



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2016

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Mayor

ROB WATT
Village Clerk

WALTER ABERNATHY
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Trustee

JACKIE MITCHELL
Trustee

MATT MODROVSKY
Trustee

G.W. SCOTT, SR.
Trustee

BRENDA WILLIAMS
Trustee

BRIAN RADER
Supt. of Public Works

FRANK MOORE
Chief of Police

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Village of Caseyville was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Brenda Williams. The meeting was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 in the Council Chambers at 909 South Main, Caseyville, IL 62232.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer.

Roll Call:

John Buckley, Brenda Williams, Wally Abernathy, Matt Modrovsky, G.W. Scott, Jackie Mitchell

Board Members absent: Mayor Leonard Black and Clerk Rob Watt

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Leslie Crane, Chief of Police Frank Moore, and Village Attorney, Brian Manion

Minutes:

A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve the minutes for the Regular Board and Closed Session Meetings held on December 7, 2016.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All Yeas, No Nays – Motion Passed.

Before moving to Citizen's Input, Brenda Williams announced the winners of the Christmas Light Decoration contest that the Village started back on that. The Winners were:

1st Place – Ms. Jackie Lutrell – received a plaque and a gift card to Cracker Barrel.

2nd Place – Cathy Marshall, 309 W. Washington – was not in attendance.

3rd Place – Kathy Gaeschel, 217 Gaeschel Drive – was not in attendance.

Citizen's Input:

- Janice Wasser came before the Board to ask about Mayor Black's veto of the motion to approve the Alvarez settlement agreement with the insertion in Section 12 that approves Mr. Alvarez's Retirement Date. She asks how much more we are going to give them man. She asks if we are going to give him the keys to the city and if we are going to pay him more money. She asks how much longer the lawsuit is going to go on. She mentions that is the biggest question her customers want to know is why is it still going on and why we have to keep giving him more and more.

Old Business:

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Jackie Mitchell, to approve Resolution #1655 - A Resolution Authorizing a lease agreement with Watts Copy Systems, Inc. for one (1) Sharp MX-3550N Color Copier and one (1) Sharp MX-M364N Copier for 60 months at \$194 per month.

Matt Modrovsky mentions that the existing copiers will be donated to the Caseyville Fire Department.

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All Yeas, No Nays – **Motion Passed.**

New Business:

- Motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by John Buckley, to approve revoking Mayor Black's veto of the motion to approve the Alvarez settlement agreement with the insertion in Section 12 that approves Mr. Alvarez's Retirement Date.

Brenda Williams mentions that the Board found the Mayor's veto to be null and void because he did not bring it up at the next Regular Board Meeting. She mentions to also have a veto it has

to put a burden on the city which it did not. She mentions that the only thing that is changing in there is a date.

Matt Modrovsky read a letter going over the settlement agreement. Attorney Brian Manion adds that two weeks ago there was an order saying that the settlement language the Village had proposed accurately reflected the settlement and the parties were to execute that settlement agreement within 10 days which those 10 days passed on Monday. He mentions that the Mayor executed the settlement agreement following the order of the Court and Mr. Alvarez did not. He mentions that went to discuss it with the Judge that Mr. Alvarez was in violation of the order and today executed a new order that basically says that the terms of the original settlement agreement are incorporated into a judgement. He mentions that the case is over on the settlement terms that were ruled on in that agreement. Jackie Mitchell asks if we change the retirement date that he will not get any more money. Brian Manion mentions that there is no reason to even have it and a statement of fact that he doesn't know how it's going to be used and whether that can come back and create liability against the Village. Matt Modrovsky asks if we vote against a Judge's recommendation. Wally Abernathy mentions that is why we are voting on this again. He mentions that we have a motion and a second on the floor to vote. John Buckley mentions that there is no further burden to the Village according to that. He mentions the settlement was that Mr. Alvarez has no retirement from this Village, that he has nothing else entitled other than what the Village agreed to pay him and what the Insurance Company is paying him which will be disclosed and it will be circulated for everybody after this is settled so you know the amount of money. He mentions that it is not what everybody thinks, that we are not giving him keys to the city. He mentions what we have given is a huge amount of lawyer expenses on something that should have been settled right away. Matt Modrovsky asks will we continue those expenses by changing the agreement that the Judge said today. He asks so now do we go back to Court tomorrow and say that we disagree with you Judge we want the change. He asks if that costs money or is that free. Brian Manion mentions the motion is passed and the language amended and we will have to wait and see whether the original motion is upheld or valid or not based on the Attorney General reviewing it which could take several more weeks. Wally Abernathy mentions that this is just going to keep going

on and on and we have been trying to get it done. He reiterates that there is a motion and a second on the floor and to just vote and get it done. Brian Manion mentions that a no vote will finish it but if you want to amend the language that will keep this thing rolling along longer.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: G.W. Scott - **Yea**, Jackie Mitchell - **Present**, Wally Abernathy - **Yea**, John Buckley – **Yea**, Brenda Williams – **Yea**, Matt Modrovsky – **Nay**

4 Yeas, 1 Nay, 1 Present – Motion Passed

Administrative/Communications/Technology

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by John Buckley, to table Resolution #1658 – Date, Time, Place of Caseyville Board of Trustees Regular, Committee, and Town Hall 2017.

Brenda Williams asks the Board if they wanted to table this so they could look it over and do it the first meeting in January. John Buckley mentions there was some discussion about maybe changing the time again and if they wanted to discuss it we could do it in Committee after this and table it. He said that would be fine if they wanted to open it up. It is decided to table this resolution. Matt Modrovsky asks if that first meeting will January 4th, 2017 and he is told yes.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All Yeas, No Nays – **Motion Passed.**

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by John Buckley, to approve Resolution #1659 – Date, Time, Place of Caseyville Police and Fire Commissioner Board 2017 Meetings.

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All Yeas, No Nays – **Motion Passed.**

Planning/Zoning

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve Resolution #1657 - A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Moran Economic Development for Technical Services and Assistance with the Caseyville Business District.

Wally Abernathy mentions that we want to create a Business District where there would be some sales taxes coming into the Village off of that. He mentions the district will be down around the Interstate.

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All Yeas, No Nays – **Motion Passed.**

Police

- Motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by G.W. Scott, to table giving the Police and Fire Board permission to hire a new full-time Police Officer to the Caseyville Police Department.

John Buckley mentions he would like to do this being as we do this with everyone else with Village workers and everything. He mentions that we have been getting a little confused on our hiring and it is hard to sort out here. He mentions we did a full-time officer in October, we did 2 part-time officers and a full-time officer in November and another one just went to full-time. He mentions we are bouncing and doing things. He mentions he would like to know and go with in accordance with everything else that we have done, the name of the person that we are doing and that he would like to add him to the new hire. He asks if we have a name. Police Chief Frank Moore mentions that they have not made a decision. John Buckley mentions that we have a list but we have had so many crossed off of this list that this is the thing that he is concerned about because we do not know who is who and where and what going. He mentions that on the 12th of December they moved Schroeder to full-time and that we did that part-time on the 2nd of November. He mentions that he thinks we are getting confused. He mentions that when we do the hiring's for the Water Department, Administrative or Public Works we have to do the name. He says he doesn't know why but we should communicate this out so we ensure that we are not getting

confused and we know which officers are going to where and when to include part-timers. He mentions that because later on we are coming back and we are doing another full-timer or part-timer but we don't know who we are doing. Brenda Williams mentions to her this is backwards. She mentions that she would think the Commissioners would send back the vote to us that they would like to hire such and such person. John Buckley mentions that he knows we need more full-time but he wants to know where we are going and who we are doing so we have a name instead of the way we have been doing is just throwing out there and we are getting confused. He mentions that the Board had a discussion last time about who was what. He mentions if there are any concerns on that or whatever the Board feels. John Buckley decides to table until he gets a name from them and he will get with Jon Vieluf or we can figure out where we are at on the list. He mentions that we have had people come and go, new hires and different things and all that but we do not know where we are at on names or anything. Brian Manion mentions that all you do is authorize the Police Commissioners to make the selection and offer the employment since they keep the list and they make the decision. He mentions he doesn't think the Board itself had the authority to say we are picking this one or this one. John Buckley mentions that we are not thinking that he just would like to know who we are doing, like we are with everyone else when we hire person in the Water Department. He mentions he wants to put a name to the thing so we stay correct in what we are doing. Brian Manion mentions right and that there is no secret to who is on the list because that is a public document. He mentions but when you make that decision to hire someone, you, as the Board, don't. Brenda Williams states that they didn't say that. Brenda Williams asks John Buckley if he wants to table again and he says he would like to table it for now because we are getting caught in a thing here without names and he is feeling like we are going to be ultimately responsible.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All Yeas, No Nays – **Motion Passed.**

Correspondence: Deputy Clerk Leslie Crane did not have anything for this meeting.

Approval of Bills:

A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Jackie Mitchell, to authorize the expenditures of the bills in the amount of \$503,244.90 and the money drawn from the proper accounts, when the funds become available.

No questions on the Motion

Voting on the motion: All Yeas, No Nays – **Motion Passed.**

Chief of Police – Chief Frank Moore read the monthly Caseyville Police Department Statistics for November.

Superintendent of Public Works - Superintendent Brian Rader was absent but G.W. Scott thanked the Public Works personnel for all their hard work with the salt and the trucks that might have had to be out there. Brenda Williams mentions that they always do a good job.

M.K. Dashke – M.K. Dashke let the Board know she has nothing currently. She says she is gearing up for next year. Matt Modrovsky mentions and issue with a check and asked MK to get in contact with the person.

Village Attorney – Attorney Brian Manion let the Board know that he had a few things in closed session at the end of Committee.

Adjournment

There was no additional business to bring before the Board. A motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to adjourn the meeting.

Voting on the motion: All Yeas, No Nays – **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rob Watt
Village Clerk