but hopefully all is straighten out soon. Ken stated that Gary and Travis would like permission to go to the IRWA Training in Flora on March 24th, from 8 am to 12 pm (Noon). The Board granted the request. Ken stated that there will be a committee meeting on Monday, March 7th at 5:30 pm.

F. Finance: Rick stated that it is budget time again and that he knew that the department heads were already working on their budget. Rick stated that there will be a committee meeting on Wednesday, March 30th at 9 am to go over the budgets with the department heads and discuss other budget figures. Ladora stated that the SECICTA meeting on March 10th, that Jan and she would like to attend. The Board granted the request.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. There was one other item of business this month. Randy stated that the Revolving Loan Committee recommends that the Village approve a loan of \$15,000 to Eric and Kelly Wells. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to issue a Revolving Loan of \$15,000 to Eric and Kelly Wells. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 6th, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY) and JJ Aten (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 2nd, 2011 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Ken. All ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Rick C. mentioned that there had been some money budgeted for donations to the Crawford County Spay/Neuter Foundation. He stated that he felt \$250 a quarter would be a good amount for the donation. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to give \$250 a quarter to the foundation. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from the Eastern Illinois Sportsmen's Club requesting to use the Park on June 4th, from 9 am to 11:30 am for a fishing rodeo. The rodeo is for kids up to 15 years of age. The Board granted the request.
7. Randy wanted to thank the department heads for their work on the budget figures for the working budget. Rick C. also, wanted to thank Gary, Chad, Jan and Ladora for their work on the budget figures. Randy stated that the total amount for the 2011-2012 Working Budget is \$1,136,176.77; this figure includes some Capital Outlay Items. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to adopt the 2011-2012 Working Budget. Roll Call votes as follows: Ayes – Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motions carried.
8. Randy stated that the total amount for the appropriations is \$1,545,420. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2011-O-535 "Appropriation Ordinance". Roll Call votes as follows: Ayes – Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motions carried.
9. Randy stated that the amount for the MFT resolution is \$60,000. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2011-R-2 "A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highways Code". Roll Call votes as follows: Ayes – Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motions carried.
10. Under Mayor's Comments:
  - A. Randy stated that the Village Spring Clean-Up is April 21st, for all paid-up Republic customers. He also stated that Republic will only pick-up bagged, boxed and/or bundled; plus one appliance per household. They will not pick-up yard waste, paint cans or vehicle parts.
  - B. Randy stated that WTW Salvage will be in Oblong on April 22nd, from 7 am to 7 pm, to collect any scrap metal, appliances, etc. There is a fee for computer monitors and TVs. They will not pick-up or take garbage, tires, combustibles, chemicals, paint,

furniture, box springs and mattresses, etc. Randy stated that there will be a central drop-off located at the Village lot at South Grant Street and East Kentucky Street.

C. Randy stated that the Police Department will start issuing warning on April 11th, for accumulated trash/garbage. If the problem is not taken care of, the police department will start issuing tickets.

D. The Village has contracted with MidAmerican Energy for two years on electric supply rates.

E. Randy mentioned that some residents have been receiving letters HomeServe about water service line coverage. Gary stated that he has received some calls from water bill customers about the letters, also. Chad stated that he would check to make sure this is not a scam.

F. Randy stated that the Village has received a letter from MediaCom stating that there is going to be a rate increase for MediaCom customers on or about May 1, 2011.

G. Randy stated that the Revolving Loan that was approved at last month's Board Meeting will not be issued due to problems with other financing. Randy stated that there was another loan request turned in. 11. Reports of Committees:

Police: Joe read the March Monthly Report. Joe stated Chad has Sniper Training April 25-29, in Springfield at the Police Academy. Joe stated that the Village did not receive the grant which would have helped purchase a new squad car for the department. Joe mentioned that there will be a K-9 Demonstration by the Sheriff's and Robinson Police Departments on April 30, for the Boy Scouts.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that all the lights are working along the walking pathway around the lake at the park. It was mention that the roof on the Municipal Building has been looked at and that there have been some minor repairs done, hopefully this will take care of some of the problems, if not will need to look at possibly reroofing.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the new trash cans and planters have been received and placed uptown. He wanted to thank the Oblong Community Service Club for their donation towards the purchase of the planters. Rick stated that the Oblong High School FFA Club is going to fill the planters later on. Rick stated that there will be a committee meeting on Monday, April 11th, at 8 am. It was mentioned that there are some problems with parking on Main Street since the construction has been finished. Gary stated that as soon as the weather warms up enough the curbs will be painted, which should take care of the problems.

D. Street and Alley: Tony wanted to thank Gary for his work on the budget.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the easements for Extension 9 & 10 are almost all done. Gary mentioned that his department will be flushing hydrants on April 11 thru 15.

F. Finance: Rick stated that everything had already been taken care of earlier in the meeting.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

12. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

13. There were no other items of business this month.

14. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 4th, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY) and Jeff Wiman.

1. The Village Clerk swore in Joe Campanella, trustee; Tony Madlem, trustee; and Debi Wilson as trustee before the Board Meeting was called to order.

2. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Rich.

3. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 6th, 2011 were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Tony. All ayes; motion carried.

4. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

5. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

6. Ken stated that the letter, the Village is sending to EJ Water Cooperation, will be an agreement between the Village and EJ. (See attached letter) Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to approve the letter to be sent to EJ Water Cooperation. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Randy read the Proclamation for National Police Week 2011. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick H., to adopt the Proclamation for National Police Week 2011. All ayes, motions carried.

8. Randy stated that there has been a request to use the 4-way stop on May 28th, from 8 am to 12pm (Noon) for donations to the Riley's Children's Hospital. The Board granted the request.

9. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy gave an update on the contract between MediaCom and the Village. He stated that there have been some wording changes in Section 2.2 and 3.2. The wording changes in Section 2.2 Other Ordinances. is omitting the following words "to the extent that the provisions of the ordinance do not have the effect of limiting the benefits or expanding the obligations of the Grantee that are granted by this Franchise" and "In the event of a conflict between any ordinance and this Franchise, the Franchise shall control." The wording changes in Section 3.2 Restoration of Public Ways. is omitting the word "reasonably". The Board accepted the wording changes.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the April Monthly Report. Tony asked about accepting bids for the confiscated golf cart. The Board decided to have Chad advertise for bids on the golf cart and then open the bids at the next Board Meeting, which is June 1st.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the Committee had a meeting at 6:30 pm before the Board Meeting to discuss a few items. One of the items was a request from the Fair Board to use the Park for a Demolition Derby on June 11th, as a fundraiser for the county fair. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., to grant the request with the stipulation that the Fair Board's insurance has the same liability coverage as the Village's insurance. All ayes, motion carried. Another item was the placement of the sign, which the Crawford County Tourism Board had given, will now be placed west of the park entrance behind the fence. There was some discussion on who would be responsible for placing the messages on the sign. It was decided that the Committee would look into setting up guidelines for the use of the sign. Debi stated that the sign will hopefully be placed this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the Committee had a meeting on April 11th,

to discuss some sidewalk problems. He stated that he and Gary had looked at sidewalks that will need work done to. The majority of the problem sidewalks are on North Range Street. Rick stated that the work will probably start mid to late summer.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there are still some right-of-ways to get.

F. Finance: Rick stated that he had nothing to report at this time. Jan stated that the Village Audit would be May 16th thru the 20th.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

11. Motion by Joe, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

12. There were no other items of business this month.

13. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 1st, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY) Fannie R. Myers, Phyllis Cummins and Fredonna Condoer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 4th, 2011 were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Joe. All ayes; motion carried.

3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Fannie Myers asked to be placed on the agenda.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Mrs. Myers came to the meeting to discuss the letter she had received from the Police Department about a house that she owns located at 305 South Range Street. She stated that she does not have the funds to fix up the house. There was some discussion on the matter. The Board asked Mrs. Myers if she would be willing to sign the property over to the Village. She said that she would be willing to do that. Motion by Joe, with a second by Ken, to accept the property at 305 South Range Street, upon a title search come clear of any liens upon the property; and then the Village will have the pending fines dropped.

6. Motion by Debi, with a second by Tony, to adopt Ordinance #2011-O-536 "Prevailing Wage Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.

7. Randy opened and read the bids for the confiscated golf cart. The bids are as follows: Jaquelynn Miller -- \$ 600.00; Ross/Vicki Knecht -- \$ 513.13; Rich Grafton -- \$ 1,111.11; Jerry L. Smith -- \$ 1,050.00; Ralph Maxwell -- \$303.03; Chad Harris -- \$ 508.00; Katrina Williams -- \$1,500.00; Kari Jo Gower -- \$1,087.50. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to accept the bid of \$1,500.00 from Katrina Williams. All ayes, motions carried.

8. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy stated that he had a few comments this month. 1. He stated that he had received an e-mail that stated that the legislation to reduce the LGDF (Local Government Distributive Fund) has not passed at this time.

2. Randy wanted to commend the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary for the Memorial Day Service.

3. Randy stated that for the next Board Meeting, he will have estimates on the cost for the generator and set-up for the Municipal Building.

4. Randy stated that the Village had received the 4-year IMLRMA Building Evaluation Update. He stated that the evaluation sheets would be in the clerk's office for inspection, if anyone wanted to see them.

9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe stated that there was not a May Monthly Report at this time, but when Chad gets the report done he will get copies to the trustees. Joe stated that the new squad car has been ordered.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the new Sign is up out at the park entrance. Debi

stated that at this time the only announcements to be placed on the sign will be for community events. If there is some interest in individual messages then the committee will revisit the issue of making a policy. Gary stated that the new landscape at the park entrance was designed and the plants donated by Meiszner Landscape Design.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that there was nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there will be a MFT Bid letting on June 6th, at 10 am.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that all the right-of-ways for extensions 9 & 10 have been signed, filed and copies given to Connor & Connor.

F. Finance: Rick stated that he had nothing to report at this time. Jan stated that the Village MFT Audit has been completed and that the auditor complemented Ladora and her on keeping orderly records. Kemper CPA auditor will be coming on Friday, June 3rd, to look at a few items to help finish the audit for last fiscal.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

10. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Other Items of business: Tom Compton mentioned that the Crawford County Fair Queen Pageant is coming up and that there is a need for candidates.

12. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 6th, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Mike McReynolds, Daniel Fritchie and Sheryl Fritchie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 1st, 2011 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month.

Mike McReynolds asked if he could pay his delinquent water bill on Friday, July 8th. The Board granted his request.

Sheryl Fritchie came before the Board to request an extension on her delinquent water bill. There was some discussion on the matter. The Board decided to give her a 30 day extension on her delinquent water bill.

5. Mike McReynolds came before the Board to ask permission for the local Alzheimer's group to use the 4-way stop to collect donations one weekend in the month of August, but not the weekend of the Antique Tractor and Engine Show. The Board stated that there would not be a problem as long as the group supplies the Village with a certificate of insurance and give a specific date for the Board at the next month's Board meeting.

6. Gary, representing the Oblong Chamber of Commerce, came before the Board to request permission to use the Park for "Oldies in the Park" on September 24th. He also wanted to make sure the Board was okay with closing off the first block of South Range Street at 5 pm on Friday before Fall Follies. The Board granted both requests.

7. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to accept the Agreement with Jeffrey Lawhead and to release the lien on the property located at 403 West Illinois Street. Five ayes, motion carried. In the Agreement, Mr. Lawhead will pay \$6,000 to the Village of Oblong to clear the lien.

The Board also discussed the property at 305 South Range Street. There have been some issues with ownership and liens on the property. The Board is going to wait until next month to make any decision on what action to take.

8. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy stated that he had a few comments this month.

1. He stated that he is still trying to get estimates on the cost of a generator and set-up costs for the Municipal Building.
2. Randy wanted to commend the Boy Scouts for putting the American Flags up along Route 33 for the 4th of July Weekend.
3. Randy stated that the Village has received a letter and maps from Ameren Illinois about tree trimming in the Village. Randy stated that the maps would be in the Clerk/Treasurer's office if anyone wants to look at them.
4. Randy stated that the new sign is in place at the Park entrance and is already being used. Gary stated that the Village needed to thank Joe Stephenson for his help with the sign.
5. Randy stated that he had been contacted about a tree in the right of way in the alley of a property between the 500 block of East Indiana Street and East Kentucky Street. He stated that he would go and look at the tree and then get with the Street/Alley Committee.

#### 9. Reports of Committees:

Police: Joe read the June Monthly Report. Joe stated that there will be extra coverage during the week of the Crawford County Fair (July 23-29) especially on July 26 and 27. Chad has ILEAS Training in August 7-11, and Gabe will be in patrol rifle training this month. Joe mentioned that Chad will be speaking to the Student Leadership participants at Lincoln Trail College on August 2. The new squad car should be done middle of next week. Joe mentioned that there are a few agencies interested in the 2007 squad car.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the Playground Equipment Committee has ordered the new playground equipment for children ages 2-5. It should be here in three weeks, but will not be set-up until sometime in August.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that there was nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month. There was some discussion about speeding in the 600 and 700 blocks of South Garfield Street.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there will be an excavation safety meeting to be held here at the Municipal Building on July 19, for local farmers. This meeting is by invitation only. The Village of Oblong Public Works Department, Ameren Illinois, JULIE Corp., Marathon Pipeline, Faripoint Communication and Norris Electric Coop will be sponsoring the meeting. Gary mentioned that the work has begun on Rural Water Extension 8.

F. Finance: Rick stated that Kemper CPA will be coming to the next Board Meeting with the Audit for last fiscal year.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

10. Motion by Joe, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. There were no other items of business this month.

12. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Larry Scull and Max Scull.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved with a motion by Rick C. and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.

3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Max Scull came before the Board to object to two ordinance violations that he had received on one of his vehicles. Mr. Scull had proof that the vehicle had a valid registration and it was also stated that the vehicle is moved so that the owner can move to keep the weeds down. Upon some discussion the Board stated that one of the violation charges would be dropped. Upon further research the Board decided to drop all charges.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Rick C. stated that the Village had received a clean audit for FY 2011.

6. Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick H., to adopt Resolution 2011-R-3 "Halloween Parade Permit" for October 29th, 2011. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

7. Randy asked the Police Chief if he had contact with the property owner of 305 South Range Street. Chad stated that he had called the gentleman and told him that he needed to get in contact with Rick Catt. Rick stated that he had not received a call from the gentleman. Randy asked if Chad could try and contact the owner and tell him that if he does not contact Rick Catt by August 15th, then the Village will start legal processing. In the mean time, Randy stated that the Village will need to contact someone to mow the yard and have Gary and his employees to board up the doors and windows. Randy stated that there will need to be before and after pictures of the house for evidence. Gary asked if Randy wanted him to go ahead and contact someone to do the mowing and start the boarding up of the windows and doors. Randy said yes.

Joe stated that he had been contacted about a storage building owned by Monte Eagle Mills on West Indiana Street. There was some discussion. It was decided that Chad will contact Bob Glezen and ask him to secure the building.

Chad stated that the property owned by Lisa Wilson has been mowed. There is also a property on East Indiana Street that needs to be put on the watch list.

8. Under Mayor's Comments: Randy stated that he had a few comments this month.

1. He stated that he wanted to thank Jan, Ladora and Dale for their help/cooperation with the auditors in making the audit process go smoothly this year.

2. Randy stated that he had received the estimate for the building generator. The generator and parts are estimated to cost \$11,379.23; and the labor would be around \$1,840.00. There was some discussion on the placement of the generator and where to proceed with the purchase of the generator. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Ken, to proceed with the purchase and installation of the generator. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. Reports of Committees:

Police: Joe read the July Monthly Report. Joe stated Chad has ILEAS Training on August 7-11, in Alabama. Joe stated that Chad will be going to get the new squad car tomorrow and is driving the 2007 squad that the Village will be getting rid of. So, that the Village can get a true market value of the 2007 squad. Joe mentioned that there are a few agencies interested in the 2007 squad car.

B. Building and Park: Gary stated that the new playground equipment has been delivered. The date for set-up is Friday, August 19th, starting at 7am.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that there was nothing to report this month. Gary stated that the Village is on the contractor's books for sidewalk repairs.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month. Gary stated that he had received a map for this year's 5K run during Fall Follies. He stated that the map showed the route that the sponsors are wanting to use, but the map is showing two places where the runners would be running on North Range Street for a block each time; instead of crossing like they did last year. Gary asked for the Board's backing because he has contacted the sponsors and told them that the route needs to be the same as last year's.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the pipe for Rural Extension #10 has been ordered. Ken also stated that the Village is waiting on water sample testing on Rural Extension #8.

F. Finance: Rick stated that he had nothing more to report this month, but he did want to mention that the audit report show the Village's access value had increased this past fiscal year.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

10. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. There was one other item of business this month. Jan stated that the Village had received the playground equipment bill from Miracle; but will not pay it until after the equipment is set-up.

12. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

## September 7, 2011

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 7th, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

### Members Present:

Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

### Others Present:

Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Mike McReynolds and Sheryl Fritchie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 3rd, 2011 were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Ken. All ayes; motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Mike McReynolds came before the Board to report that the Alzheimer's Group collected over \$800 on August 20th. He stated that the group would like to use the 4-way stop again next year on the Saturday after the Antique Tractor and Engine Show weekend. Randy stated that the group will need to come to the Board Meeting next year to make the request.
4. There was one water bill customers at the meeting this month. Sheryl Fritchie came to see if the Board would give her an additional extension on her delinquent water bill. It was discussed and the Board decided to have the water shut-off because there was only one payment made since the July Board Meeting and no definite payment schedule.
5. Randy stated that the Village has appropriated \$1,457,670.00 and is levying for \$ 106,600.00. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-537 "Tax Levy Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.
6. Randy asked the Police Chief if he has had anymore contact with the property owner of 305 South Range Street. Chad stated that he had not, but that the junk in the yard has been cleaned-up and the yard has been mowed. Chad stated that he has taken pictures of the house before Gary boarded up the lower level windows that broken panels and that the doors are secured.

Randy stated that there was an issue of back taxes on the Lawhead property. There was some discussion on this matter. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., for the Village to go ahead and pay the back taxes on the property of \$995.86. Roll call vote as follows: Rick C.-Aye, Joe-Aye, Rick H.-Aye, Ken-Aye, Tony-Aye, and Debi-Aye. Motion carried.

### 7. Under Mayor's Comments:

1. Randy stated that John Provine had contacted him and wants to come and check the speaker system, two weeks before the Fall Follies to make sure everything is up and running.
2. Randy stated that the Village has received the Halloween Parade Permit for October 29th, from IDOT.
3. Randy mentioned that the Fall Clean-up is scheduled for October 13th, with Republic. One appliance per paid-up household and everything else needs to be bagged, bundled or boxed.
4. Randy stated that WTW Salvage wants to do scrap metal, appliances, TVs and tire rims pick-up this fall. The Board suggested to let WTW Salvage decide wither they wanted to come the day before or day after October 13th. It was also discussed that if WTW Salvage does not do what they say they are going to do; then the Village will be looking for someone else to do the scrap metal, appliances, TVs and tire rims pick-up.
5. Randy stated that the Village has received some letters from MediaCom this past month. The

first letter, dated August 5th, states that there will be some changes to the line on or about September 9th. The second letter, dated August 12th, states that they will not longer have WTHI DT2 Cool TV in their line-up. The third letter, dated August 17th, states that they will no longer have the Tennis Channel in their line-up.

6. Randy read a THANK YOU card from the family of Don Russell which read as follows "Thank you for the memory stone & plant. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated." The card was signed Ken and Nancy Russell.

7. Randy stated that the Village's IML/RMA Loss Control Specialist Jim Closson had stopped by to do his annual inspection. Randy stated that he had left a packet of information and a suggestion about some signage out at the Village Park.

8. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the August Monthly Report. Joe stated that the new squad car is in service and that he had contacted two other agencies about purchasing the 2007 squad car, but have not heard back from them. Joe stated that there is Patrol and Rifle Training this month and that Officer Gabe Lowrance and Joe Gunn will be attending the training. Chad stated that the building on West Indiana Street that is owned by Monte Eagle Mills is being torn down.

B. Building and Park: Gary stated that there is a new floor in the Musgrave Shelter and the new playground equipment for ages 3-5 year olds has been installed. Ken, on behalf of the Playground Equipment Committee wanted to thank everyone who came out and helped put the new playground equipment up especially Nash Electric, in the use of the auger.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that 50% of the sidewalk projects have been completed. Rick wanted to thank Gary and the guys for helping Maxwell Concrete so that the projects that were completed were done now instead of later in the year.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month. Gary stated that later this month the Chip and Seal will be done on the streets.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was nothing to report this month. Gary stated that the right-of-ways have been cleared off ready to start laying some more water line and soon as the street project is finished.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission was planning to have a seminar on grants. He asked if anyone was interested in going. Jan stated that she might if nothing else comes up. Ladora stated that Jan and she would be going to their quarterly SECICTA Meeting tomorrow (September 8th).

G. Development: Randy stated that there has been some interest and that he will look into seeing if there is anything the Village could offer.

9. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

10. There was one other item of business this month. Ken asked about the generator for the municipal building. Randy stated that he has not heard anything from John LeFever.

11. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**October 5th, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 5th, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Joe Campanella.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Henry Van Winkle, Robbie Van Winkle and Debbie Tedford.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 7th, 2011 were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Debi. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Robbie Van Winkle came before the Board to thank them for granting the Walk to End Alzheimer. She stated that there were 172 people who participated in the event. She mentioned that the Alzheimer Group raised over \$16,000.00 during the event and since then the amount is approaching \$17,000.00. She also wanted to thank everyone that was involved from the Village especially Gary, Chad and Gabe Lowrance. She shared some photos that were taken during the event with the Board. She stated that so far the group from here is leading in the amount raised during the Walk to End Alzheimer. She stated that the group hopes to be able to use the Park again next year for the Walk to End Alzheimer.
6. Debbie Tedford, U of I Extension Office, came before the Board to request the use of the Park for a Drive-Thru Pork burger Fundraiser for the 4-Hers of Crawford County on November 11th, weather permitting. This would include pork burger, bag of chips and a drink. The Board granted her request. Randy stated that she could get with Gary about where to set-up.
7. The Board set Trick or Treat Night for Monday, October 31st, from 5 pm to 8 pm and only at houses with their porch light on.
8. There was some discussion on wither the Village wants to join the National Flood Insurance Program. Randy stated that he would talk with the Palestine Mayor to see how they handle the compliance rules. It was also decided that before the Board decides on the matter of joining the program the Board would like to meet with the Manager of the State Floodplain Programs from Illinois Department of Natural Resources (INDR).
9. Under Mayor's Comments:
  - A. Randy stated that he had planned to have the generator added to the agenda but didn't get it done. The Board discussed purchasing a back-up generator for the municipal building. The estimated cost of the generator and materials is \$11,379.23 and the estimated labor cost is \$1,840.00 for a total cost of \$13,219.23. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to purchase the generator, as long as IML/RMA, the Village Insurance, has no problems with the building being used as an Emergency Storm Shelter. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
  - B. Randy stated that he had a recommendation from the Oblong Revolving Loan Committee to have the Board approve a loan to Brandon Harmon for \$63,000.00. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to loan \$63,000.00 from the Oblong Revolving Loan Fund to Brandon Harmon. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
  - C. Randy stated that there has been some issues with the billing from Republic, the Village contracted trash haulers. He stated that he had contacted Republic and has resolved the issues. Randy stated that any citizen of the Village needs to contact Jan or Ladora if they have been billed a wrong amount on their bill or if they are not receiving the Senior Citizen Rate. Senior Citizen rate

is for anyone 60 years or older.

D. Randy mentioned that the Fall Clean-up is scheduled for October 13th, with Republic. One appliance per paid-up household and everything else needs to be bagged, bundled or boxed. There is to be no paint, car parts or construction waste.

E. Randy stated that WTW Salvage will be in town on October 12th, to do scrap metal, appliances, TVs and tire rims pick-up this fall.

#### 10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Tony stated that Chad has Cript training on October 12th in Robinson.

There will also be training on October 22nd in Mattoon and on October 24th, there will be Biker 101 Training in Robinson.

Tony stated that there has been a request for a High School student to Job Shadow with the Police. There was some discussion on the matter. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to grant the request for the student job shadowing. Five ayes, motion carried.

Tony stated that the Police Department has received a donation of \$2,000.00 from Wal\*Mart and a \$1,000.00 from an anonymous donor. Tony stated that Chad would like to put these donations into a checking account for a Junior Police Academy Program Fund. The program is similar to the DARE Program; it is geared toward grades 5-8. It would be a 9 week after school program. The checking account funds would go towards supplies for the program. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to set-up the new checking account. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Tony stated that Joshua Douthit has turned in a letter of resignation from the Police Department. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to accept the letter of resignation from Joshua Douthit. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month. Debi stated that Gary had a dead tree cut down out at the Park this past month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the Chip and Seal is done for this year.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there had been a committee meeting on September 14th to discuss a few items that needs to be done. The first recommendation from the committee was to have the water tower cleaned inside and outside by Hanfland Painting Contractors LLC for \$6,200. The second recommendation was to have the Village purchase a truck, through state bid which was lower that the estimate cost from the local dealership, to take the place of the 1995 truck. The third recommendation from the committee was to have repairs done on a lift station pump. The Board accepted the recommendations. Ken stated that the water line up to the Musgrave property is now in service. Ken stated that the water lines have been laid on 1350th to the last house on 525th.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that there was nothing to report this month.

G. Development: Randy stated that there was nothing to report this month.

11. Motion by Ken, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

12. There were no other items of business this month.

13. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**November 2, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Tom Compton (Daily News), Ron Smith, Rose Smith and Daniel Fritchie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 5th, 2011 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.
3. There was one addition to the agenda this month. Ron Smith asked to address the Board.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Nick Hinterscher came to the Board Meeting to request that the taverns be allowed to stay open until 1 am, with last call at 12:30 pm, on Wednesday before Thanks-giving. There was some discussion before the vote. Motion by Tony, with a second Rick H., to allow the taverns to stay open until 1 am, with last call at 12:30 pm, on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Tony, Debi.
6. James Bruner came before the Board to ask the Village Board if he and Jerry Ballow could get a contract to pick-up scrap metal and appliances during the Spring and Fall Clean-ups. Mr. Bruner also stated that he would be willing to pick-up items weekly or by weekly bases. There was some discussion about the weekly pick-up and wither to establish a central drop-off area or not. Randy asked if Mr. Bruner had liability insurance. Mr. Bruner stated that he did have liability insurance. The Board felt it would not be good to have a central drop-off area because there is a possibility that there would be unwanted items dropped off. The Board decided that people could contact the Village Office and be put on a list that Mr. Bruner could pick-up once a week. Mr. Bruner gave his contact information to Jan.
7. Randy stated that the VFW Post #4549 had called to ask permission to use the 4-way stop on November 5th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) to hand out poppies. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to allow the VFW Post #4549 to use the 4-way stop on November 5th, to pass out poppies from 8 am to noon. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
8. Ron Smith came before the Board to request that he be able to become a Village Water Customer. He stated that he had talked with Gary and also with Connor & Connor about getting city water. Mr. Smith has said that he is willing to pay for the materials to install a water main to his property located three-tenths of a mile west of 300E on 1400N, if the Village provides the labor; but he has not signed a contract yet. Randy stated that his understanding is that there is something lined up but that there are a few other jobs ahead of Mr. Smith.
9. Under Mayor's Comments: A. Randy stated that the Village had received a "Thank You" card from the Larry Lorange Family for the floral arrangement sent.  
B. Randy stated that he had talked with John LeFever. John stated that he had met with a Steve Rivers; an engineer with Ameren CIPS, there is an issue with the size of the generator, so the Village needs a larger generator for the 3 phase. This means that John has to get a new quote for the larger generator. Randy stated that he would bring the new figures to the next Board Meeting.

C. Randy stated that the Village has received this year's IML/Risk Management Bill/Contribution in the amount of \$38,521, which is about \$3,000 higher than last years.

D. Randy stated that the speaker system was up and running last Saturday during Fall Follies until there was a problem with feedback during the parade, which caused the fuses to blow. Randy stated that he had spoken with John Provine and that John has talked with the speaker manufacturer and they have solved that issue. The manufacturer says that the system will need bigger fuses and some changes need to be made to the microphone/system. Randy stated that there is a 5-year in-house warranty with Kemp on the speaker system. Randy stated that possibly there will be Christmas music playing by Friday, November 4th. Randy stated that he had been contacted by a gentleman that would like to meet with the Board to discuss the possibility of selling and recording advertising spots to be played on the sound system after the problems have been corrected.

E. Randy mentioned that he is still working on getting a meeting set-up with the gentleman about the possibility of the Village joining the National Flood Insurance Program. Randy is hoping to get a meeting set-up for this month sometimes.

F. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom about some changes with digital programming.

#### 10. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for October. Joe stated that Chad will have Current Trends Drug training on November 20th in Mattoon. Joe stated that the Police Department collected over 70 lbs. in prescription drugs on Saturday, October 29th. Chad stated that this will be done every six months. Joe stated that the Police Department had only received two bids from other police departments on the 2007 Squad Car. The bids were from Newton Police Department for \$9,000 and Coles County Sheriff's Department for \$12,000. Motion by Joe, with a second by Debi, to accept the bid from Coles County Sheriff's Department for the 2007 Squad Car. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that weather permitting the last two sidewalk projects will be finished this month sometime.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report this month. Gary stated that the Leaf Vac will be running this month on Monday to pick-up raked loose leaves. He stated that if the leaves are bagged or boxed they will be pick-up on most work days. The citizens must call in to be put on the list for either Leaf Vac or bagged/boxed leaves to the Public Works Office (618-592-3122). Gary stated that earlier this year he had mentioned that a deadline for street signage upgrade is to be December 31st, 2011, but from what Gary has been told the Federal Government is not pushing the deadline date, due to lack of funding to help offset the cost of the signage upgrade. Gary stated that for the past couple of years any stop/yield signs that the Village has had to replace are up to the federal code.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken asked Gary to update the Board on Rural Water Extension #9. Gary stated that the operator permit for Partial A of the extension has been applied for and waiting to receive it. He thinks that in a few weeks the customers in Partial A of the Extension #9 will be able to start hooking onto the Village's water line.

F. Finance: Randy stated that Rick C. was sick and had asked Randy to take care of Christmas Bonuses for the employees, since the December Meeting is after the first pay in December. The Christmas Bonuses are put on the first pay of December. Randy stated that Rick said that the Christmas Bonus was budgeted for the same amount as last year, which was \$115 for Full-Time employees and \$85 for Part-Time employees. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to give Christmas Bonuses in the amounts of \$115 for Full-Time employees and \$85 for Part-Time

employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

G. Development: Randy stated that there was nothing to report this month.

11. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

12. There were two other items of business this month. Rick H. wanted to thank everyone who helped out with making Fall Follies go smoothly. Ken stated that there was a suggestion made about possibility having extra lighting along the parade route due to the fact that there are dark place along the route. There was a mutual feeling of the Board to look into the matter for next year's Halloween Parade.

13. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **December 7th, 2011**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 7th, 2011, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Tom Compton (Daily News), Nick Hintscher and Mike McReynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 2nd, 2011 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Rick H. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mike McReynolds came before the Board to ask for an extension on his water bill until Thursday, December 8th. The Board granted his request.

5. Nick Hinterscher came to the Board Meeting to request that the taverns be allowed to stay open until 1:30 am, with last call at 1 am, on New Year's Eve. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to allow the taverns in Oblong to stay open until 1:30 am, with last call at 1 am, on New Year's Eve. Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Tony, Debi.

6. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom dated November 10, 2011, stating that there is to be a rate adjustment on or about December 15, 2011. The rates will be going up between \$0.55 to \$3.00 and they will be eliminating the paperless bill credit of a \$1.00.

B. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom on November 17, 2011, stating that there were going to be some channel line-up changes effective on or around December 13, 2011.

C. Randy stated that Republic had dropped-off new trash containers to their customers. Gary stated that the Public Works Office is making a list of Republic customers that have not yet received their trash containers to give to Tony Myers (Republic Driver).

D. Randy stated that he has been contacted by two other municipalities about the animal control issues. He stated that there will be some meetings on what the municipalities are going to do.

E. Randy mentioned that John LeFever has talked with a gentleman that sells a 3-phase generator. Randy stated that with it being close to the end of the Village's fiscal year that may be it would be best to wait until next fiscal year to purchase the generator and be able to budget better to cover the cost of the generator and installation.

7. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for November. Joe stated that there will be DWI Protect Training Update on December 16th in Robinson and HazMat/Blood Born Pathogens training on December 22nd in Robinson.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the sidewalk projects are finished for now.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that the street signage upgrade program deadlines are as follows: Traffic Control Signs by 2012, Retro-Reflective by 2015 and all signs by 2018. Tony stated that the Village needs to make a policy for street sign, traffic signs and other signage for upgrading. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, that the Public Works Department establish and implement a sign maintenance program as outlined in the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and that from this day forward it will be the policy to purchase only traffic signs that will meet these requirements. All ayes, motion carried. Gary stated that the Leaf Vac is done for the year, but there will still be boxed and bagged leaf pick-up. The citizens must call in to be put on the list for bagged or boxed leaves to the Public Works Office (618-592-3122). Gary also mentioned that after Christmas, the guys will also pick-up live Christmas trees.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was nothing to report for the water. Gary stated that there was a lift station pump repair this past month and that there had been a sewer line problem that has now been taken care of.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month.

8. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick C., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

9. There were two other items of business this month. Rick H. wanted to thank the Christmas in the Park Committee on the decorations around the Park and Lake. Jan stated that Ladora and she would be going to their SECICTA Meeting in Neoga on Thursday (December 8th).

10. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Rick C., to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## January 4, 2012 Meeting

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 4th, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Tom Compton (Daily News) and Scott Dunlap.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 7th, 2011 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. All ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Jan read a letter from John Provines (Kemp Music) about the downtown speaker system. He stated that he has sent the power amplifier that was located next to the video store to Technomad (Manufacturer) for them to determine why the amplifier is not performing as promoted. Mr. Provines stated that a Technomad Technician informed him that the amplifiers have been redesigned as of 6 months ago. Mr. Provines said that was good to know but he stated that he still needed to know why the amplifiers the Village owns are disrupting the power flow to the receivers which is causing the "popping sound" from the speakers. Mr. Provines is asking to be allowed to take the speaker system down and take back to Vincennes, so that he can set it up outside and test it in climate conditions before it is reinstalled on site and the town's citizens will not be bothered. He asked for a testing period of at least 3 weeks starting on Saturday, January 7th. There was some discussion on the issue. The Board is willing to grant Mr. Provines' request, but want a written agreement with Kemp Music on the warranty and what will be done if the system does not perform after the reinstallation.
6. The Board looked over and discussed the following Ordinances #2012-O-538 (An Ordinance Adopting "Offenses Involving Drugs), #2012-O-539 (An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Village Codes of the Village of Oblong, Illinois to Include the Prohibition of Sale, Possession or Delivery of Synthetic Cannabis) and #2012-O-540 (An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Village Codes of the Village of Oblong, Illinois to Include Prohibiting the Sale and Possession of Mephedrone and Methylenedioxyprovalerone {MDPV}). Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to have Frank Weber (Village Attorney) look over the ordinances and then have the ordinances ready to be passed at the next board meeting (February 1st). All ayes, motion carried.
7. Tony informed the Board that he had talked with Connor & Connor about the issues with North Range Street. Tony stated that Connor & Connor were going to look through what records they have on North Range Street. They will then propose how best to fix the issues and also give a rough estimate on what it will cost. The board gave the okay for Connor & Connor to proceed.
8. Under Mayor's Comments:
  - A. Randy stated that Dean Myers had contacted the Village wanting to get permission to use the Park for a Bluegrass Festival on May 27th through June 3rd, 2012. The Board granted his request.
  - B. Randy stated that he had received some calls about the amount being charged on the trash bills. Randy stated that the Village's contract rate is as follows: Regular Rate is \$9.50/month (\$28.50/quarter) and Senior Citizen Rate (65 or older) is \$8.50/month (\$25.50/quarter). Randy also mentioned that if Republic needed to add a fuel charge, they need to come before the Board for approval before putting that charge on the customer's bill. Randy stated that the contract is up on June 30, 2013.
9. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Police: Joe read the year-end report for 2011. Joe stated that there was a Active Shooter Training session on December 29th at the Oblong Grade School. Joe read some statistics in 2010 there were 153 Police Officers killed (79 were firearm related fatalities), 2011 there were 173 Police Officers killed (68 were firearm related fatalities) and 2012 there has already been 2 Police Officers killed both were firearm related fatalities.

- B. Building and Park: Debi stated that there was nothing to report this month.
- C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that there was nothing to report this month.
- D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that Connor & Connor were also going to look into possible funding from Federal and State for the North Range Street Project. Tony stated that the Village could also use MFT funds, if needed.
- E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was nothing to report for this month.
- F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he had nothing to report for this month.
- G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month.
10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.
11. There were three other items of business this month.
1. Ken mentioned that there is a window that needs to be boarded up on the house at 305 South Range Street.
  2. Debi mentioned that she had notice that there is a window that needs to be boarded up on the back of the building (where the brick wall had fell) in the 100 block of South Range Street.
  3. Randy mentioned that there is to be an EPA meeting on old gas station. He will get the information out to the Trustees in case anyone would be interested in going to it.
12. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Ladora C. Boyd

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## **February 1 , 2012 Meeting**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 1st, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Police Chief Chad Pusey, Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Tom Compton (Daily News), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), John Stone (Connor & Connor), Mike McReynolds, Elizabeth Inboden and Keith Waldrop.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 4th, 2012 were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were two water bill customers at the meeting this month. Mike McReynolds asked for an extension on his water bill until Thursday, February 2nd. The Board granted his extension. Elizabeth Inboden asked for an extension on her water bill. She stated that she would have her total bill paid by the next Board Meeting. The Board granted her request.
5. There was a request from Robbie Van Winkle for the local Alzheimer Group to reserve the Park for September 29th to have a Walk to End Alzheimer Event. The Board granted the request.

6. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-538 "An Ordinance Adopting Offenses Involving Drugs". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-539 "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Village Codes of the Village of Oblong, Illinois to Include the Prohibition of Sale, Possession or Delivery of Synthetic Cannabis". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Joe, with a second by Tony, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-540 "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Village Codes of the Village of Oblong, Illinois to Include Prohibiting the Sale and Possession of Mephedrone and Methylenedioxyprovalerone (MDPV)". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. Randy read the resolution before the Board voted on it. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick C., to adopt Resolution #2012-R-1 "A Resolution to Make February 'Spray or Neuter Month'".

10. There was a request from TLC Therapy Center of Southern & Central Illinois, Inc. to use the 4-way stop to collect donation on May 19th, 2012, from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) by Labor Local #1197. The Board granted the request.

11. The Board granted the request from the Antique Tractor and Engine Club to use the Park for the Antique Tractor and Engine Show on August 10th, 11th and 12th, 2012.

12. Tony stated that Connor & Connor has come up with a proposal for putting in new Storm Sewers, which will drain north to the edge of Oblong into a County drain ditch, and a new section of pavement to replace the old section of pavement on North Range Street from Nebraska Street north to the Village corporate limits. The estimate total cost is \$263,000, which \$229,000 for construction and \$34,000 for engineering. Estimated time frame would be 3 to 4 month construction period, weather permitting. There was some discussion before the decision was made. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to have the Street & Alley Committee and Connor & Connor proceed with the North Range Street Project design. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. The design is to be for six blocks instead of from Nebraska street north to the Village corporate limits

13. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that there had been some issues with people requesting a second trash can and being charged for it. They had been told that the Village Board had voted to allow Republic to charge \$5 for additional trash cans. Randy stated that he had contacted the representative for Republic and was told that there would not be a charge for a second trash can, but that there would be a charge on any additional trash cans requested. Randy told the representative that someone from the company would need to come to a board meeting to get the okay to do that before charging Oblong customers.

B. Randy stated that he had attended a Robinson Council Meeting where they were going to discuss the animal control issue. It was decided at the meeting that the State's Attorney and the Attorney for Robinson need to meet and discuss the issue. Randy stated that in the mean time the Village will need to get a temporary contract with someone to do animal control in the Village. Motion by Tony, with a second by Debi, to contract someone temporarily for animal control. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

C. Randy stated that the Village had received a "Thank You" card from Paula, Steve, Lewis & Harlei Myers for the memorial stone sent for Steve's dad passing.

14. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for January, 2012. Joe stated that the Hazmat/Blood Born Pathogens Training last month was rescheduled for February 23rd here in Oblong. Joe stated that there are 35 students registered for the Junior Police Academy. JPA starts February 9th.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that there was nothing to report this month.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that there was nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing more to report this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was nothing to report for this month.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that the department heads need to start working on their budget figures. Rick mentioned that Jan and Ladora will be attending a meeting in Effingham on March 9th. He stated that the only cost to the Village will be for meals and mileage. Rick also mentioned that everyone had a copy of the Retail Trade Summary for Oblong, Illinois. He stated that this report gives an over view of the sales in Oblong and can be compared to other communities. If anyone is interested let Rick know.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month.

Randy stated that there was about \$25,000 in the revolving loan fund that could be loaned out

15. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

16. There were no other items of business this month.

17. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Debi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **March 7th, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 7th, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Tom Compton (Daily News), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem) and Daniel Fritchie.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 1st, 2012 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Debi. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Daniel Fritchie asked for an extension on his water bill until the end of the month. The Board granted his request.

5. Randy stated that the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement needs to be approved and then will be sent to Illinois Department of Transportation for approval to use Motor Fuel Funds to pay for the engineering. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to approve the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

6. Under Mayor's Comments:

A. Randy stated that April 19th will be Spring Clean-up for Republic paid-up customers. Everything will be the same as the last clean-up.

B. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from WTW Salvage about coming to Oblong

and picking up scrap metal, TVs, appliances & mattresses. The Board decided that they want to let James Bruner do the scrap metal & appliance pick-up this time on April 18th. Randy stated that Mr. Bruner would also be willing to come back on April 20th and pick-up scrap metal & appliances left from the Republic Clean-up. Mr. Bruner needs to have a current copy of his liability insurance turned into the Clerk/Treasurer's Office by noon on April 4th, or the Board will need to contact WTW Salvage instead.

C. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Casey General Store asking if the Board has changed their feelings about issuing a liquor license to Casey's so that they could sale beer and wine. The Board has not changed their feelings.

D. Randy stated that he will be attending the March 8th, Crawford County Board meeting to find out what will be decided on animal control costs. He stated that anyone could attend this meeting also.

#### 7. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for February, 2012. Joe stated that Chad has training on March 21st & 22nd, for Control Officer SWAT. Chad stated that the President of the National Police Academy Organization will be stopping in and talking with the students in our JPA on March 13th, at 5:30 pm. Chad invited any or all of the trustees and mayor to come to the meeting.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month. Randy stated that there was a grant that would possibly pay for switching the lights in the Municipal Building to energy saving lights.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that there was nothing more to report this month.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

F. Finance: Randy stated that Jan and Ladora will be attending a all-day meeting on Friday, March 9th.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month.

8. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Joe, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. There were three other items of business this month.

Debi asked if Randy had heard anything about the Village's Speaker System. Randy stated that he had talked to John (Kemp Music) and John stated that he is waiting for a new part to come in and then he thinks everything will be up and running. Randy stated that he told John that the system needs to be running perfectly.

Debi also mentioned that she still has not got her second trash can from Republic. Republic is saying they don't know when they will be delivering the second trash can.

Ken asked about the generator for the Municipal Building. Randy stated that it will be in next year's budget figures.

10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**April 4, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 4th, 2012, in

the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Tom Compton (Daily News), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem) and Mike McReynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 7th, 2012 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. Rick Houdasheldt came in after the vote on the minutes.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mike McReynolds asked for an extension on his water bill until April 5th. The Board granted his request.
5. Chris Forde came before the Board to update them on the Reverse 911 System. He stated that if you have a landline phone you are already in the system, but if you want to register your cell phone number or e-mail address you will need to go to the following web page address: HYPERLINK "<http://www.crawfordcountycentral.com>" [www.crawfordcountycentral.com](http://www.crawfordcountycentral.com).
6. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to adopt Resolution #2012-R-2 "A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highways Code". All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to approve the 2012-2013 Working Budget at a total of \$1,388,903.85. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-541 "Appropriation Ordinance". All ayes, motion carried.
9. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to sell the 1995 Ford F-250 to Oblong Township for \$2,200. All ayes, motion carried.
10. Under Mayor's Comments:
  - A. Randy stated that April 19th will be Spring Clean-up for Republic paid-up customers. Everything will be the same as the last clean-up. Randy mentioned that the scrap metal pick-up will be with James Bruner, if he gets a copy of his liability insurance to Jan or Ladora. If not the Village will need to contact WTW Salvage to do the scrap metal pick-up.
  - B. It was asked if Mr. Bruner would pick-up televisions. Randy stated that Jan or Ladora will call and ask him.
  - C. Randy stated that he had received a copy of an Animal Control Ordinance. He also stated that hopefully by the next Board Meeting the animal control issue will be settled and ready for a vote.
  - D. Randy stated that the Speaker System is back up and running for now. He stated that he has not received any complaints about popping or static.
  - E. Randy stated that he had received an e-mail from Brian of MidAmerican Energy stating that he wanted to extend the current electricity supply contract with his company for another year or two. The current contract is up May, 2013. Randy stated that he has been approached by a local gentleman who is wanting to give the Village a bid of supplying electricity to the Village. The Board gave Randy the okay to get a quote from the local gentleman just to see what he would bid.
  - F. Randy stated that Gary has been approached about helping an LTC student get some job experience. Randy stated that Gary had gotten a little more detail of what would be required. Randy passed around the e-mail Gary had received. The Board felt that this would not work for the

Village.

G. Randy stated that he had received a list of addresses from Ameren about tree trimming in the Village.

H. Randy mentioned that Revolving Loan Account has a little over \$20,000 that the Village could loan out to businesses in the Oblong School District.

11. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Joe read the monthly report for March, 2012. Chad stated that April 11th will be the JPA students' graduation ceremony at 6:30 pm in the Oblong Grade School Cafeteria. Prior to the ceremony starting at 6 pm there will be pizza for the student and their parents. Chad invited the Board to come to the ceremony. He stated that there were 37 students in the JPA. Joe stated that while the President of the National Junior Police Academy Organization was here on March 13th, he presented Chad with a plaque. Joe also stated that Chad had received a letter from Randy Fencil. Joe read the letter at the meeting.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the Park had received a \$1,000 check from Jim McKinney representing the Elks Cripple Children's Committee.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the sidewalk project for the next fiscal year will be small projects that the public works department will do themselves as time allows. The sidewalks are those that are in dire need of repair work.

D. Street and Alley: Tony gave an update on the North Range Street Project. He stated that Connor & Connor was starting the surveying process this week.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he had nothing more to report for this month.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month. 12. Motion by Debi, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.

13. There were no other items of business this month.

14. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **May 2nd, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Pro-tem Rick Catt, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Mayor Randy Rich.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Tom Compton (Daily News) and JJ Aten (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-tem Catt.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 4th, 2012 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Tony. All ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Rick C. stated that since the death of Oren Dart; the Village needed to find someone to cash rent the farm ground that the Village owns. He mentioned that Oren's Brother-in-Law, Dee Stout, was interested. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to allow Dee Stout to farm the 24 acres that the Village owns for this year's crop season. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion by Joe, with a second by Debi, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-542 "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 30: Public Safety, Article II: Police Department, Section 30-2-20: Part-time Officers, of the Village Codes of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois". Roll call Ayes: Rick C., Joe, Rick H., Ken, Tony, Debi. Motion carried.
7. Rick C. read a letter from John Provines (Kemp Music) about the problems with the Downtown Speaker System. There was some discussion on the issues. The Board decided to make the suggested fixes and give Mr. Provines until June 15th to complete the necessary adjustments. The Board also decided to get a signed agreement between the Village and Kemp Music that if the speaker system fails during the Halloween Parade that it will be taken back by Kemp Music and the Village receive a full refund.
8. Rick C. read the Proclamation to make May13-19 "National Police Week 2012". Motion by Joe, with a second by Rick H., to adopt the "Proclamation For National Police Week 2012" during the week of May 13-19. All ayes, motion carried.
9. There was nothing for Mayor's Comments this month.
10. Reports of Committees:
  - Police: Joe read the monthly report for April, 2012. Joe stated that Chad will have ILEAS training on May 22-24.
  - Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.
  - Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month.
  - D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report this month.
  - E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report for this month.
  - F. Finance: Rick C. stated that he had nothing more to report for this month. Jan stated that the Auditors will be here to do the audit the 3rd full week of May.
  - G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month.
11. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. All ayes, motion carried.
12. There were no other items of business this month.
13. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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**June 6th, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 6th, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Bill Burke, Tom Compton (Daily News) and JJ Aten (Oblong Gem).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 2nd, 2012 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Debi. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Randy stated that the Oblong Revolving Loan Committee had recommended to have the Board approve a loan to Bill Burke for \$15,000.00. Motion by Debi, with a second by Rick H., to loan \$15,000.00 from the Oblong Revolving Loan Fund to Bill Burke. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Bill came before the Board to thank them for the loan and to invite them to the Grand Opening of Furniture and More on June 16th, 2012, at 9:30 am.

6. Motion by Ken, with a second by Tony, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-543 "Prevailing Wage Ordinance". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

7. There was some discussion on the proposed ordinance #2012-O-544 "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong, Illinois", which is dealing with video gaming. Randy stated that there is a web site that the trustees can go to see what all is involved with the video gaming and the state regulations. The web site is HYPERLINK "<http://www.igb.illinois.gov>" [www.igb.illinois.gov](http://www.igb.illinois.gov). Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to table the decision until next month. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

8. Randy stated that the Non-Highway/Neighborhood Vehicle sticker annual renewal is ongoing and that there will be a leniency period to get the stickers for this year. There was some discussion about having permits for Special Events in Oblong for people coming from out of town to use the Non-Highway/ Neighborhood Vehicles. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to allow for Special Event permits for the Non-Highway/Neighborhood Vehicles. The sticker would only be good for up to 1 week and the vehicles would have to be complaint to the Village's codes and inspection by Chad. The cost would be \$10. Five ayes, motion carried.

9. Mayor's Comments: a. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from MediaCom on May 21st, stating that there would be some changes to the channel lineup.

b. Randy stated that the Village had received a letter from Ameren Illinois on June 6th, that gave some advise on two important safety precautions.

c. Randy stated that the Masonic Lodge would like to request that one of the entrances into the park be made a one-way street on June 9th, for the Annual Barbeque at the Park with the proceeds going to the Children's Home and also allow for inflatables on the Midway. The Board granted the requests.

10. Reports of Committees:

Police: Joe read the monthly report for May, 2012. Joe stated that Chad will have two training session this month one is Small Unit Tactics and the other is juvenile training.

Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.

Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that six trouble spots in the sidewalks have been repaired.

Street and Alley: Tony stated that there will be a MFT Letting on June 18th, at 10 am. Tony stated that Connor & Connor have nothing finalized on the North Range project, hopefully for next month.

Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report for this month for Water and Sewer. Ken did have a question about the payroll expense account on the May monthly report. Jan stated that she would look into it and e-mail Ken with an answer.

Finance: Jan and Ladora will be attending the SECICTA Meeting in Charleston on June 14th. Jan stated that the Auditors were here from May 21st thru May 23rd. She stated that Kemper will be here for the July meeting to give the audit report.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month.

11. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimburse-ments to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

12. There were no other items of business this month.

13. Motion by Tony, with a second by Joe, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.  
Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **July 11, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Mike McReynolds, Tami Ogden, Dave Titus and Matt Weaver.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved with a motion by Trustee Campanella and a second by Trustee Houdasheldt. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Mike McReynolds came before the board to request the use of the 4-way stop on August 18<sup>th</sup>, to collect monetary donations for Alzheimer. The Board granted the request.
6. Tami Ogden came before the Board with an analysis of the Village's electric bill and explained where the Village could save more when looking for a new electric supplier by making sure to request an all inclusive rate quote.

Dave Titus came before the Board to inform them on the Community Energy Aggregation Program and how it works There was some discussion on this issue.

The Board decided to wait until next month's meeting to do the resolution to put the aggregation referendum on the November Ballot.

7. Mayor Rich stated that the Village had received a clean audit again this year. He stated that the Village's debt is decreasing.

8. The Village's Motor Fuel Tax Fund audit was done by IDOT and had good report.

9. There was some discussion on the proposed ordinance #2012-O-544 "An

Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong, Illinois", which is dealing with video gaming. Motion by Trustee Houdasheldt, with a second by Trustee Madlem, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-544 "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oblong, Illinois. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rick Houdasheldt, Joe Campanella, Tony Madlem, Debi Wilson. Nays: Ken Russell. Rick Catt was absent. Motion carried.

10. Mayor Rich informed the Board that the Village's Bond Counselor, Kurt Froehlich had talked with him and stated that the Village does not have an agreement with Roger Colmark . This needs to be rectified before any more TIF tax money is sent to Mr. Colmark. Mayor Rich asked the Board's permission to speak with Mark Noonan and have him draft an agreement for the Village and Mr. Colmark to sign. Motion by Trustee Madlem, with a second by Trustee Russell, to give the Mayor permission to talk with Mr. Noonan and get an agreement drafted to rectify the issues with paying Mr. Colmark his percentage of the TIF tax money. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. Mayor's Comments:

a. Mayor Rich stated that he had been made aware of a problem with the Non-Highway/Neighborhood Vehicles being driven up and down Range Street. They are not allowed to drive on Range Street due to it being a multi-jurisdictional road.

b. Mayor Rich stated that the Village had received a letter from Chase Environmental Group Inc. They want the Village to sign a Highway Authority Agreement. There was some discussion on this issue. The Board agreed that the Village will only sign the agreement if Chase is willing to reimburse the Village any legal fees (these include attorney's fees and codification fees) that may be incurred.

12. Reports of Committees:

1. Police: Joe read the monthly report for June, 2012

2. Building and Park: Debi stated that there are two new sofa in the Activity Center and that the Oblong Community Service Club will reimburse the Village for the cost of one. Debi also mentioned that the Committee is looking into getting the generator project going.

3. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month.

4. Street and Alley: Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to accept the bid from Lee Kintner & Sons, Inc. for the Chip and Seal payable for MFT Funds. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

5. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the Village had received the inspection report on the exterior inspection of the water tower.

6. Finance: Jan mentioned that Sarah Mann from Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission is coming on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, to look at the light fixtures in the building and can then figure up what amount of grant money the Village may receive in changing over to more cost effect lighting. Jan stated that Dan Jansen from USDA Rural Development will be here on August 7<sup>th</sup>, to review the Revolving Loans that the Village has. Jan stated that it is again time to put the Village checking account interest up for bids to be open at the next meeting.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month.

13. Motion by Trustee Madlem, with a second by Trustee Russell, to pay the bills that were on the

warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimburse-ments to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

14. There was one other item of business this month. Trustee Wilson asked Gary if the water line break in Robinson had affected the water for the Village's customers. Gary stated that the only problem for the Village's customers has been discoloration but there was no boil order issued.

15. Motion by Trustee Houdasheldt, with a second by Trustee Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **August 1st, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 1st, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Catt and Trustee Joe Campanella.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Cindy McReynolds, JJ Aten (Oblong Gem) and Javier Barrios (Good Energy).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 11th, 2012 were approved with a motion by Tony and a second by Ken. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Cindy McReynolds came before the Board to request an extension on her water bill until Friday, August 3rd, 2012. The Board granted her request.

5. Javier Barrios (Good Energy) came before the Board to inform them on the Community Energy Aggregation Program and how it works. There was some discussion on this issue.

The Board decided to go ahead and do the resolution to put the aggregation referendum on the November Ballot. Motion by Ken, with a second by Debi, to adopt Resolution #2012-R-5 "A Resolution for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, the Question Whether the Village of Oblong Should Have the Authority Under Public Act 096-0176 to Arrange for the Supply of Electricity for the Village for Its Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Have Not Opted Out of Such Program". Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

The Board also decided to enter into an agreement with Good Energy to have them handle the marketing and to educate the voters about the aggregation referendum. Motion by Ken, with a second by Rick H., to enter into an agreement with Good Energy. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Tony, to adopt Resolution #2012-R-3 "Halloween Parade Permit". Four (4) ayes, motion carried. Ken asked if the Board minded him looking into getting some portable lighting for some of the darker parts of the parade route. The Board granted his request. Randy asked if it would be alright for him to speak with Mr. Rilden to line-up a back-up speaker system in case the wireless system fails. The Board granted his request.

7. Motion by Trustee Madlem, with a second by Trustee Wilson, to adopt Resolution #2012-R-4 "Homecoming Parade". Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

8. Mayor's Comments:

- a. Mayor Rich mentioned that Chris Papageorge called to invite the Board to a "Meet and Greet" at Quail Creek on Friday (8/3/2012) from 5:30 to 6:30 pm for Steven McGlynn, who is running for Appellate Court
- b. Mayor Rich stated that the Village had received a check from United Healthcare for \$1,536.96. This rebate is required by the Affordable Care Act (the Health Reform Act), which is based on medical loss ratio. The amount will go towards the next health insurance premium payment.
- c. Mayor Rich stated that the Oblong Community Service Club had made a donation, which offsets the price of one of the new sofas in the Activity Center.

#### 9. Reports of Committees:

A. Police: Chad stated that the Board had a copy of the monthly report for July, 2012. Chad stated that there is no training sessions this month.

B. Building and Park: Debi stated that the Village could get a grant for \$2,808.00 for materials to change the T-12 light fixtures to T-8s, which are more energy efficient. Debi stated that since the lake is down some Gary and his employees will be able to do some preventative maintenance for around \$1,000.00. Debi stated that hopefully by next month the Village will have a cost on the generator.

C. Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month.

D. Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had received an e-mail from John Stone with an estimate on the cost of the North Range Project. The estimated cost to go from the North Village Limits south to Nebraska Street would be \$270,000.00. There was also an estimated amount for additional footage of \$360.00-\$365.00/per foot. There was some discussion on possibly extending south to Iowa Street, which would probably take care of 80% of the issues with North Range Street. The estimated cost would be \$394,100.00. Ken suggested that the Finance Committee look at the figures and discuss how much the Village can afford. Tony asked that he be allowed to sit in during the Finance meeting. Gary stated that the Oblong Chamber of Commerce would like to have the same route as last year for 5K run during Fall Follies. The Board granted the request.

E. Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there has not been any restriction put on water usage at this time. Tony brought up the fact that the pumps that the Village has to use when there is a major water leak cannot pump the water out fast enough. He suggested that Gary get some quotes for a large pump and bring them back to the Water/Sewer Committee.

F. Finance: Jan stated that at the next SECICTA Meeting there will be a speaker on Debt Recovery. Jan also mentioned that she has made the adjustments and transfers that the Auditors had sent her and she is working with Jodi on the password protections. Randy stated that the Bid Letters for the interest on the Village's checking account will go out this month and will open them at next months meeting.

G. Development: Tony stated that there was nothing to report this month.

10. Motion by Trustee Russell, with a second by Trustee Madlem, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimburse-ments to employees. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

11. There were two other items of business this month. Randy stated that he wanted to thank the people who have been watering the planters at the 4-way stop. Randy also mentioned that Gary and him had received an e-mail from Ameren about EPA Clean Air Regulations and that 3 of Ameren's power plants are affected. There is a possibility that the Newton Power Plant will need to shut down unless the EPA will extend that timeline for completion of changes to bring the power plants up to code. Randy stated that he will keep the Board updated on the situation.

12. Motion by Trustee Houdasheldt, with a second by Trustee Madlem, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Four (4) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **September 5th, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 5th, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Tony Madlem.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Mike McReynolds, Tim Attaway (Oblong Community Club), Mike Garrard (Oblong Tractor and Engine Club) and John Stone (Connor & Connor, Inc.).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 1st, 2012 were approved with a motion by Debi and a second by Rick C. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There was one addition and one deletion to the agenda this month.  
Mike Garrard came to the Board to ask if the Board could make an exception on the rules for non-highway vehicle during the Antique Tractor and Engine Show. It was stated that the rules are State of Illinois Rules, so there could not be any changes.  
The Mayor felt that the Village did not need to pass the "No Texting on Board" Proclamation. The Board agreed with him.
4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Mike McReynolds came before the Board to let them know that the Alzheimer's local group collected over \$500 on August 18th at the 4-way stop. He stated that the group would like to do the collection again next year. Mike stated that there will be a fruit pie auction September 29th, along with the walk sponsored by the Alzheimer's local group.
6. Tim Attaway, representing the Oblong Community Club, came before the Board to ask permission to use the Park for Oldies in the Park on October 13. He would like to have some barricades to keep people from driving thru the Park during the event. Oldies in the Park would start at 6:30 pm. The Board granted his request.
7. Motion by Trustee Catt, with a second by Trustee Wilson, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-545 "Tax Levy Ordinance" with a total of \$111,900. Five (5) ayes, motion carried
8. Motion by Trustee Houdasheldt, with a second by Trustee Russell, to adopt Ordinance #2012-O-546 "An Ordinance Approving a Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P.". Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

## 9. Mayor's Comments:

a. Mayor Rich mentioned that the Shriners would like to use the 4-way stop to pass out their newspaper on either September 15th, 22nd or 29th, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. The Board granted the request.

b. Mayor Rich stated that he had received an e-mail from Public Works Superintendent Lanter stating that the erosion control project around the lake was completed but that the \$1,000 that he thought would do the project was not enough to finish the project. Lanter stated that he approached the Oblong Lake Foundation and asked if they would be willing to make a donation so that the project could be completed. The Foundation gave \$500, which finished the project. Mayor Rich stated that he would like to thank the Oblong Lake Foundation for the donation.

## 10. Reports of Committees:

Police: Joe read the monthly report for August, 2012. Joe stated that there was nothing else to report this month.

Building and Park: Debi stated that the Committee recommends that the Board go ahead and purchase the emergency generator for \$17,932.29. Motion by Trustee Campanella, with a second by Trustee Houdasheldt, to purchase the emergency generator for \$17,932.29. Five (5) ayes, motion carried. Debi stated that at last month's Board Meeting the Board had decided to not try for the grant to help defer the cost of switching the light fixture from a T12 to T8 in the building, but upon further discussion the committee felt that the Board should go ahead and try for the grant due to the fact that it would pay for all of the material for the conversion. Debi stated that the Village could go ahead and purchase all the material now, then as the light burns out Byron could make the changes.

Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month. Rick did ask if the Fall Clean-up had been schedule yet. Randy stated that it had not been scheduled yet.

Street and Alley: John Stone, Connor & Connor came before the Board to discuss the North Range Project. The estimated cost to go from the North Village Limits south to Ohio Street would be \$761,000.00; this amount is just for the street repair does not include new water lines. The Board asked how much it would be for the new water lines. John stated that that would be an additional \$200,000. John stated that if the Board decides to go with the entire project, instead 2 to 3 months, it would probably be a six month project which would increase the inspection costs. John mentioned that he understood that the Board might want to do Municipal Bonds to finance the project the interest would be 3.5% to 4%. The street would be the same width as it is now the only difference would be the approaches from the side streets. Some of the changes would be turning radiuses and grading of some of the steeper approaches. There also may be some Ameren poles that will need to be move due to the fact that they are close to the corner of side street intersections. New sidewalks would be put back in the original places. John stated that the Board is looking at a February or March letting if they go ahead with the project. There was some discussion about the project. The Board will make their decision on the project at next month's meeting after getting a report from the auditors about the Village indebtedness.

Water and Sewer: Ken stated that there was a problem last month with some of the water bills not being received by customers. There has also been some damage to the bills. The problems have arisen since the mail has been going to Champaign to be sorted. Ken stated that he had talked with Oblong Post Office personnel and they gave him a flyer with a phone number and e-mail for complaints. Ken stated that the information will be in the Public Works Office.

Finance: Rick stated that the Village has received bids on the Village's checking accounts. He had Jan to open the bids and read them. They are as follow:

First Robinson Savings Bank .57%

First Financial Bank .25%

First National Bank in Olney .25%

Motion by Rick H., with a second by Debi, to accept the bid from First Robinson Savings Bank for .57% for two years. Ayes: Joe, Rick H., Ken, Debi. Abstain: Rick C. Motion carried.

G. Development: Randy stated that there was nothing to report this month.

11. Motion by Trustee Russell, with a second by Trustee Catt, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimburse-ments to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

12. There were no other items of business this month.

13. Motion by Trustee Catt, with a second by Trustee Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **October 3rd, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Joe Campanella.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), Mike McReynolds, JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Ron Smith and Rose Smith.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.
2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 5th, 2012 were approved with a motion by Rick H. and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.
4. There was one water bill customer at the meeting this month. Mike McReynolds asked if he could pay his water bill on Friday, October 5th. The Board granted his request.
5. The Board set October 31st, as trick or treat night in Oblong from 5 to 8 pm. The kids are only to stop where there is a porch light on.
6. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Randy mentioned that October 18th will be Fall Clean-up for Oblong Republic Customers. No electronics, tires, car parts or paint cans. Everything has to be bagged, bundled or boxed. One appliance per paid up customer will be picked up.
  - b. Randy stated that he had received a letter from Phillip LeConte (Executive Director of Junior Police Academy) commending Chief Chad Pusey on his excellent work with the Oblong youth and to invite him to join the advisory board of the Junior Police Academy. Randy read the letter to the Board.

#### **7. Reports of Committees:**

Police: Chad stated that the Board had a copy of the monthly report for September, 2012. Chad stated that there will be training on October 12th on Field Sobriety here at the Municipal Building.

Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.

Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that the Village has the old light pole from uptown, there at the

city lot and they are sometimes in the way. Gary would like to be able to get rid of them. There was some discussion on this matter. The Board decided that if someone wanted them for a dollar apiece (sold as is), then the Village would sell them. There is 9 or 10 good ones.

Street and Alley: Tony stated that the Street Sealing was completed since last month's meeting.

Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report this month.

Finance: Rick C. stated that Jan and Ladora will be attending their SECICTA Quarterly meeting on October 11th in Charleston and the Illinois Municipal League Conference on October 18th to 20th in Chicago. Rick stated that there will be another committee meeting in the next week or two to further discuss the financing of North Range Project and other projects for the future.

G. Development: Randy stated that there was some interest in the industrial area.

8. Motion by Ken, with a second by Debi, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

9. There were two other items of business this month.

1. Ron Smith came before the Board stating that he had talked with the Oblong Township Road Commissioner about possibly getting city water to his home. Mr. Smith stated that the Road Commissioner did not have a problem with the Village putting the water line on the Township roadway or ditch line. The Board stated that they would have to get with the Village's engineer.

2. The Homecoming Parade Route is from the High School head north to Indiana Street instead of Missouri Street.

10. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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## **November 7th, 2012**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 7th, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem, Trustee Debi Wilson and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Rick Houdasheldt.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Sarah Ruholl (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem) and Nick Hinterscher.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 3rd, 2012 were approved with a motion by Joe and a second by Debi. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.

5. Nick Hinterscher came before the Board to request that the taverns be allowed to stay open an extra hour on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The Board granted his request.

6. Randy announced that the Crawford County 4-Her's will be serving Pork Burger across from Rusty Nail Hardware on November 10th from 11 am – 1 pm.

7. Randy stated that the VFW wants to use the 4-way Stop to pass out poppies on November 10 from 8 or 9 am to noon (12 pm). The Board granted their request.

8. Mayor's Comments:

Randy mentioned that the Village had received a Letter from MediaCom dated October 16th stating that beginning October 18 NFL Network will be available to their customers.

Randy mentioned that the Village had received a Letter from MediaCom dated October 12th stating that on or about November 19 Jewelry TV (Channel 96) will be deleted.

Randy stated that there has been an issue with some wording on the TIF 1 about money being pay out to Roger Colmark. He has been working with Eric White from DMI to get the wording issue corrected. Randy stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Colmark stating that he would be willing to pay for half of the cost to correct the wording issue.

Randy stated that the Speaker System did work during the Fall Follies but was not loud enough during the Parade. Randy and John Provines from Kemp Music talked about the problem and John suggested a larger speaker which will cost some more but that the Village will get a 100% credit on the current speakers that will possibly be replaced. The difference is between \$2,400 and \$2,800. Randy said that John has two of the larger speakers if the Village would like to try them before making a decision. The speakers to be replaced would be the ones down by Harmon's and the ones across the street from the Fire Department. There was some discussion on this matter. The Board decided to go ahead with the new speakers.

Randy stated that he had received a letter on the Electric Aggregation and the next steps. He stated that he had forwarded it to the rest of the Board. Motion by Tony, with a second by Ken, to proceed with the next step with the two Public Hearings that are required. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Randy stated that there is some interest from another business wanting to move in out at TIF 2. Have talked with John Stone about making sure that there is not any landlocked property. Tony has made a rough layout of a street entrance of Route 33 connecting to a possible street running behind Dollar General, which lines up with West Illinois Street. Randy stated that the Board members had a copy of this in front them. Randy stated that if the Board approved of the sketch then he would approach David & Sandy Goodwin with the sketch for their approval before proceeding any further.

Randy stated that he had received a letter from Mark Noonan, who has recently formed SIREEDA (a Non Profit Corporation in IL). Mark has seen that there is a gap between small municipals and businesses. Mr. Noonan has extended an invitation for the Village to join. This matter will be discussed more at the December Board meeting.

Randy stated that he had received a letter from Doug Hawkins thanking the Village for the usage of the Park and Campgrounds and support during the International Metal Met.

Randy stated that the Village has received confirmation on the grant for changing the Municipal Building lighting from T12 to T8. If the Village completes the changeover and have submitted the paperwork for the grant money by February 14th, 2013 the Village will receive 100% reimbursement of the project materials cost. If the changeover is completed and the paperwork has been submitted for the grant money by May, 2013, the Village will only receive 85% reimbursement of the project materials cost. The Board decided to proceed with the changing from T12 to T8 lighting and have it done by February 14th, if possible.

Randy suggested that the Village needed to draft an ordinance for limiting the band width between 900 MHz to 950 MHz to make sure the frequency of the Village's wireless speaker system is not infringed upon. It was decided to have the Village Attorney draft the ordinance by the next Board Meeting in December.

Randy mentioned that the Village has received their annual IML Risk Management Insurance Bill

and that it had risen by 3.4%.

Randy wanted to recognize the passing of Lawrence Jobe, who was former Village Board member.

Randy stated that today was Joe Campanella's Birthday.

#### 9. Reports of Committees:

Police: Joe read the monthly report for October, 2012. Joe stated that there would be training this month on November 29 at Effingham.

Building and Park: Debi stated that she had nothing to report this month.

Sidewalks and Lights: Gary stated that he had nothing to report this month.

Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing to report this month.

Water and Sewer: Ken stated that he had nothing to report this month for water and sewer. Ken wanted to have the Village send a Thank You to Jeff at Senco for the donation of the lights along the parade route.

Finance: Rick C. stated that next month the Board will need to make a decision about the North Range Street Project.

G. Development: Randy stated that there was nothing more to report this month.

10. Motion by Debi, with a second by Tony, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

11. There were no other items of business this month.

12. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd

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### **December 5, 2012 Meeting**

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 5th, 2012, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Randy Rich, Clerk Ladora Boyd, Trustee Rick Catt, Trustee Joe Campanella, Trustee Rick Houdasheldt, Trustee Ken Russell, Trustee Tony Madlem and Treasurer Jan Miller.

Absent: Trustee Debi Wilson.

Others Present: Police Chief Chad Pusey, Public Works Superintendent Gary Lanter, Tom Compton (Daily News), Chris Forde (WTYE/WTAY), JJ Aten (Oblong Gem), Nick Hinterscher Daniel Fritchie, Doug Pringle and Judy Hudson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rich.

2. The Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 7th, 2012 and the Special Board Meeting minutes of November 20th, 2012 were approved with a motion by Ken and a second by Tony. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda this month.

4. There were no water bill customers at the meeting this month.
5. Nick Hinterscher came before the Board to request that the taverns be allowed to stay open until 1:30 am with last call at 1 am on New Year's Eve. The Board granted his request.
6. Randy stated that there had been some issues come up with the Restriction of Radio Frequencies and that he had talked with the Village attorney, but had not received any information back in time for the Board meeting. Motion by Tony, with a second by Rick C., to table Ordinance #2012-O-549 "An Ordinance to Restrict Radio Frequencies in the Village of Oblong" until the next meeting. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
7. Rick C. stated that the Finance Committee recommended that the Board proceed with having Connor & Connor put the whole North Range Street Project out for bids. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Joe, to have Connor & Connor start the bidding process on the North Range Street Project. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
8. Mayor's Comments:  
Randy mentioned that he will be going to Charleston on December 11th for the Energy Aggregation Bid letting.  
Randy wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
9. Reports of Committees:  
Police: Joe read the monthly report for November, 2012. Joe stated that there would be training this month on December 18 at Mattoon.  
Building and Park: Gary stated that he had nothing to report this month. The generator is in place and being hooked up. It will probably be a few more weeks before the installation will be completed. There was some discussion on possibly erecting a safety barrier on the west side of the sidewalk due to the gas line being exposed.  
Sidewalks and Lights: Rick H. stated that he had nothing to report this month.  
Street and Alley: Tony stated that he had nothing more to report this month.  
Water and Sewer: Ken stated that the Rural Extension have all been completed and received the okay to have the customers start connecting to the water lines.  
Finance: Rick C. stated that Jan and Ladora would be attending the quarterly SECICTA Meeting tomorrow (December 6) at Dieterich. Rick also mentioned that it was time to set the Christmas Bonus for the employees. There was some discussion on raising the amounts this year. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to give the Full-time employees \$125 and the Part-time employees \$95. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
- G. Development: Tony stated that there was a little interest out at the TIF 2, but it is still in the discussion stage nothing concrete.
10. Motion by Rick H., with a second by Ken, to pay the bills that were on the warranty list and any utility bills, bills that will incur a late charge or reimbursements to employees. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
11. There was one other item of business this month. Dan Fritchie gave the Mayor some information on the regulation from FCC on Radio Frequencies. The mayor thanked him for the information.
12. Motion by Rick C., with a second by Tony, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ladora C. Boyd