

Village of Caseyville

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 5, 2014

LEN BLACK
Mayor

ROB WATT
Village Clerk

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

WALTER ABERNATHY
Trustee

RICK CASEY, JR.
Trustee

KERRY DAVIS
Trustee

G.W. SCOTT, SR.
Trustee

RON TAMBURELLO
Trustee

BRENDA WILLIAMS
Trustee

BRIAN RADER
Supt. of Public Works

JOSE ALVAREZ
Chief of Police

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Annexation

Trustee G.W. Scott had nothing to add to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Clerk/Communications/Technology

Trustee Brenda Williams had nothing to add to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Finance/TIF/Grant/Insurance

Trustee Rick Casey, Jr. had the following item for the agenda:

- Approval for Resolution #1407 – A Resolution to renew Charter Agreement.

Police

Trustee Brenda Williams had the following items for the agenda:

- Approval to appoint a new Attorney to the Police and Fire Commissioner's Board.
- Approval to stagger the Police Commissioner appointments so that they are correct according to Illinois Statutes.

- Approval to Re-instate Ms. Connie Frederickson to Police Evidence Clerk/Secretary.
- Approval for Ordinance #1406 – An Ordinance to Update the Police Policy Manual to make it current and applicable for use by the Caseyville Police Department.
- Approval for Resolution #1408 – A Resolution to purchase 4 Radios for the New Police Vehicles and Police Vehicle #89 totaling \$7,668.80.
- Approval to give Police Commissioners the Authority to hire a Lateral Move.
- Approval to hire Clay Goodwin and Thomas Boyd as Part-time Police Officers.
- Approval for how the appointment of the Chaplain should be made and who should handle it.
- Approval to Authorize the Caseyville Police Chief to notify CENCOM that the Village of Caseyville will not be Renewing our Contract.

Public Works/Building

Trustee G.W. Scott had the following items for the agenda:

- Approval for the East/West K9 Association to host a Trivia Night at the Caseyville Community Center for \$250.
- Approval to Waive the Caseyville Community Center Rental Fee for the Department of Health for their Event on October 17th, 2014.
- Approval to Waive the Caseyville Community Center Rental Fee for the Caseyville Chamber of Commerce for their Meet and Greet on April 29th, 2014.

- Approval for the St Clair County Fire Chiefs Association to have their monthly meeting in the Caseyville Meeting Room for \$250 on May 22nd 2014.
- Resolution #1409 – A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by the Village of Caseyville under Illinois Highway Code.

Planning/Zoning/Ordinances

Trustee Wally Abernathy had the following items to add to the Board Meeting Agenda:

- Resolution #1410 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Business License to Toni's Restaurant.
- Approval to Review and Amend Committee Assignments.

Miscellaneous

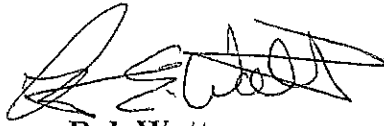
- Mayor Len Black read a statement that he had retained his own personal Attorney for any outside litigation.
- Mayor Len Black read a statement concerning the fact that we will not be able to discuss the suspension of Chief Jose Alvarez.
- Trustee Kerry Davis spoke to Resolution #1211 and wanting Attorney John Gilbert to follow-up on the investigation as he promised.
- Trustee Kerry Davis wanted to ensure that the Police Commissioners received the Ordinance on hiring Part-Time Police Officers. Trustee Brenda Williams stated that they may already have it but will check to make sure.
- Trustee Brenda Williams asked that Mayor Black please return one of the hand-held radios back to the Police Department because they are short one for one of their Police Officers.

- Trustee Brenda Williams asked why the Village Board received a letter concerning the personal attorney for Mayor Black since the Village was not paying for it. He stated that he just wanted to let the Board know that he had his own attorney.
- Trustee Brenda Williams read a letter from Mr. Marc Archer, Local 50, concerning the Mayor making inappropriate comments and not sending an apology letter to an aggrieved employee. Mayor Black stated that he will address this at the March 19th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.
- Public Works Superintendent Brian Radar mentioned that he is doing a road survey for the Village of Caseyville. He stated that the Village has plenty of roads that need to be taken care of. Trustee G.W. Scott said they will get and agenda of what roads need repair and an estimate of costs to see where they are at. He will get it to the Board as soon as possible.
- Mr. Larry Percosi and Mr. John Perry were in attendance to clear up any miscommunications with their proposed plans to build housing in Bluffview Commons. Various residents provided comments ranging from the cost of the homes, parking, why a property manager is needed and the increase/decrease of property in the area. Another question was asked if they have ever built houses in an already established subdivision. Most questions were unable to be answered because they had to research the answers.
- Resident Candi Eaves spoke to the Village Board and outlined various issues that she has with the members of the Board. She stated that she believes political retribution and favors are being rendered. She spoke directly to the Mayor that she wanted the issues in the police department to be resolved. She believes that the board has not turned around from the devastation from the previous administration. The problems didn't happen in one four-year term but over many years nor will the problems be solved over one 4-year term. She expects the board to act like ladies and gentleman by not exposing

private information or releasing that information to the public. She has talked to two Police Officers she never met and they believe they stand behind the Chief not to let him down. She expects the citizens to be proud to be from Caseyville. She gave a quick history of past Police Chiefs and how they handled things. She is holding all board members accountable and is watching them closely. She stated that the board needs to stop acting like children and take care of the Village of Caseyville.

- Trustee Brenda Williams spoke to questions that was posed and stated that she is trying her best but she is always getting knocked backwards. She doesn't know why. She continued by stating that the Village is better and that the Police Officers are in a better situation and are in unison based on the consistency of having a Police Chief that is always checking up on them.
- Chief Jose Alvarez gave an update on the status of the Police Dispatchers and examples of Officer Safety issues with CENCOM. He mentioned he is ready to move forward on the dispatchers and has 4 trained dispatchers. Two of the dispatchers are from Caseyville.
- The Board is all for the dispatchers and all that needs to be done are figuring costs. A meeting was scheduled with CENCOM and the hope is that they will address all the issues. Trustee Kerry Davis said that if a meeting is setup, and if needed, the Board is more than willing to attend with Chief Alvarez.
- Trustee Williams mentioned if we are asking other communities to see if we can offer our services to them. Trustee Casey asked that we at least try to talk to these communities just to see if they would be interested.
- Past history of the dispatchers was brought up concerning the costs in previous years and that options were never mentioned. Also in this discussion were radio contracts, equipment needed, and that the old consoles for the dispatchers could be assembled in less than 8 hours to be operational.

Respectfully Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Watt', written in a cursive style.

Rob Watt
Village Clerk