

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

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

**Other Present:** Public Works Superintendent Terry Manhart, Chief of Police Colton Williamson, Haley Bricker (CCDA), Mark Kilburn, Angie Catt (Oblong Chamber President), Dana Tylka, Nick Hinterscher, and Gary Lanter.

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 Dave, with a second by Earl, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Roll Call vote as follows: Earl – aye, Dave – aye, Toad – aye, Jay – aye; motion carried.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
4. There were no public comments.
5. There were no Delinquent Water Bill customers this month.
6. Nick Hinterscher, Floyd’s Place, requested to be open for the Superbowl on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 12p-10p and on February 15<sup>th</sup> for the Daytona 500 from 12p-10p. The request was granted by the Board.
7. Mark Kilburn made a request on behalf of Crawford County Cares to use the Activity Center to serve a meal once a month to the public. CCC has been serving meals in other towns in the County for a free will donation. The request was for the third Tuesday of the month. There was discussion on possible scheduling conflicts, which appeared to only be for the month of March.
8. Angie Catt showed a video they have been working on for Discover Downstate. They are also working on new plans for America’s 250.
9. The Investment Policy was presented to the Board to be approved. Motion by Toad, with second by Earl to approve the Investment Policy. Roll Call vote as follows: Earl – aye, Dave – aye, Toad – aye, Jay – aye; motion carried.
10. Mayor’s Comments:
  - Pusey vs. Village of Oblong: Depositions are finished.
  - Christmas in the Park / Village (discussion) meeting Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p. Alex Pleasant from Southeastern IL Community Foundation to talk about non-profits.
  - Stacey has been updating policies/handbooks. We’ve found some policy updates that need to be revisited regarding sick time and vacation time. The Finance Committee will be setting a meeting to go over these items in the next few weeks.

- Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO): Awaiting \$50K reimbursement for infrastructure at Park Meadows. Haley with CCDA stated we have received the grant agreement for reimbursement.
- Congressman Mike Bost-FY26 Community Project Funding: Our grant application is pending (\$2.3M request)
- OSLAD Grant: Awaiting reimbursement
- Safe Routes to School Grant: Awaiting May 2026 award notification. Max award \$250K.

11. Reports of Committees:

POLICE: Taylor won three awards while at the Academy including Top Cadet. He will be in field training with Chief Williamson for 10 more weeks. We are all very proud of his achievements!

BUILDING/PARK: No report this month.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTS: No report this month.

STREET/ALLEY: No report this month.

WATER/SEWER: Lift station 3 check valves have been replaced. Everything is back to working as it should.

FINANCE: No report this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report this month.

CLERK'S REPORT: No report this month.

PARK MEADOW SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE: There was discussion on the lots owned by the Lincoln Group. They have 18 months from the date of purchase to build on the lots they own.

12. Motion by Earl, with a second by Toad, to pay the monthly bills that were on the Warranty List. Roll Call vote as follows: Earl – aye, Dave – aye, Toad – aye, Jay – aye; motion carried.
13. There were no other items of business this month.
14. Motion by Dave, with a second by Toad to adjourn at 5:28 PM. Four ayes, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Stacey Brock, Village Clerk