



# Village of Caseyville

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 4, 2015

LEN BLACK  
Mayor

ROB WATT  
Village Clerk

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, November 4, 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:

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

Board Members absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Leonard Black, Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Rader, Caseyville Police Sergeant Gerard Spratt, Village Attorney, Brian Manion, and Clerk Rob Watt

### Minutes:

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by Matt Modrovsky, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meetings held on October 21, 2015. No additions or corrections.

Voting on Motion: All yeas, no nays - **Motion Passed**

### Old Business:

- Mayor Black stated that he was not ready to appoint a new member to Police and Fire Board. John Buckley asked why we were not moving forward on this appointment. Mayor Black stated that he had not made a decision and needed more time to look over the persons wanting to be appointed. John Buckley

states that there is not much to review and Mayor Black states that he hasn't gotten to it.

**Citizen's Input:**

- Pam McDaniel mentioned to the Board the Caseyville Chamber of Commerce is dissolving due to lack of interest and involvement by the businesses in Caseyville. She states that remaining funds will be disbursed to local organizations that help out those in need in the Village of Caseyville. She states that the City Wide Yard Sale and the Christmas Light Display Program were started by the Chamber of Commerce and will not happen again if no one steps up. She ended her comments by giving checks to Sergeant Spratt for the Police Officers and Brenda Williams for the Caseyville Grade School.

**New Business:**

**Administrative/Communication & Technology**

Jackie Mitchell explains the steps that it took to get the person hired and that the process was long and after arduous testing. Matt Modrovsky asks that before the vote he wants to let everyone know that the Village is going to have to fall on some hard financial times. He states that the reason is spending is rapidly increasing. He states that the Village budgeted \$110,000 for Cencom which is June to June. He states that the Village just spent \$137,000 to Cencom which is above the \$110,000. He states that based on that, we are over budgeted and the next Cencom bill of \$90,000 is coming due in January 2016. He asked about previous budget where the Cencom bill was budgeted and he states that the Cencom bill is budgeted but the problem was money was never available to pay the bill. Wally Abernathy states that this was budgeted in the past and that the Village raised taxes to cover the Police Pension. He states that Cencom's money should have been there. Matt Modrovsky states that budgeted is different from having actual funds for it. He states that for 2013, the Village just paid Cencom \$47,000. Brenda Williams states that the money for the new position is already in the budget because the Village budgeted for 5 Office personnel. She states the only issue she has is with the motion because due to the contract for Local 50, the probationary period is 6 months not 3 months. Jackie Mitchell asks if the Board can vote but Mayor Black wants to go into Closed Session for which Attorney Brian Manion

states that the Board can elect to go into Closed Session to discuss the decision to hire. John Buckley states that the Board needs to negate and look at other items because the agenda states to hire another part-time officer and he was under the impression we had 13 part-time officers and 11 full-time officers. He states that if we do not have the money then we do not need to hire new officers and work with what we have to get them into shifts. Jackie Mitchell asks about the copy machines for which Matt Modrovsky states that we are still making payments. Jackie Mitchell states that the copy machines are paid off. Matt Modrovsky states that we may have items budgeted but we do not have money in the accounts to pay for those items. Mayor Black gives his comments concerning the hiring of a new Zoning Clerk. He believes that the Office runs perfectly with 4 office workers vice 5. He states he had a conversation with the girls in the office to find out that moral is good and that things are running peacefully. He states that they have been working well with each other picking up and helping with areas outside of their scope. He states that a comment he got was that if someone is hired that with upcoming time off how would this person be trained. He reiterates that he doesn't think that another person is needed to be hired. Wally Abernathy states that this should have been discussed prior to this vote. He states that he thought we had our finances straightened out with the job already being in the budget. The Board discusses the budget and budgeting items in detail. John Buckley mentions that he brought up the Cencom payment issue before which should not be a surprise now. The Board discusses that the decision to hire someone was already decided prior to this and don't understand going back to the drawing board. Matt Modrovsky states that the Treasurer has been going through all the bills and trying to figure things out. He mentions that the Treasurer may need to dip into the E-Pay Account to continue to cover the Village's expenses. Matt Modrovsky states that the Village can hire someone and that Jackie Mitchell already had a motion and a second. He states that he just wanted everyone to know the current financial situation. John Buckley states that if we are going to not hire someone than the Village needs to a hiring freeze across the board. Mayor Black starts to discuss the Police hiring beings different for which John Buckley states what is the difference. Mayor Black states that the all the part-time officers do not work at once because we only use a certain amount each time. Jackie Mitchell asks who seconded her motion to hire and is told that Wally Abernathy was the second. She then asks for a vote. Mayor Black reiterates his reasons why we do not need to hire someone new. John Buckley asks why the Board went

through all of this effort then. Mayor Black puts that back on the Board. John Buckley mentions that we have a new Forest Lakes subdivision starting up that it wouldn't cover it. Mayor Black asks John Buckley how many houses they will build at once in the subdivision. He states not 100 or 200 houses. John Buckley he hopes they build 100 but when they start the Village will get them the permits they need. Mayor Black states that they may get one finished. John Buckley asks who is going to answer the window. He states that he has been at the window and he has called in. He states that Leslie McReynold's will not get up to answer the window. He states that he has been here and seen it. He asks the Mayor if he is going to act on that issue. Mayor Black says yes and talks about regrouping with the girls in the office. John Buckley asks if Mayor Black is going to get her to answer the window. Mayor Black deflects the issue to Jackie Mitchell since she is the Administrator. John Buckley states that Mayor Black is ultimately in charge. Jackie Mitchell states that Leslie is his Secretary. Mayor Black deflects the issue to Clerk Rob Watt because she works with him more on day-to-day items. Clerk Watt states that he can take charge and get things working. He says the issue is that the office ladies have too many bosses to report too. Jackie Mitchell states that she is over the Committee and will take care of it. Mayor Black states that they all need to know how to do each other's job and Jackie Mitchell states that she is working on cross-training them to do just that. The Board goes back to the merits of hiring, work load and why did they go through the process. Jackie Mitchell asks for the vote and Mayor Black asks when Ms. Petty starts. Jackie Mitchell states she will start on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, which gives her enough time to give her 2-week notice to her current employer. John Buckley asks if she is keeping the other applicants. She adds to her current motion to keep applicants 2-5 for future employment opportunities but is told that she cannot because it was not on the agenda. She is told it can be added to the next meeting's agenda.

- Motion was made by Jackie Mitchell, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve hiring Ambur Petty as the new Zoning Clerk on a 6-month probationary basis.

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

**5 Yeas and 1 Nay - Motion Passed**

Jackie Mitchell informed the Board she brought in a second IT person and gave an overview of what needed to be done. After the overview she wanted the following added to the Agenda for the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board Meeting:

- Approval to Purchase a Surge Protector for the Copier at a cost not to exceed \$100.
- Approval to Purchase Battery Backups for the Village computers at a cost not to exceed \$1500.
- Approval to move Village Server to New Location.

Jackie Mitchell mentions that she wanted to have a second meeting with the IT person, Clerk Rob Watt and Matt Modrovsky to discuss further plans for renovation to the Caseyville Network. She also wants to start purchasing one computer at a time to replace older computers. Matt Modrovsky states that he would challenge why we don't rent server space that way the Village wouldn't have to maintain a server and would be cheaper. Jackie Mitchell states that we can look into that.

**Police:**

- Motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve authorizing the Hiring of Mike Halluch as a Part-time Police Officer.

No questions on the motion.

**Voting on Motion:** All yeas, no nays - **Motion Passed**

- Motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve the Promotion of Patrol Officer Woody Hall to the Rank of Sergeant.

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

**4 Nays -1 Yea and 1 Present - Motion Failed**

**Annexation:**

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve authorizing the Village Attorney to Seek Demolition of the Properties Located at 8710, 8724, 8730, and 8735 Garden Avenue and 64 Susanne Court.

No questions on the motion.

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

**Correspondence:**

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

**Approval of Bills:**

A motion was made Matt Modrovsky, seconded by Jackie Mitchell, 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.**

**Monthly Reports:**

**Chief of Police** – Sergeant Spratt was in attendance and informed the Board that Chief Frank Moore’s wife had surgery and that is why he is not in attendance tonight. Sergeant Spratt read the Caseyville Police Statistics for the Month of October. He states that the Police Department received a letter of Appreciation from MK Dashke for their assistance with the Halloween 5K. He also stated that the Police Department attended the Halloween Night at the Caseyville Elementary School. He stated that Officers attended the Fall Festival at the Lakeview Christian Academy. He states that officers also had a Public Safety speech at the VFW with the Boy Scouts.

**Superintendent of Public Works -** Brian Rader had nothing to report.

**M.K. Dashke** – Ms. Dashke gave an update on the 4th annual Freaky Five Halloween 5K run/walk, Oogle Moogle Monster Mash

Dash kid's fun run and Bonfire. She stated that attendance was down this year and thanked all the volunteers for their assistance.

She stated that they will look at the weekend they hold the 5K to bump up attendance and may be look at more dates. She states she is selling this year's 5K shirt for \$15, last year's for \$10 and any previous years for \$5.

Candi Eaves thought it would be great to give out trophies for those that dress up in Halloween costumes.

MK states that she will hold a meeting to discuss better options. Matt Modrovsky discussed possibly having a "Training for 5K course" to maybe get more runners. MK did not know if Matt Modrovsky was still willing to do that. Matt Modrovsky stated that he is definitely interested in doing that.

**Miscellaneous: None**

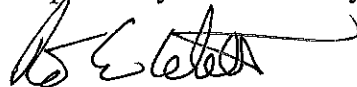
**Adjournment**

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: All yeas and no nays - **Motion passed.****

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rob Watt  
Village Clerk