



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 15, 2015

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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, July 15, 2015 in the Council Chambers at 909 South Main, Caseyville, IL 62232.

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

Roll Call:

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

Trustees absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Leonard Black, Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Rader, Police Chief Frank Moore, Village Attorney, Brian Manion and Clerk Rob Watt

Minutes:

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by John Buckley to approve the minutes of the Regular Board, Special Board Meeting and Closed Session Meetings held on June 17, 2015, July 1, 2015 and July 29, 2015. No additions or corrections.

Voting on Motion: all yeas, no nays - Motion Passed

Old Business: None.

➤ **Citizen's Input:**

- John Wilson came before the Board to ask if the Police Department still did the Ride-Along Program and if any Board Members would be interested in participating. He said it would

be a great opportunity for the Board to see what the Police Officers do on a day-to-day basis and it would allow the Officer to better understand the Board and what they do. Chief Moore states that they still do the program and that although they can participate, all participants would need to be vetted and regulations needed to be followed before that could take place.

- Mr. Dale Thompson came before the Board to let them know he is starting up a Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop in Caseyville that is sponsored by the St. Stephen's Men's Club and VFW Post 1117. He is doing it to give kids another option besides getting into trouble. He states that this will benefit the Village and other organizations with all the community help projects they will take part in. He is asking for assistance to get the word out and to help advertise their Recruitment Meeting on August 4, 2015 from 7-8pm at St. Stephen's Church. Village Clerk Rob Watt stated they will add the flyer to the Village Marquee, Bulletin Boards and the website.
- Montica Casey-Watt came before the Board to clear up any confusion concerning her Neon Nights event at the Community Center. Brenda Williams states the confusion was that the memo didn't ask for a reduced rate for the Community Center but was asking for a Sponsorship. Ms. Casey-Watt cleared up the confusion by stating there are sponsorships available, that the letter Mayor Black received was asking him for a sponsorship. She states he was nice enough to bring it to the Board to ask for a reduced rate. Ms. Casey-Watt gives an explanation of the 3 levels of sponsorship after being asked by Mayor Black how much each level was. Ms. Casey-Watt brings the Tourism Times pamphlet to the Boards attention. She explains what is in it and the fact that you do not have to be a member to get your event listed in this pamphlet for a low price. The pamphlet is passed around to the Board. She explains that they do have the paperwork to send off for the 501c but were holding off until they ensured that this organization was going to be around for the long haul.
- John Buckley asks what the purpose of the event Ms. Casey-Watt was putting on because the flyer states that it advertised it being a prom. Ms. Casey-Watt explains what it is and lets the Board know that all proceeds will go directly to the Caseyville Neighbors Helping Neighbors fund that assists is delivering 100

Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need each year. John Buckley states he understands and wanted to make sure that everything was being done legally by the Village and everyone is covered. Ms. Casey-Watt states that is why she asked for the discounted rate vice a donation from the Village because 501c or not it wouldn't matter. John Buckley states that's why he figured the Sponsors could kick in because that is a primetime for an event. Ms. Casey-Watt understands but states that this is no different than any of the other organizations that come in asking for a discounted rate. She states that all get sponsors but the less she has to pay out the more goes back into supporting the community. She mentions that is not always the case with the organizations because not all benefit the Village but this event and organization gives all back to the community. John Buckley states that he wants to make sure the Village is able to cover the costs associated with the hall to include the lights and other amenities. Mayor Black asks what does Ms. Casey-Watt think is fair for the rental and she states that anything that can help. The Board discusses what the Village normally charges for the reduced rate. He is told \$250. The Board then discusses the new charges for the Hall, not wanting to donate any money due to the budget issue, but Ms. Desi Norberg states that this event was booked at the old rate and can be offered the discounted rate. Mayor Black states he is in favor of the Board chipping in for the rental and the city not paying anything for a sponsorship if the Board is alright with that. Clerk Rob Watt clarifies that the \$250 will not come out of the event but the \$250 would be covered by the Board. A question is asked if the Organization for the event has to be a 501c to get the discounted rate and is told no. The issue concerning the Village offering the discounted rate and not many others doing the same is had. Ms. Norberg states that the Knights of Columbus give the \$300 discounted rate to all non-profit organizations and you don't have to be from Collinsville. Ms. Casey-Watt states that her only issue is that it goes back to this community, not every community, just this community. John Buckley states that he wants to make sure that whoever we are doing this with, that is where it is going. He continues by stating to just give to anyone that comes in here and says they are an organization, anyone can come in without proper authorization. Matt Modrovsky states that with any charitable contribution you never know that. Mayor Black states they know where this money is going. Ms. Casey-Watt explains that no one takes money out or is getting paid and that all proceeds go

towards helping those in the community and gives examples. She says she understands that this cannot be approved tonight. Mayor Black states that the Board can cough up the money to cover the fee. The Board members are in favor of this. Mayor Black gives an overview of how the Thanksgiving baskets were handled last year.

- A citizen who lives on Garden Avenue came before the Board to bring some issues to the Board's attention. Those issues were the street itself, the vacant houses needing demolished and the issues with the Village Workers only coming down to put signs for high grass or other issues with the property. She was informed by Brian Rader that the street will be repaired next year and that they are in the process of demolishing one of the vacant houses on her street. G.W. Scott mentions that it takes a long time to get to the point of demolish and that he understands her frustrations because he is frustrated too.
- Debbie Blaylock asks the Board if anything has been said about CENCOM's poor service, extensive customer wait times and the bills not being paid. Chief Moore gives brief comments on looking for a new deal, looking to go with someone else, legislation that will cut the number of 911 services to four in the County, and his personal frustrations with the service. John Buckley shares with the Board his research on the subject and what transpired on a phone call with Mr. Herb Simmons, a Director with CENCOM. He had asked Mr. Simmons to look through a 165-page report to find issues and Mr. Simmons stated he found none. He states that he has to go on what he is told and how Mr. Simmons explained how the phone process works. Chief Moore offers that if you have an issue, write down the time and date the phone call occurred and Chief Moore can call up there to get an exact answer and any other info for that issue.
- Wally Abernathy gives an update on the derelict house on 4th Street, the Tire Shop, and explained what the Village is doing to ensure things are moving forward and being taken care of.
- John Wilson asks about having a meeting between the 911 spokesmen, the Police Department, Fire Departments to air out issues that each may have. After much deliberation, John Buckley is going to setup a special meeting with the Fire

Departments, Police Department and Mr. Herb Simmons to air their grievances with the 911 service.

- Rick Pierce comes before the Board to voice the fact that we need our dispatchers back. He states they would be more familiar with the streets in the Village and that you can't get the same from the County. He also states that the fireworks were outstanding.

New Business:

Administration/Clerk/Communications/Technology

- Motion was made by Jackie Mitchell, seconded by Brenda Williams, to table the Approval to pay for Administrative Testing Services.

Jackie Mitchell explained how she networked with other communities to find out information on how they tested their employees. She gave a rundown on the tests she would like administered, how applicants will be weeded out to lessen the need for all to test and identified EmployTest as one of the companies that the other communities used to test their employees. She let the Board know she wasn't ready to give an actual total on how much it would cost so she tabled this until she had the totals.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to table Ordinance #1508 – An Ordinance to Amend the Rules of Procedure for the Village Board of Trustees and to amend the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Schedule for 2015.

During discussions, it was found that the Board did not have adequate time to review the Ordinance. Brenda Williams pointed out some issues she had with the revisions in the new Ordinance. Brenda Williams also pointed out that the Meeting structure in the new Ordinance did not reflect what was mentioned in the last meeting. She stated that the Regular Board Meeting would end and then the Committee Meeting would begin after. Attorney Brian Manion stated that in order for that to happen a notice would need to

be posted for the actual time. Brenda Williams asked if you could post it with the reference that the Committee Meeting would commence immediately after the Regular Board Meeting. Attorney Brian Manion stated that you could possibly do that but he would have to research it. The Board discussed it a little more and then decided to make a motion to table this for further discussion.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

Finance/TIF/Grants/Insurance

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve Resolution #1532 - A Resolution Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Hourly Wages for Laborers, Mechanics and Other Workers Employed for Public Works in Caseyville, Illinois.

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Jackie Mitchell, to approve paying \$400 to the Civil Air Patrol Composite Wing for their parking services during the Caseyville 3rd of July Family Picnic and Fireworks.

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve paying Valley Ridge's first installment of their tax rate of \$17,490.13.

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to Ordinance #1507 - An Ordinance Renewing an Existing Franchise and Granting for a Period of 20 years to Ameren Illinois, a Corporation, its Successors and Assigns, the Franchise Right, Permission and Authority to Construct, Reconstruct, Excavate For, Place, Remove, Extend, Maintain, and Operate a Gas Utility System in the Village of Caseyville, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois.

Matt Modrovsky explains that we were locked into this agreement in the 1960s and looks for confirmation from Brian Rader. G.W. Scott states that this agreement has been in place since the lines were placed in the 1930s.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

Police

- Motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by Brenda Williams, to approve Ordinance #1506 - An Ordinance Declaring Certain Village Property to be Surplus.

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

- Motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by Jackie Mitchell, to approve the promotion of Officer Hall to full-time Sergeant in the Caseyville Police Department.

No questions on the motion.

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

4 Nay and 2 Yeas - Motion Failed

Public Works:

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Brenda Williams, to approve the Collinsville Kahoks Football Booster Club to host a Dash for Cash at the Caseyville Community Center on August 8th, 2015 at a reduced rate of \$250.

Wally Abernathy asked what the rate will be. G.W. Scott stated the rate will be \$250 because it was reserved prior to the new Community Center rental charges. He said that will change due to the passing of the new Ordinance.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

- Guest Speaker, Mr. Leo Steffan, was unable to make the meeting. G.W. Scott will try to reschedule with him to attend the Committee Meeting. He is going to speak to the DRAM Shop Insurance for the Community Center.

Planning/Zoning:

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by John Buckley, to table the Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Wally Abernathy asks Mayor Black if he had the names of those being appointed and he states he did not get the names. Wally Abernathy states that he gave the letter for Jackie Mitchell's sister and the Mayor had Lola Cline. Attorney Brian Manion states that the names have to be on the agenda in order to vote on the appointments. Wally Abernathy states he gave the Mayor the names at the last meeting. Brenda Williams asks why we are tabling these appointments, and asks if it was due to not being ready. Mayor Black states they do not know the second name and the Attorney stated that we needed the names on the agenda in order to approve the appointments.

No further questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed.**

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve Resolution #1533 – A Resolution to Accept the

Planning Commission's Recommendation to Grant a Special Use Permit to Roderick Thompson and Artemus Phillips, Owners and Applicants, for Property Located at 8175 Bunkum Rd., Caseyville, Illinois (2015-02-SP).

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed.**

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve Resolution #1534 – A Resolution to Accept the Recommendation of the Planning Commission to Grant an Application to Rezone Property of Roofers Mart Inc. on Located on Garden Boulevard from SR-1 to B-2.

No questions on the motion.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed**

- Mr. Ivan Torres comes before the Board looking for permission to host a family party on his property. He gives details about the party, what it will entail and a description of the amenities on his property. He also asked about possibly paying for the Police to provide their services to the party. He is told that the Police will not take part in this. Matt Modrovsky asks if this is the same request at the same property from about a year ago. Mr. Torres states that it was but this time it was different. He explains that he went to the last Planning Commission Meeting but it wasn't on the agenda. He goes over the process he is following. Chief Moore gives his perspectives on the situation and offered his suggestion he go through the Planning Commission again. After much deliberation it was decided that he talk with Mike Mitchell to go over what he needs to do and answer any questions he has.

Committee Reports:

- **Public Works:** Chairman G.W. Scott says he will get with Attorney Brian Manion to work on the properties on Garden Avenue and move forward with other properties they have identified as needing to be demo'd.

- Brenda Williams asks if there is a way that the Trustees can get their packets before the day of the meeting. She states that there was items that were not in their packets and the Clerk had to hurry to get the information to them. This did not give them time to go through all the material. Mayor Black states that most of the time it's due to the Agenda. Clerk Watt states they can piecemeal information so you have it until all items are in the packet. He also states that we can try emailing items or ensuring the bigger items is sent prior to the meetings. Brenda Williams thinks they should be able to get the information at least 48 hours prior. Attorney Brian Manion explains the issue with the reason it was so late for Ordinance #1508 and apologizes for getting that information to them at the last minute. Brenda Williams states that it's not just this time. They Board deliberate on the fact that getting it so late that they are unable to ask questions or get items changed if they find something. Matt Modrovsky states that Clerk Watt is willing to e-mail items piecemeal. Brenda Williams states that it should not necessarily be that either and that the package should be ready 48 hours before that meeting. She states that if it is not ready before 4:30 that Monday then it shouldn't be on the agenda. She states there has to be a happy medium. Mayor Black states that the Board could have had that stuff earlier. Brenda Williams states that whoever copied the packet for the Clerk forgot to do one side of the document for the Ameren deal. All the Board members agree.
- John Buckley asks how many reams do we have of the old letterhead and if we are getting rid of it. Mayor Black said he asked about it and got that the names were not on it. Brenda Williams states that it should have been done a long time ago.
- Chief Frank Moore gave the Police Statistics for the Month of May
- Brian Rader gave an update on the Long Street Bridge project. He states the plans are approved and we need to do some work to ensure we have all the funding needed for the project.
- Mayor Black states that he has gotten a lot of phone calls about the mosquitos and flies. He asks Brian Rader if the Village is going to do something about it, like spraying or such. He asks if that is something we can afford. Brian Rader states that it is not in the budget. He states we have a machine that can do it but we

do not have a licensed operator because the one they had is retired. Wally Abernathy states that you are not going to get rid of the flies because Keller Farms is dropping horse manure on the fields now.

- Montica Casey-Watt brings up the detention pond near her house and how awful it is. She advises any Board Member to drive by it to check it out. John Buckley states that he drove by it and he says it holds water and then releases it which it is supposed to do. He says with this much rain he doesn't know what else to do. Clerk Rob Watt states that it is not rain water it is the sump pumps from everyone for underneath and that there is some sort of water issue down there. He states that he asked Brian Rader to go down and look at it too and asks Brian Rader if there is anything they can do. He states that there is nothing they can do if the sump pumps are tied into it. John Buckley states with all the rain it is overwhelmed. Mayor Black asks if we can pump it out and is told that the sump pumps run until the cows come home. Ms. Casey-Watt states that a detention pond is supposed to hold storm water run-off for 24 to 48 hours. She explains the issue in detail as it pertains to the sump pumps draining into it, the upkeep, the water being murky and the mosquitos being so bad that you can't even stand outside for long periods of time. Joe, Street Foreman, stated he went out to the detention pond and opened it up, and as long as the water keeps pumping in there it's going to still be an issue.
- John Buckley mentions that he has received calls concerning drainage issues in parts of Caseyville and that it's terrible after all this rain. He says it has been a bad year for rain and standing water. He discusses flooding issues with certain basements because of the rain. Brian Rader states that the river level is at 35 feet. Ms. Casey-Watt states she called an office that dealt with storm water and told the Board that there is a high water table on the map between Scott Miller and Will Tippen and that they should not have been allowed to build basements for those houses. She continues and lets the Board know that Scott Miller's house has flooded numerous times. And how many sump pumps he has.
- MK Dashke provided thank you's to all of the volunteers who helped with the Fireworks in the park. She explains the reason why we did the fireworks on Friday and the discount we got for

the fireworks because of it. Mayor Black stated that this was a long process but in the end it worked out well

Correspondence:

- Clerk Rob Watt did not have any correspondence for this meeting.

Approval of Bills:

A motion was made Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to authorize the expenditures of the bills and the money drawn from the proper accounts, as funds are available.

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed.**

Miscellaneous: None

- A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Jackie Mitchell, at 8:19pm to go into closed session to discuss possible litigation and employee compensation/benefits pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (11) (IMRF/Linda Peters).

Voting on Motion: all yeas, no nays—**Motion Passed.**

- A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by John Buckley, to come out of closed session at 8:45pm.

Voting on Motion: all yeas, no nays—**Motion Passed.**

- A motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by John Buckley, to reconvene the meeting at 8:46pm.

Voting on Motion: all yeas, no nays—**Motion Passed.**

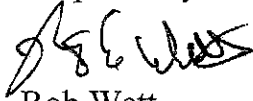
Adjournment

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

Voting on the motion: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Watt", written over the printed name.

Rob Watt
Village Clerk