

Village of Caseyville

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2015

LEN BLACK
Mayor

ROB WATT
Village Clerk

Meeting called to order 7:35 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Annexation

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

Clerk/Communications/Technology

Trustee Jackie Mitchell had the following to add to the Board Meeting Agenda:

- Approval to retain Applications for Applicants 2-5 for future job openings in the Village of Caseyville.

Jackie Mitchell had other items for the Agenda but those were discussed at the Regular Board meeting prior to the Committee Meeting but will be added to the Agenda nonetheless.

Finance/TIF/Grant/Insurance

Trustee Matt Modrovsky had nothing to add to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Police

Trustee John Buckley had nothing to add to the Board Meeting Agenda but Sergeant Spratt offered to discuss the Part-Time Officer schedule since he is the one that makes it

up at the Caseyville Police Department. John Buckley stated that he brought it up because if the Department is short that they could fill in. Sergeant Spratt explains the Part-time Officer situation, what is expected of them, their hours they work and how they are utilized to the Board. He states that he definitely doesn't want to see a decrease in the number because it is hard to fill out a full schedule especially with the holidays coming up. John Buckley informed Sergeant Spratt of his expectations as it applied to scheduling.

Ordinances:

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

Planning/Zoning

Trustee Wally Abernathy had nothing to add to the Board Meeting Agenda but let the Board know that Jade Garden will be a food sampling office hosted by Landshire which included samplings of sandwiches and other items that Landshire offers.

Miscellaneous

- G.W. Scott brought up the Midwest Construction Status.
- G.W. Scott brought up the houses on Garden Avenue and their demolition status.
- G.W. Scott stated that the Village is still moving along quite well with the Long Street Bridge Project.
- G.W. Scott brought up City Buzz and the license that was approved. He states that the owner is redoing the inside. He stated that Gary Crowe told the owners that they had to have the place re-inspected and the license renewed based on the changes to the inside. Brenda Williams asked if the Village can revoke the license. Wally Abernathy stated that City Buzz will not open without the new inspections.
- John Wilson, 708 George Street, spoke to the Board about a bevy of issues that concerned the finances of the

Village. His first issue was the cost of the fireworks that he stated he didn't know but was told \$15,000. He brought up the costs of firing Linda Peters and the investigation of her computer being \$20,000 which he was told was correct. He explained to the Board about cost of events that go on for the Village and the people which he states is an added expense that is not in the Police Department or the Streets Department's budget. He asks Matt Modrovsky what department heads are supposed to do when they are thrown extra items that they have not budgeted for. He states that the Village is now taking a stand to not hire someone even though the Village is supposed to hire people to protect its assets. He states that entertainment is secondary and that the roads and the safety of Village residents are more important. He states that fireworks are for those towns that can afford it and that is the reason why the Board stopped doing it in the past. He states that it doesn't make any sense to spend money on firing someone and then try to hire someone. Matt Modrovsky asks to speak to this. He explains that the expense of \$20,000 for the computer investigation happened in 2014. John Wilson states that it was still money the Village could of used. Matt Modrovsky states that he understands that but it wasn't something that this Board had control over. He continues by stating that it had already been done and approved by Board Members before the current Board. Wally Abernathy states that the confiscation of the computers was never approved by the previous Board. Matt Modrovsky moves on to the fireworks and explains that the funding came from the Hotel/Motel fund and cannot be used by the Village to pay salaries of Village employees. Matt Continues by stating that the Village has two hotels that are delinquent on paying their taxes to the Village. He states that the Village is going to make them accountable according to Village Ordinances to ensure incoming cash flow. He states that you have to have incoming cash flows to operate your business. John Wilson brings up an expenditure that was brought up in a previous meeting that no one knew what it was for. It was determined that the charge was for Call One and that is the Village's primary telephone service. John Wilson states that maybe the bills should be read so that the public can understand what they

are paying for. Matt Modrovsky lets Mr. Wilson know that the Board had their first Quarterly budget meeting with the Department heads and plan on now meeting monthly with them to explain what they are spending and why they are spending it. He states that this has never been done before. He states that you can budget whatever you want but until you have every dollar come in to cover the budgeted number that's the only way you cover your costs. He gives the public an in-depth explanation on what he is talking about. John Wilson mentions the cutbacks from the past and the fact that after the cutbacks the Village began spending money like it grew on trees in the park.

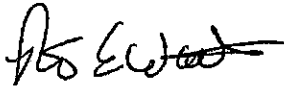
- Brad VanHoose, Belleville, IL, speaks to the Board concerning spending priorities and mentions the \$20,000 that was spent on the computer investigation without the Board's approval. He states that he doesn't know the purchasing code for the Village of Caseyville but he knows that the State of Illinois is \$20,000. He states that he has given the invoice to all Board members and believes there is more information that he has not received on this subject. He states he is trying to understand how this was spent without Board approval. He goes over what the Village could have spent the \$20,000 on. He mentions that he has given the 2011-2014 Audit Management Letters to the Board and is still waiting on 2015. He thanks Village Clerk Rob Watt for filling all of his FOIA requests so far. He also apologizes to Attorney Brian Manion concerning the Opening Meetings Act violation that he thought happened at a meeting a couple of weeks ago when the Board went into Closed Session. He states he had bad information and just wanted Brian Manion know he was right in his ruling in allowing the Board to go into Closed Session even though it wasn't on the Agenda. Brian Manion accepted his gesture. He ends his comments with a statement concerning spending priorities, previous spending by Mayor Black without Board knowledge and advice to take control and spending away from the Mayor.
- Jackie Mitchell states that she has had multiple discussions with the Miller family concerning Sergeant

Scott Miller's car that he used while at the Police Department. She states that the family knows what the car looks like and that putting the car up for auction is the right thing to do. Sergeant Spratt states that Sergeant Miller's car is not back on the road yet and they don't expect it to be until next week. Jackie Mitchell mentions that the car is parked at the police station. Sergeant Spratt states that it is not at the Police Station. Jackie Mitchell states that she has seen it at the station. Sergeant Spratt states that he drives is similar to the one Sergeant Miller drove with the difference being Sergeant Miller's car had different hubcaps. Jackie Mitchell states that she heard that it was at the Police Station. She states that she wants to put on the agenda the auctioning of Sergeant Miller's car. The Board goes into a deep discussion on the merits of auctioning the car, how auctioning the car will be different then the last auction the Village had and that a replacement vehicle will still be needed. After the discussion, the Board agreed to add this item to the agenda.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Watt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Rob Watt
Village Clerk**