



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2016

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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, November 2, 2016 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, Jackie Mitchell

Board Members absent: G.W. Scott

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by Matt Modrovsky, to approve the minutes for the Regular Board and Closed Session Meetings held on October 19, 2016.

No further questions on the motion.

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

5 Yeas, 1 Absent - Motion Passed.

Citizen's Input:

- Mr. John Wilson came before the Board to discuss the Hollywood Heights Fire Department Project. He states they got some bids for the concrete pad, which is really bad, that is in front of the Hollywood Heights Fire Department. He goes over the illustrations in his packet, which the Board has, that show how bad it really is. He discusses another two areas that are getting bad and are busted up concrete from the salt and stuff. He states Christ Brothers came out and gave them an idea of what they want to do and explains this in detail. After this explanation, he states that one bid is for \$15,000 and recommended for the add-on for an additional \$7,200. He states that Christ Brothers can be there with their equipment and can do that along with the top bid to make it a total of \$23,000. He states that what it would do is, for all of this, they would not have blacktop going over parts that are concrete. This would eliminate the water going under the blacktop which defeats the purpose because they want all blacktop. He states that they are requesting it be on the TIF agenda for next week and they are requesting TIF money for this project. Someone asks where the Fire Department is located and John Wilson tells them and adds that they are requesting funds from the TIF District that is up there because of the new subdivision. Matt Modrovsky thanks John Wilson and states they will put this on the agenda for the Village's TIF Meeting for next week. He states that he will have the proposal package to Keith Moran so they have copies of it. John Wilson asks when the TIF Meeting is and is told Tuesday, November 8th at 4pm. John Wilson mentions that Hollywood Heights Fire Department received TIF money in the past from the Village for the back parking lot of the Fire Department and that Christ Brothers did an immaculate job. John Wilson ends with a detailed description of how much more work would need to be done if they do not get this funding and explains the issues from the last time it was done by the State when they widened Illinois Highway 159.

- Mr. Bill Conklin came before the Board to go over a couple of items. He states that he discussed these a couple of meetings ago but was sick and could not follow-up. He is wondering if they could get in the Village Budget for next year to run the fog trucks again. He discusses the necessity of

having this because the mosquitoes are so bad and proceeds to explain how bad it is. Matt Modrovsky states that he will discuss that with Public Works Superintendent Brian Rader and lets Mr. Conklin know that there are a lot of EPA regulations and permits that would be required. John Buckley states that he actually talked to Brian Rader a few weeks ago and that we do have a machine but do not know the status of it since it hasn't been used in a while. He states that the Village has two persons that are licensed to spray so depending on everything, maybe in the Spring see where we are with it. Bill Conklin mentions he is surprised that no one has gotten sick because of how bad it is and he has given up sitting on his deck. John Buckley explained how bad it was because of standing water and mentions that he had a similar request from someone on Suzanne Court that is why he asked Brian Rader. He also mentioned that they checked with Fairview Heights and they had complications to do that here in Caseyville. He explains that Brian Rader was checking into if the machine is still functioning and everything else. Bill Conklin remembers it being effective in the past. He mentions that he doesn't know if the Village does this or not or helps with charities. He mentions that persons on four-wheelers are still coming down and tearing up the First Baptist parking lot which they have to fix the ruts and replace the rock. He wanted to know if they could get any help with asphalt from the Village. He states that a little black top will help and would like to hear from the Board to see what they think on this. The last item he has deal with the Animal Control Officer. He states that he knows the Village has one. He states that there were some outside cats in the bush in the front of the VFW. He states that the momma cat got pregnant and had 3 kittens and mentioned how big the kittens had gotten. He mentions that he was wondering what happened to the cats and kittens since they are not there anymore. He mentions that he hopes they found a home for all of the kittens.

- A gentleman named Alfredo came before the Board to follow-up with his petition for his license for a food truck. He asks if the Board heard anything concerning this and asks if he needs to do anything or needs to get anything so he can get the permit. Attorney Brian Manion asks him if he talked to Mike Mitchell. Alfredo said he hasn't talked to Mike

Mitchell in the last week. Brian Manion mentions that he will need to talk to Mike Mitchell. Wally Abernathy mentions that the Board has an application for a Business License for a dart store at the location he is wanting to do his food truck. He states that the applicant has already been in to the Village to fill out the paperwork for which now the Village is waiting for the fingerprinting and background check to come back. He states that they will be getting their license to put a dart store there. Alfredo mentions that he will need to find another place and that he has already did the fingerprinting too. Police Chief Frank Moore asks what Alfredo's arrangement with the property owner is. Alfredo states that he had an agreement to wait until the approval of his license. Chief Moore mentions his concern is that this didn't work out and the owner moved on. Someone from the crowd asks what Alfredo's business is and he states it is a food truck. Alfredo asks if Mike Mitchell can rent him the place he can get the license or does he need to look for another place. Wally Abernathy states that it looks like the dart store applicant is already renting the place from the owner or they wouldn't be applying for a license. Alfredo asks if he has to find another place. Matt Modrovsky mentions that Alfredo had a conversation with Mike Mitchell and he talked with Alfredo about applying for a certain variance. Matt Modrovsky asks if Alfredo had filled out the paperwork to have his meeting with the Zoning Board to get that process started. Alfredo stated he had not. Matt Modrovsky mentions he needs to get back with Mike Mitchell and pay whatever fee there is for that. Wally Abernathy mentions the fee is \$300. Alfredo asks if that is the cost for the permit and he is told that it is the fee for going before the Planning Commission. Alfredo ran through what he needed to do just so he was clear. Jackie Mitchell stated that he might want to get with the property owner to see if he has already rented it to someone else. She mentions it's a moot point if it is already rented out. Mayor Black mentions that he has to work out with the property owner before he comes to the Village. Alfredo mentions that if he doesn't get this place but finds another he can apply again with the Village. Matt Modrovsky mentions that yes if he found another building he would work with Mike Mitchell to get his special use permit and to get that process started. Attorney Brian Manion mentions he is in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

- Ms. Anita Gueske, Principal at Legacy Christian Academy came before the Board to answer the questions on why they put the cones up during the school day. She states that they have been at this building for 14 years. She states when they came to the building they had asked them if they closed off the street with the cones and they had said yes and have done that. She states that is why they started doing it because they knew for the safety of their students that they really wanted to keep them safe throughout the day since part of their property is on the other side of the street from the school. She explains how many times a day people come in and out of the building during the day in case no one was aware. She proceeds to go over the different times of the day that parents and students are coming and going throughout the day to include recess, PE, and those quick run-ins that they can't track. She states her question is what is the hardship that is put on the people of the Community. She states that they do not want to cause any trouble but they have been doing this for 14 years. She mentions that here concern is what is the hardship at this point. She states that she has talked to some neighbors around there if there is any problem at all and they have said no. She mentions for the safety of her students they really want to leave those cones up. She states that she doesn't want any won to have any problems with hurting a student at Legacy. She mentions it would not reflect well on the Community and it wouldn't help the school either. Phylis Scott states that she has seen the children playing in the back and has not seen anyone across the street. Ms. Gueske states that they do have children over there in the afternoon for PE. A discussion ensues on what time of the day the children are occupying the areas around the school to include across the street. Ms. Scott states her problem is that the Caseyville Grade School does not block off their street. She is asked if they have their parking lot across the street and it is mentioned that they do not have a parking lot. Ms. Scott mentions that the children are dropped off at the Caseyville Grade School and can't sit there. Ms. Gueske states that most of those children ride the bus and Legacy does not have a bus. Ms. Scott mentions that in Collinsville when they pick up and drop off they line up. Ms. Gueske mentions that there is a school in Collinsville that puts up cones all day like they do. Ms. Scott mentions that she pays taxes and doesn't see why the street needs to be closed off and mentions passing Lori's

house. Ms. Gueske wonders where she is going when she passed Lori's House why she needs to use that street and why she can't use the other street. Ms. Scott mentions that it is more convenient to get to Janice Wasser's Beauty Shop by taking that left. Ms. Gueske mentions that she doesn't understand why she doesn't go up the street and make the left. She mentions it is a square and explains this in detail. Ms. Gueske mentions that it was blocked off when the Catholics were there and is told no. She states that it was and various individual gave reasoning's why it wasn't at the same time. Ms. Gueske reiterates that they have been doing this for 14 years and haven't heard any complaints about it until now. Mayor Black asks what can be done to solve this. Ms. Jeanine Bivens mentions that during St. Stephen's time they had Patrol persons and that no one wants to see a child hurt. She goes over the drop off of kids, the knowledge that older kids know how to watch when crossing the street, that it isn't a busy street but is a used street and a public street. She states that she is for having times that the streets are blocked off in the morning and afternoon but not all day, every day. She mentions that she goes by a lot and that it isn't a lot of in and out as was mentioned by Ms. Gueske. Ms. Gueske states that they hear a lot of cars in the parking lot, speed is an issue which all this is truly a safety factor. The Legacy PE Teacher comes forward to explain the schedule of when they have PE across the street and the age groups involved. She states that the 8th Grade kids can look both ways but it is hard to corral the 4th Grade kids. She states that she would hate for something to happen to one of her students. A Legacy Parent steps up and mentions that he has seen during lunch, on three occasions where trucks have come into the parking lot and sped off and squealed there wheels which happened right before kids go out for PE. He asks if the City pays for the cones that are out there and is told no. He mentions if the cones are taken down then the Village absorbs the cost for maintaining the roads, painting the cross-walks and, by law, they would have to provide a crossing guard because it is a school that is attended by Caseyville residents for the times the school is open. He goes over the convenience versus the cost to the Village in detail. He mentions that the cost of someone getting hurt is astronomical. Someone mentions that the barricade is not always out there when they go by and they do not know the street is blocked off until they get to the

parking lot in front of the school. Ms. Gueske mentions that this is not a problem at all and understands. Ms. Bivens mentions that is the law the same for private and public schools as it applies to funding crossing guards. Mayor Black doesn't believe that the Village wouldn't fund it but doesn't know for sure. It is asked how many kids go there and it is mentioned 50 and how many live in Caseyville. It is mentioned that there are 5 families with children that go to Legacy. Mayor Black mentions that there kids and it doesn't matter where they are from. Janice Wasser mentions that some of her customers have been complaining and what she notices now is some of the Legacy parents are stopping on 3rd Street across from James Street to drop off their kids because parents do not want to drive through the parking lot and some parents are coming onto James Street to drop their kids off. She states that here concern is why there isn't a gate or fence in the back of the school to stop the younger kids. She states that she is terrified to come around James Street because kids are playing and that one of them is going to run out sometime chasing a ball. She mentions that she doesn't think it is right to have the cones on a public street since Caseyville Grade School has almost 200 kids and they do not block off the street. She mentions that her kids went to St. Stephen's and they never blocked off the street during the day, just at specific times and that they had patrol kids or parents to watch the kids cross the street. Ms. Gueske mentions that the street has been blocked off for 14 years and this is the first time she is hearing complaints. Ms. Wasser mentions that people didn't want to complain about it at first because they wanted Legacy to get into a routine but now the routine is changing and mentions the drop-offs on James Street. Ms. Gueske states she is out there in the morning and doesn't see this but may have one student whose parents will park there but she took care of it. She explains the rules of dropping off kids at Legacy. Mayor Black asks if there is a solution. Ms. Gueske states that she doesn't have the manpower at this point to put cones out and bring them back in throughout the day for all the activities that they have. It is mentioned that have the older students take care of it and Ms. Gueske states that the older students are busy doing lots of other things. Mayor Black asks Chief Moore if he has any solutions. A Legacy parent brings up that when she drops off her children one of them likes to dart across the street and her concern is

what if someone is driving down that road and hits her kid. It is mentioned that it is fine to have the cones out in the morning and evening but not all day. Ms. Bivens mentions that she goes by Legacy every day and doesn't see anyone when she drives by. Ms. Gueske states she still doesn't see the hardship. She is asked about if it is a public street and she mentions that if someone gets ran over at that school that's going to be a hardship. John Buckley asks if in the mornings she can have a routine that instead of having the cones there we have a couple of extra barricades for in the morning. He states that the cones are really hard to see. She mentions they do have barricades up. John Buckley mentions that there are some on Scates by the stop sign but the cones are by the cross-walk area. He states that they are hard to see in the dark because they are not reflective. He states so if we had Public Works or if we had two barricades to block that. He states in the mornings they would come in from Scates from 157 and then go around the curve and drop off the kids from the passenger side then you just exit, right or left at the corner. Ms. Gueske states she doesn't know what the difference would be. John Buckley states that the cones are there and they cut through the parking lot. Ms. Gueske states that if they did drop them off they drive onto James Street on the Legacy side, drop them off and then go around to 3rd Street. She states if they come around and park they just park in the parking lot. She states that they are not supposed to park on James Street and has been on the parents about this. She states that she doesn't see the hardship and mentions her father ran over a little boy and killed him and doesn't want that to happen to anybody. John Buckley mentions that no one here wants that either but he states that he is just trying to contain it to an area which makes it safe for everyone. John Buckley reiterates his plan from earlier. A Legacy parent mentions the congestion issue with John Buckley's plan. He also goes over the difference between Caseyville Grade School and Legacy as it pertains to dropping kids off and having buses. Ms. Gueske mentions that she is out there and notices that parents do not know how to drive in front of the school no more than anyone else in Caseyville. John Buckley mentions that he thinks barricades would work better than the cones because they are more visible, higher up and reflective. He gives an example of why the cones are not a good idea. Ms. Gueske does not mind if anyone wants to use the parking

lot to get to Scates, she just needs that part of the street in front of the school. Chief Moore mentions that the cones are a false sense of security and he agrees with John Buckley about using barricades instead of the cones. He states that the children are used to running across the street they are not going to be looking at all. Mayor Black asks if getting Ms. Gueske a rolling barricade would help out. Ms. Gueske states it would since she is the one that would be bringing them in. John Buckley mentions they are light and collapse easily. Ms. Bivens asks if the barricades would be up all day and Mayor Black mentions no that he planned on moving them. A parent mentions that if that is the case then there needs to be some guidance on when the barricades can be up. Mayor Black asks to put this into Committee to discuss to see if can help everyone out.

- Montica Casey-Watt mentioned that Neighbors Helping Neighbors is doing the Thanksgiving Baskets again this year and asked that if anyone had any names to submit to let her know or drop it off at Village Hall. They need to be in before November 13th because she needs to order the turkeys. Matt Modrovsky stated to meet him after this and he can get with Lindorf Meat Company and should be able to get the turkeys for 1% over cost.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Police

- Motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve hiring Officer Michelle Schroeder as a part-time Police Officer to the Caseyville Police Department.

No further questions on the motion.

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

5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.

Correspondence: Clerk Rob Watt read bid submittals for the Caseyville Police Department Roof Project.

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 \$136,640.43 and the money drawn from the proper accounts, when the funds become available.

Brenda Williams asks Matt Modrovsky why the Planning Commission total is so high. Matt Modrovsky states that he cannot not until he digs into it. He states that he was thinking the same thing when he read it. Brenda Williams states that it doesn't seem right, does it. Matt Modrovsky states that there was a big engineering bill that we have to reimburse which he believes that this is for but he will check and verify that tomorrow. Mayor Black asks if we want to hold this up and Matt Modrovsky states that we will process this. Mayor Black asks we should pay it when we don't know what it is for. Brenda Williams states she never seen one that high before that's why she was questioning it. Brenda Williams states that until Matt Modrovsky checks it out we won't pay it. Matt Modrovsky states that he will rescind his first motion.

A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Jackie Mitchell, to rescind the previous motion to authorize the expenditures of the bills in the amount of \$136,640.43 and the money drawn from the proper accounts, when the funds become available.

No questions on the Motion

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

5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.

A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to authorize the expenditures of the bills, except for the Planning Commission bill and the money drawn from the proper accounts, when the funds become available.

No questions on the Motion

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

5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.

Chief of Police – Chief Frank Moore had nothing for the Board Meeting. He states he has some things for the Committee Meeting

Matt Modrovsky mentions that he was on the huge Jeep Run and everyone was appreciative for how well the Caseyville Police Department had control of the Jeeps in the streets. He mentions that there were 340 Jeeps that rolled across Chain of Rocks Bridge and not one complaint Caseyville. Chief Moore mention that there were many comments from residents on how cool it was. Matt Modrovsky mentions that they are planning another Jeep Run to go back over there and they are planning on a Jeep Car Show here in town.

Superintendent of Public Works - Superintendent Brian Rader was absent but there was nothing for the Board Meeting.

M.K. Dashke – MK Dashke said she didn't have much except that they were going to get together to see what the town is going to do for Christmas. Brenda Williams mentions that they had an appointment scheduled but she had to cancel due to her husband being in the hospital. She states they need to pick a time and she will let everyone know when it is. She mentions that Board Members are welcome. MK mentions that the public needs to keep their ears and eyes open for the information.

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 - **Absent**, Jackie Mitchell. - **Yea**, Wally Abernathy - **Yea**, John Buckley – **Yea**, Brenda Williams – **Yea**, Matt Modrovsky – **Yea**

5 Yeas, 1 Absent – Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rob Watt
Village Clerk