

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

The Village of Oblong Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, in the Farley Room of the Municipal Building.

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

**Others Present:** Gary Lanter, Terry Manhart (OPW Superintendent), Colton Williamson (Chief of Police), Resa Shaner (CCDA), Dan Clark (Crawford County Saddle Club), and Bill Burke.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by the Mayor. Mayor T asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Byron, with a second by Earl, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

There was no public comment.

Terry stated there were three delinquent water customers who have been shut off, with a fourth to be shut off on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Clark with the Crawford County Saddle Club stated that they are revitalizing the saddle club. They have over 50 horses twice a month coming in. They have some picnic tables and would like to have some shelter from the elements. They previously applied for a grant for a car port from 54 Oblong. Dave Hasty with 54 Oblong stated the Village has a carport that is rarely used and suggested donating it to the saddle club. Motion by Byron, with a second by Jay, to donate the Village’s carport to the saddle club. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Bill Burke stated he is working with Vanderbrink Auctions to have an auction at the fair grounds on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The auction is to auction off a collection of Model T’s and parts. Prep will start on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bill asked permission to close the entrance and exit roads to the park on both of those days. Vanderbrink Auctions has submitted their insurance policy to the Village for the event. The Trustees granted permission to close the roads for the selected period.

Resolution No. 2026-R-3, a resolution to appoint an IMRF authorized agent for the Village of Oblong, was presented to the board for approval. Motion by Earl, with a second by Dave to approve. Roll call vote as follows: Dave – aye, Earl – aye, Toad – aye, Byron – aye, Jay – aye; motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2026-O-678, an appropriation ordinance for the Village of Oblong, Illinois, was presented to the board for approval. Motion by Jay, with a second by Earl to approve. Roll call vote as follows: Earl – aye, Toad – aye, Byron – aye, Jay – aye, Dave – aye; motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2026-O-683, an ordinance regarding fair housing in the Village of Oblong, Crawford County, Illinois, was presented to the board for approval. Motion by Byron, with a second by Dave to approve. Roll call vote as follows: Toad – aye, Byron – aye, Jay – aye, Dave – aye, Earl – aye; motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2026-O-684, an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus personal property, was presented to the board for approval. Motion by Byron, with a second by Earl to approve. Roll call vote as follows: Toad – aye, Byron – aye, Jay – aye, Dave – aye, Earl – aye; motion carried.

#### Mayors Comments:

Still negotiating in the Pusey vs. Village of Oblong case.

Congressman Mike Bost – FY26 Community Project Funding Grant: We are awaiting a direct notification from HUD on the next steps and forms the village will need to complete for disbursement of the \$2.1M package for S. Range Street.

Safe Routes to School Grant: We were awarded the SRTS grant to help address sidewalk safety for children walking, biking, and rolling to school. Award amount is \$250k. Mayor T wishes to thank all who involved in making this happen. It takes a Village!

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO): Many thanks to Resa for helping with everything for this grant. We have received the 50k grant monies to reimburse some infrastructure costs at our Park Meadows Subdivision.

Resa Shaner is working on the energy audit for the Public Works Maintenance Building.

#### Reports of Committees:

Police: Chief Williamson stated for the month of April there were: 5 traffic/ordinance citations, 48 written warnings, and 9 verbal warnings issued; 3 arrests; 3 traffic accidents reported with 3 traffic accident reports completed; 74 calls for service, 1 assist call, 57 traffic stops conducted with a total amount of 132 calls for service.

Building and Park: Our new fountain came in but was missing an o-ring. The fountain will need to be taken in for repairs but will be back soon.

Sidewalks and Lights: No report

Street and Alley: No report

Water and Sewer: We had two water leaks last month.

Finance: Dave, committee chair, stated that we plan to have the water tower painted sometime next year.

Treasurer's report: Cary presented the board with the finance report balances as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. Cary requested to look outside of Crawford County to find better CD rates. Permission was granted. He also asked for permission to replace our Quickbooks software with LOCIS. This change would be a significant decrease in cost. Motion by Jay, with a second by Earl to approve the change. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

Clerk's report: Stacey stated our annual audit will be the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Park Meadows Subdivision: Moving forward with getting street lights for our Park Meadows Subdivision.

Motion by Dave, with a second by Earl to pay the monthly bills. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.

There were no other items of business.

Motion by Jay, with a second by Earl to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 PM. Five (5) ayes; motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Stacey Brock, Village Clerk