

October 1st, 2025

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

Members Present: Mayor Teresa K. Fielder, Treasurer Ladora Boyd, Clerk Stacey Brock, Trustee Dave Hasty, Trustee Terry “Toad” Ochs, Trustee Earl Deckard, Trustee Byron Sanders, and Trustee Justin Yager.

Other Present: Public Works Superintendent Terry Manhart, Chief of Police Colton Williamson, Resa Shaner and Haley Bricker (CCDA), Gary Lanter, Gary Goss (Lincoln Group), Allen Price, and Randy Rich.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by the Mayor. Teresa asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Motion by Earl, with a second by Dave, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of September 3rd, 2025. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. There were no additions to the agenda. There were two (2) deletions to the agenda. Item number 6, delete Oblong Chamber, no updates. Item number 11G, change from “possible sale” to “discussion.”
4. There were no Delinquent Water Bill customers this month.
5. The Mayor recommended Jay Haines to fill the vacant Trustee position and to fill the vacant committee positions. Motion by Byron, with a second by Earl to approve Jay as Trustee. Roll call vote as follows. Dave, aye; Byron, aye; Toad, aye; Earl, aye; Justin, aye
6. Deleted
7. Copy of estimate received from Munson Construction to clean the brush out of the lake for \$2500. Motion by Earl, with a second by Toad to approve. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
8. TIF grant application submitted by B&M Rental Properties for \$3500 was discussed and approved. TIF grant application submitted by Jed’s Used Merchandise Store was discussed and denied as presented. Motion by Byron, with a second by Earl. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
9. Trick-or-Treat night was set to be Friday October 31st from 5-8 PM
10. Mayor’s Comments:
 - a. Update: 107 & 109 S Range – Received message from Ms. Higgins on September 19th stating the roof has been repaired and there has been a contract signed for the remaining repairs.
 - b. Pusey vs. Village of Oblong: No new update at this time.
 - c. Atkins Mini Park: Fence will be installed early Spring. Hope to be able to order all equipment and accessories at that time as well.

- d. Safe Routes to School Grant: Deadline is October 15th. Range of approval or disapproval, May 2026. We received many letters of support for this project, which are much appreciated. Max award amount is \$250K. John Stone has completed a cost estimate of \$257,150.
- e. Metal Meet: will be held October 8th – 10th at the Oblong Park.
- f. Red Cross Blood Drive: will be held Friday, October 17th at the Oblong Grade School from 8:30 - 2:30.
- g. A letter from Angela Ridgway was read by the Mayor. She will be leaving her position at the Daily News and moving on to other endeavors. Angela has covered Oblong for a long time and she will be missed!

11. Reports of Committees:

POLICE: No report this month.

BUILDING/PARK: Three pine trees next to the municipal building need to be removed. We received an estimate from Dwen Firpo for \$850 for the tree removal. Motion by Byron, with a second by Earl to approve. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTS: Discussion on several stretches of sidewalk in the Village to be replaced and/or repaired.

STREET/ALLEY: No report this month.

WATER/SEWER: There will be an increase in water purchase from Robinson-Palestine Water due to the increased cost to them to remove PFAS levels.

FINANCE: Discussion on replacing picnic tables at the park for next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ladora submitted the Treasurer's Report with discussion on several CD's maturing in November.

CLERK'S REPORT: We received the Parade Permits for the Homecoming and Halloween Parades. The Village is now offering direct deposit as a payroll option.

PARK MEADOW SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE: Discussion on TIF 3 Phase 3 and 4. This part has not begun development therefore the lots have not been platted and cannot be sold at this time. There was discussion on what to do with the 30 acres until it is ready to be developed. Teresa will get with the attorney to find out what options we have.

Allen Price added that we have been fortunate to have the Lincoln Group come to Oblong to develop the TIF District around the lake. He and Gary Goss with the Lincoln Group gave a synopsis on what has been happening with the development since it began.

- 12. Motion by Toad, with a second by Earl, to pay the monthly bills that were on the Warranty List. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
- 13. There were no other items of business this month There were no Public Comments this month.

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15. Motion by Byron, with a second by Earl to adjourn at 5:51. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Stacey Brock, Village Clerk