

December 3, 2025

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 3rd, 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. Trustee Jay Haines was 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, Brad Harmon, Chelsea Nye, Nick Hinterscher, Tony and Susan Madlem, Lisa Pinkston, Beth Fiscus, 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 Byron, with a second by Earl, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of November 5th, 2025. Roll Call vote as follows: Earl – aye, David – aye, Toad – aye, Byron – aye, Justin – aye; motion carried
3. Changes to the agenda were to move item number 9, Public Comments, to after item number 7.
4. There were no Delinquent Water Bill customers this month.
5. Nick Hinterscher with Floyd’s Place requested to be open until 1:30 AM on New Year’s Eve with last call being at 1:00 AM. This request was granted by the board.
6. Angie reminded everyone that Merry Hometown Christmas starts this Friday in the mini park. There will a couple of non-profits there with activities. The firepit will be lit with smores to be made.
7. Ordinance 2025-O-667, An Ordinance to condemn unsafe and dangerous building at 406 S Adams Street, Oblong, Illinois was discussed. Mayor T stated once the Ordinance is passed, Steve will mail/publish a statutorily required notice to the owner. A petition for demolition will then be filed. Justin made a motion to approve, with a second by Earl. Roll Call vote as follows: Earl – aye, David – aye, Toad – aye, Byron – aye, Justin – aye; motion carried.
8. Mayor T read the rules related to public comment. The following Oblong business owners spoke about their concerns against adding the tax. Angie Catt (The Vault), Brad Harmon (Harmon’s Drug Store), Randy Rich, (Rusty Nail), Tony Madlem (T Graphics), Mark Kilburn (Kilburn’s Resale), Chelsea Nye (Henpeck Mercantile and Coffee Co.), and Lisa Pinkston (Village Stitchery). The board discussed options and what the extra funds could be used for. Motion by Dave to NOT approve Ordinance 2025-O-668 An Ordinance implementing a non-home rule municipal retailer’s occupation tax and a non-home rule municipal service occupation tax for the Village of Oblong, Illinois, with a second by Toad. Roll Call vote as follows: Earl – aye, David – aye, Toad – aye, Byron – aye, Justin – aye; motion carried
9. Mayor T stated everything is moving forward and is acceptable.
10. Mayor’s Comments:

- a. John Stone finished the legal description of Park Meadows undeveloped land, Phase III and IV. It has been sent to Taylor Law to draw up a farm lease agreement between the Village and Joe Henry.
- b. Pusey vs. Village of Oblong: Depositions are scheduled beginning on December 9th.
- c. Our grant application is pending with Congressman Mike Bost.
- d. Awaiting \$50K reimbursement for infrastructure at Park Meadows.
- e. Final paperwork is being signed off on the OSLAD Grant.
- f. Awaiting notification on Safe Routes to School Grant.

11. Reports of Committees:

POLICE: Taylor will be graduating this Friday. He is in the top 5 percentage in academics in his class. He will be starting Field Training to last 3-4 months.

BUILDING/PARK: No report this month.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTS: No report this month.

STREET/ALLEY: No report this month.

WATER/SEWER: No report this month.

FINANCE: No report this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ladora submitted the Treasurer's Report.

CLERK'S REPORT: villageofoblong.com website update. All Ordinances are now on the website. Agendas and Minutes are now on the website, going forward.

PARK MEADOW SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE: No report this month.

12. Motion by Toad, with a second by Earl, to pay the monthly bills that were on the Warranty List. Roll Call vote as follows: Earl – aye, David – aye, Toad – aye, Byron – aye, Justin – aye; motion carried
13. There were no other items of business this month.
14. There were no public comments this month.
15. Motion by Toad, with a second by Dave to adjourn at 5:45. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Stacey Brock, Village Clerk