



# Village of Caseyville

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2016

LEN BLACK  
Mayor

ROB WATT  
Village Clerk

WALTER ABERNATHY  
Trustee

JOHN BUCKLEY  
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 Leonard Black. The meeting was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 in the Council Chambers at 909 South Main, Caseyville, IL 62232.

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

Brian Rader helped get audio issues taken care of.

### Roll Call:

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

Board Members absent: Jackie Mitchell, Clerk Rob Watt

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

### Minutes:

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve the minutes for the Regular Board and Closed Session Meetings held on November 16, 2016.

No further questions on the motion.

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

### **Citizen's Input:**

- Newly elected Illinois State Representative Katie Stewart came to the Board Meeting to introduce herself that she is setting up an office in Collinsville and will share that information with the Mayor just in case any resident needs anything. She thanked everyone for their support during the election and she looks forward to serving the 112<sup>th</sup> District.
  
- A Cornelius Bernard Murray, Sr. came forward to say that he purchased a lot at 900 Half Moon Lane in the Tanglewood subdivision and when they purchased the lot it had a sewer lane right in the middle of their driveway. He mentions that from the time that they purchased the lot until just a couple of days ago they didn't do the sewer tap because they wanted to see the outcome was going to be. He mentions he talked to someone and this person agreed they would drop the list and he would come out and do the tap. He mentions when he came to do the water and sewer tap that the fees jumped astronomically. He mentions he found out that they had given 10 for that subdivision for an incentive to get that going. He mentions when you look at the list and 3 persons hurried to pay and he was unable to gain that benefit as a homeowner. He was wondering if he can get some help like the others and mentions that when he did his financing based on what it was at first. He mentions he was unaware that you had to come in and it was a race to come pay your money. Brian Rader gave the history of this issue. Wally Abernathy explains that the agreement was the first 10 taps were given the discount and those after that were subject to the regular rate. The citizen mentions he understands that and notes that only 3 or 4 persons benefitted from 10 taps and none of them are homeowners. He states that he is the only one building his home on his own and that he would have paid immediately if he had known. Matt Modrovsky asks Brian Rader if the 10 taps were for each property or first come first serve. Brian Rader tells him it was first come first serve for that developer. John Buckley asks Mr. Murray when the developer mentioned to him about the tap-on fees. Mr. Murray states when the Developer first came to him and that was the attractiveness for him to build his home there. Mr. Murray goes over the financial issues he is having based on this that would have him paying out of pocket more

than he thought. John Buckley mentions that he wonders why that the developer didn't tell Mr. Murray right away. Mr. Murray explains how he was willing to fix the lid issue in exchange for the tap fee being reduced but when the work was done he was going to pay the fee but when he came in to pay they were double. The Board starts to discuss the 10 taps and John Buckley mentions that it should have been done according to when the lots were sold not the way they tap on to them. Mayor Black asks Brian Rader to get with Mr. Murray to work this out and the Village wants to get this subdivision going. Mr. Murray thanks the Board for their time.

- Brad Vanhose comes before the Board to give a case update on his situation that most of the Board is up-to-speed on except for Wally Abernathy due to him losing his e-mail. He states that on November 24<sup>th</sup> Judge Baricevic agreed to modify his bond which allows him to be here tonight with all the rights per 5 ILCS 120, the Illinois Open Meetings Act. He mentions that Special Prosecutor David Rand literally asked the Court to force him to sit in the last row. He mentions that Judge Baricevic disagreed with the Prosecutor that orally motioned to the Court to withdraw his own motion to add on conditions that would have required him to surrender all firearms and his FOID card. He mentions that his case was reassigned to Judge Randall Kelly. He mentions the next hearing is set for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for a status with a trial date of February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He mentions he asked for a speedy trial. He mentions that he appreciated all of the letters of support the Board provided even Matt Modrovsky who he said was unable to send one but agreed to submit one. He mentions the support assisted in the removal of the unneeded and unfair conditions which he believes their letters weighed heavily on the Courts decision. He mentions he further appreciates those that took the time to be present at his hearing. He mentions that he is now and has always been a reasonable person who believes in and respects the rules of law and been unfairly maligned here in the Village of Caseyville. He mentions that he looks forward to his day in Court and looks forward to proving his complete innocence in this contrived, egregious use of municipal authority. He mentions that his offer on 24 January 2016 still stands that any member of this Board who needs a public information request can feel free to ask him in confidence and he will see that every Board Member receives everything he receives. He mentions that he extends this offer to hopefully to

prevent you and your family members from unfair ridicule and attack on the public airwaves. He also mentions will agree to ask any reasonable question you may have in a public meeting or assigned published letter. He states in return that he only asks for one thing, better government for all Caseyville Village residents and Trustees. He states that he believes some of you are sincere and want to make Caseyville a better place to live, work and raise a family and knows what it feels like to be unfairly attacked on public airwaves. He mentions he would genuinely hate to see anyone else and their family to go through that. He mentions that on this day, many of you here tonight, he counts his blessings.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Administrative/Communications/Technology**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to table Resolution #1655 - A Resolution Authorizing a lease agreement with Da-Com for one (1) MPC3004 and one (1) MP3554 for 60 months at \$230 per month.

Matt Modrovsky mentions that he and Jackie Mitchell are going to work on this same project as for these copiers.

No questions on the motion.

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

**Finance/TIF/Grants/Insurance**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve PLM Industries TIF Reimbursement Payment of \$8,518.38.

No questions on the motion.

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve Sasek Corporation TIF Reimbursement Payment of \$74,203.85.

No questions on the motion.

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve Ordinance #1622 – Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for 2016-2017.

No questions on the motion.

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve the purchase of two (2) E-Pay Credit Card Systems for the Police Department and Zoning Department for no more than \$800.

No questions on the motion.

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve Resolution #1656 - Resolution to Roanoke Group 1, LLC for Redevelopment of the Dairy Queen Building and Property Located in the Village of Caseyville, Illinois.

No questions on the motion.

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

**4 Yeas, 1 Nay and 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

### **Police**

- Motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve the appointment of Matt Sinnokrak to fill Police Pension Board vacancy for remainder of term until May 8, 2018.

No further questions on the motion.

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

### **Public Works/Building**

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve Books for Kids (B4K) to host a Chicken and Beer Dance at the Caseyville Community Center on February 25, 2017 at the discounted rate of \$300.

A member from the audience asked if the date should be 2017 instead of 2016 because that date has passed. The change will be made.

No further questions on the motion.

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – 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 Wally Abernathy, to authorize the expenditures of the bills in the amount of \$471,741.74 and the money drawn from the proper accounts, when the funds become available.

Mayor Black had a question as it pertains to the fuel bill. He mentions that he noticed when we paid the fuel bill for the Water Department was \$4000 some dollars. He mentions he talked to Leslie about it. He mentions he doesn't know if the Board Members look at the bills but \$4000 is awful high for the Water Department. G.W. Scott mentions that most of the gas is used by the Police. Mayor Black mentions that he didn't see any reimbursements from any other departments. He mentions that is the only reason why he questioned it. G.W. Scott mentions that he would have to check into it to find out what the story is. Leslie Crane mentions that there is two bills a month, one for diesel and one for unleaded gas. She mentions that each department has a code every time they get gas is how the Village knows which department to bill what amount to and it reimburses.

No further questions on the Motion

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

Matt Modrovsky mentions to the Board that the Village received a bill from St Clair County that states the Village received overpayment to TIF 3 at roughly \$3000. He mentions that this

will be in the next bill run to repay St Clair County back \$3000 instead of carrying that negative balance into next year. He states let's get it off the books right now and be done with it.

**Chief of Police** – Chief Frank Moore had nothing for this meeting but had items for the Committee Meeting.

**Superintendent of Public Works** - Superintendent Brian Rader let the Board know that they are ok on salt, that the snow vehicles are ready and that Christmas lights are up around town.

**M.K. Dashke** – M.K. Dashke let the Board know how the Caseyville Hometown Christmas that was on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 from 4:00-5:30pm at the Caseyville Lions Club Park went. She mentions that it was the first year and they knew they didn't have much time to plan. She mentions that they just wanted to be out there with a hometown feel to it and she thinks that was there.

She mentions that the Legacy Christian Academy and St. Stephen Choirs sang Christmas songs and invited the public to sing along

She mentions the free hot cocoa provided by Ambur Petty and cookies provided by Ambur, St. Stephen's and Steve and herself were enjoyed by attendees.

She mentions that tickets were handed out and drawn to determine who would light the tree – The winner was Skyler West, a 5 yr. old from Caseyville.

She mentions Santa and Mrs. Clause arrived on a fire truck and she thanked G.W. and G. Scott and mentions the reaction of the children when they arrived.

She mentions she gave pictures to Mayor Black for those that didn't get to go and gives a run down on those that got their pictures taken with Santa.

She mentions that people were looking to help out next year and seeing if we can build it.

She thanked all those that came out to help with decorating and those that gave donations for decorations or donated decorations.



Brenda Williams thanks MK Dashke for all of her hard work. Matt Modrovsky mentions that the Police Officers were hoping that their pictures with Santa would be on social media. Mayor Black thanks Chief Moore for having all the Police Officers at the event.

MK Dashke gives information on the Caseyville Christmas Light Decorating Contest for Caseyville residents. She mentions if you want to sign up to please contact Village Hall at 344-1234 and talk to Ambur at ext. 220 and give your name, address and phone number. She mentions that Ambur will give all the details when you call.

**Village Attorney** – Attorney Brian Manion let the Board know that the Caseyville Waste Transfer Station litigation has wrapped up. He gave a brief history on the project and litigation and mentions that group will be looking to get their permit with IEPA to start building their facility and moving forward with developing it. He mentions that will be good news for Caseyville from a funds standpoint that will come in from that. Matt Modrovsky asks when will that be completed. Brian Manion states he is unsure but he could find out more information. He mentions he does believe it will take some time to get the IEPA permit.

### **Adjournment**

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

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

**5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rob Watt  
Village Clerk