

# Village of Caseyville

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2017

LEN BLACK  
Mayor

ROB WATT  
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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, January 4, 2017 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

Board Members absent: Jackie Mitchell and Clerk Rob Watt

Others Present: Mayor Leonard Black, Deputy Clerk Leslie Crane, Chief of Police Frank Moore, Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Rader 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 December 21, 2016.

Brenda Williams mentions there is a correction for them because they have Mayor Black opening the meeting and they also have Mayor Black absent and she doesn't think he could do both. Mayor Black mentions he thinks he was absent. Brenda Williams mentions that it needs to be changed.

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:**

- Ms. Mary Moore came before the Board and mentions that she didn't know if this would pertain to G.W. Scott if he is in charge of roads and stuff but she noticed that down by Wally Abernathy's street they did the really nice asphalt job. She asks if there is any money in the budget for South 4<sup>th</sup> Street where her kids' Dad lives because he is completely wheel chair bound and the way the road is it is very hard for her boys and she describes her husband size and weight. She mentions that she got him a ramp built but the way the curb comes down if there is any money to get the road fixed like they did in front of Wally Abernathy's house that would be so much easier for when he comes down off the ramp. She mentions that is just a mess, he is a disabled person, she doesn't know if there is any money left and if it can be done it would really be appreciated because that is really hard on her kids. She mentions that they are the only help he has and he is a big guy. She mentions that Wally Abernathy goes by there and knows it slopes down. She mentions if they can kind of do something to fix that when they bring him off the ramp that he is not going to tumble over in the street because of the way the street is. She mentions that she is wondering if there is any way, if there is any money or if anybody can do something about that street it would really be appreciated. G.W. Scott mentions that he will get Brian Rader and take a look at it and see what we can do with it. Ms. Moore says the address is 407 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Black mentions that they still have asphaltting to do don't they down on Old 157. G.W. Scott says yes and Mayor Black mentions that maybe they can work that into that. G.W. Scott mentions that the weather has been messed up and Mayor Black mentions that it is too cold now. Wally Abernathy mentions that AT&T needs to move them poles and we have to cut that bank down. G.W. Scott mentions that AT&T is dragging their feet and Brian Rader was in a big hassle with them over that.

- Brad Vanhose comes before the Board and wishes everyone a Happy New Year and its great seeing everyone tonight. He mentions he will be brief. He mentions that he wanted to stop by and wanted to thank Matt Modrovsky for his diligence and attention to detail for filing an Open Meetings complaint against the Village of Caseyville. He mentions it was in regards to the Jose Alvarez settlement and voting on it. He mentions that he saw the complaint and was amazed that how fast that went through the Attorney General different when he files. He mentions he read the complaint and John Pratt had taken it off the Attorney General's website and forwarded him a copy for which he thinks that he got. He mentions that he was not on the Board when Jose Alvarez was fired. He mentions that Matt Modrovsky voted against settling the legitimate lawsuit of Mr. Alvarez. He mentions that Matt Modrovsky was not privy to what actually happened to the man. He mentions that Matt Modrovsky wasn't there when Mayor Black and Bob Romanik conspired to malign Jose Alvarez because of his refusal to promote Bob Romanik's son, Steven Romanik. He mentions that Matt Modrovsky wasn't there when Steven Romanik showed up to work without his firearm and other things. He mentions he was. He mentions that if Matt Modrovsky had known what Mayor Black and Bob Romanik had done to Mr. Alvarez, Matt Modrovsky would have paid Mr. Alvarez's legal expenses and the balance of his contract. He mentions congratulations on the Open Meetings complaint that the Board will have to vote on it again and the delay of the inevitable. He mentions the Meeting minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 and asks for a review because they were not accurate concerning his actions and the actions of Police Chief Frank Moore. He mentions that Chief Moore never intervened on July 6<sup>th</sup> Trustee John Buckley had to. He mentions at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting Mayor Black's daughter-in-law was told to leave because of her outburst towards me. He mentions that Chief Moore additionally wrote up a supplemental police report that the video of that meeting will clearly show was not an accurate accounting of what occurred at Village Hall on that night. He mentions that the Open Meetings is an important thing but have you ever looked into who paid the Mayor's legal bills for the George Chance lawsuit. Matt Modrovsky mentions that he believes that Mr. Vanhose presented all of us with that information. Mr. Vanhose asked Matt Modrovsky if he ever looked into that. Matt Modrovsky mentions he did. Mr. Vanhose asked Matt Modrovsky if Mayor Black provided any

paid invoices to him. Matt Modrovsky states no. Brad Vanhoose asked Matt Modrovsky if he ever went through the bills and found any itemized expenses for Michael Groh to represent the Mayor. Matt Modrovsky states there was nothing there on the itemized section. Mr. Vanhoose mentions the \$20,000 forensics computer audit and asks Matt Modrovsky if he ever looked into if that was properly authorized by the Board. Matt Modrovsky mentions that we have all those Closed Meeting minutes released and he believes the Board voted and believes some of these people were well aware. Mr. Vanhoose asks did they vote in a public meeting though and they didn't vote on it in an open meeting that he was aware and that he was there. Matt Modrovsky mentions that we FOIA requested the paperwork on that and there is video evidence of that. Mr. Vanhoose mentions his other question is about the Police Department. He mentions that since September, the Village lost 4 senior officers. He asks if anybody has wondered why. He mentions that the last time you lost police officers in the Village of Caseyville, in one fell swoop like that, there were some pretty serious problems going on. He asks if the new part-time police officers being properly vetted and are they going through the standard procedures of approval for hiring because he has talked to the Board and they don't even know who the police department is. He asks does anyone know, there is an issue of people trolling homes in the Village and two Washington Park girls were brought up a few months back has that issue ever been addressed that you guys know of. He mentions that the Open Meetings complaint was legitimate and that Open Meetings compliance is very key to public and that along with other things that need to be addressed to legitimately. He mentions that was what he came down to say and that he really would like them to review those minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>, because he read through them today and they are not accurate at all as far as his conduct and his behavior and the conduct and behavior of other that were told to leave that night but not him.

- Janice Wasser came before the Board to address the last meeting she was here and that Matt Modrovsky voted against rewriting or reassessing Alvarez's, on the Attorney's advice not to change anything and voted to what you came to. She mentions so yes, by Matt Modrovsky saying you shouldn't do it or voting against it and they voted for it now we do have to pay more money for the lawyer fee. She mentions thank you very much and she

doesn't know why Mr. Vanhoose feels like he always has to come down here and wants to know where he lives. Matt Modrovsky mentions that for the legal fees that the Judge said here's your paperwork that you agreed to. He mentions why we would continue to go to Court to listen to this is the reason he voted no. He mentions so we do what the Judge says. He mentions if you get a traffic citation and you go to Court you fight that and the Judge says here is your fine do you pay or do you not. He mentions you pay. Ms. Wasser mentions why change it if you agreed to it. She mentions that was her question because she didn't understand why.

### **Old Business:**

- Motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by Matt Modrovsky, to approve Resolution #1658 – Date, Time, Place of Caseyville Board of Trustees Regular, Committee, and Town Hall 2017 Meetings.

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.**

### **New Business:**

#### **Public Works/Building**

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Brenda Williams, to approve the Caseyville Fire Auxiliary to host an Easter Party at the Caseyville Community Center on April 14, 2017 at no charge.

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 G.W. Scott, seconded by Brenda Williams, to approve the Caseyville Fire Auxiliary to host a Halloween Party at the Caseyville Community Center on October 27, 2017 at no charge.

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 G.W. Scott, seconded by Brenda Williams, to approve the Caseyville Fire Auxiliary to host the Mouse House at the Caseyville Community Center on December 1 and December 2, 2017 at no charge.

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 G.W. Scott, seconded by Brenda Williams, to approve the St. Clair County Grants Department to host a Public Meeting at the Caseyville Community Center on March 7, 2017 from 1:30pm-3:30pm at no charge.

There was a question from the audience asking why we are not charging them and why we are not charging them the reduced rate. Attorney Brian Manion mentions to Mayor Black that she is out of order.

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.**

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve the CHS Lady Kahoks Basketball team to host a Trivia Night at the Caseyville Community Center on January 28, 2017 at the reduced rate of \$300.

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 G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve the CHS Lady Kahoks Softball team to host a Trivia Night at the Caseyville Community Center on February 10, 2017 at the reduced rate of \$300.

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 G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve the CHS S.T.E.M. Club to host a Trivia Night at the Caseyville Community Center on November 18, 2017 at the reduced rate of \$300.

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 G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve the State Park Fire Department to host a Wrestling

Match Fundraiser at the Caseyville Community Center on October 28, 2017 at the reduced rate of \$300.

Brenda Williams mentions that she thought somebody else had one of these wrestling matches that we charged them full price. G.W. Scott mentions the one in late February or early March by Mutual Aid and this one has nothing to do with them. Desi Norberg mentions that the one Scotty is talking about last year got a reduced price. Brenda Williams mentions they did and Desi states yes. Brenda Williams mentions that she doesn't remember that and thought they paid full price.

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.**

### **Ordinances**

- Motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to adopt Ordinance #1701 – An Ordinance Adopting a Revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Caseyville, St. Clair County, Illinois.

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.**

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



### **Approval of Bills:**

A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by G.W. Scott, to authorize the expenditures of the bills in the amount of \$125,414.00 and the money drawn from the proper accounts, when the funds become available.

Wally Abernathy asks Matt Modrovsky didn't we have to pay the County back some \$3,000 on TIF 3. Matt Modrovsky states yes and Leslie Crane says we did. Wally Abernathy mentions we did and Leslie Crane says yes. Matt Modrovsky mentions that the County paid us \$3000 to much and instead of carrying that balance and let it linger we decided to pay calendar year 2016.

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.**

**Chief of Police** – Chief Frank Moore wanted to bring everyone the information that was actually in the news and in the papers. He mentions on Christmas morning there was a home invasion here in our Village. He mentions the person had family members that were dropping by. He mentions it lead to where the victim was shot, his car was stolen and later burned. He mentions we did locate and get charges on the suspect that did shoot our victim here in town, a Clayton Lauren who has been charged with home invading with discharge of a firearm in proximity causing bodily harm, aggravated battery with a discharge of a firearm which both of those are Class X felonies with possibility of 31 years in prison and also possession of a stolen vehicle. He mentions from arrival to the scene all the way to that was a big team effort that everybody jumped in. He mentions that there was a lot of work put into and he is pretty proud of what our police department put together for that.

**Superintendent of Public Works** - Superintendent Brian Rader gave an update on the 89<sup>th</sup> Street Project. He mentions that met with AT&T before the holidays. He mentions that AT&T needs to relocate 3 of their poles and they are waiting on Ameren. He

mentions that Ameren has a street light and electric light on one of their poles and AT&T is organizing with Ameren now. He mentions that it seems like it's always been one thing or the other. He mentions now with the weekend temperatures the project is now on hold.

**M.K. Dashke** – M.K. Dashke mentions that she wanted everyone to know that they are separating the fishing class from the fishing derby. She mentions that Rob Crane did this last year and it was successful. She mentions he is now doing the class at different times. She mentions he will be doing his first fishing class on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 from 8am to Noon at both the pavilions. She mentions if anyone is interested in volunteering or donating goods to the class we can find a way to bring things, she will be volunteering for the fishing class as well. She mentions they are still looking for the fishing derby date and narrowing it down now that she has got dates and doesn't want to interfere with the Fireman's parade or things going on around that date. She mentions as she narrows the date she will looking for volunteers also. She mentions they are looking at July 1<sup>st</sup>, for the Independence Day picnic and fireworks so mark your calendars and we will starting to meet soon. She mentions for Frontier Days, the reenactors have given a date of September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for that weekend. She mentions that she wanted let the Board know through that kid's network group that she belongs to she has been given an opportunity to be present at a huge gala event which is here locally at Collinsville High School. She mentions the numbers that she put in there they told her that there are 900 Boy Scout/Cub Scout groups that are in this and that there are over 500 Boy Scouts that were getting merit badges that day. She mentions that they are looking to partner with communities and since like when they work in the park they do something to earn their merit badge and things like that. She mentions that we do have a park that is available if there are looking for a place and she will see and ask questions like maybe they might want to teach and they can take our kids in town with them too. She mentions that she is looking at different ways to partner with them so we can join two different communities for things we would like to have.

**Village Attorney** – Attorney Brian Manion let the Board know that he had a few things in closed session.

**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 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rob Watt  
Village Clerk