



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2014

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KERRY DAVIS
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Trustee

RON TAMBURELLO
Trustee

BRENDA WILLIAMS
Trustee

BRIAN RADER
Supt. of Public Works

JOSE ALVAREZ
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, April 16, 2014 in the Council Chambers at 909 South Main, Caseyville, IL 62232.

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

Roll Call:

Trustees present: Rick Casey, Jr., Wally Abernathy; Ron Tamburello, Brenda Williams, G.W. Scott.

Trustees Absent: Kerry Davis

Others Present: Mayor Leonard Black, Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Rader, Police Chief Jose Alvarez, Village Attorney, John Gilbert and Clerk Rob Watt.

Minutes

A motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by Rick Casey, Jr., to approve the minutes of the Regular, Closed, and Special Board Meeting held on March 19, 2014, March 26, 2014 and April 2, 2014.

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

Citizen's Input:

- John Buckley comes to the Podium to bring a few questions to the Board. He states that earlier in the year that it was a big thing that we got rid of the Hotel/Motel Inspector and that it opened our budget up and we had extra money. So now he see that we are going to appoint a Hotel/Motel Inspector so his questions is what do they do and why do we need them. He states if we got away from them then why do we need one again. He continues that if that person was so important why they take priority over dispatchers. He states that we were arguing



over dispatchers but now we have money for Hotel/Motel. Mayor Black asks Mr. Buckley if he wants him to answer now. He states that he would. Mayor Black states that we did away with the Hotel Inspectors because we were paying \$55,000 with his pension and he thought that was too much. He said he put this topic on the agenda and they are going to table this because they do not have anybody and he wants to take this back to Committee. He wants to take it back because he wants to look it all over and that they are not going to be paying \$55,000. This will be a part-time job, with the help of the board, and advertise it like any other job. He states that he put it on the agenda to get the discussion started and that the Hotels are getting really run down. He believes we are being taken for granted down there. Mr. Buckley asks if our Zoning people can do that. Mr. Buckley discusses the consolidation of Administrative Staff to allow more Police Officers on the street and asks Mayor Black if he remembers that from the Flyer they ran on. He states it was a big thing and now we want to keep the Chief in the office all the time as a Secretary basically. He mentions streamlining the Village for processes to make it more efficient and for accountability. He states that he doesn't see a lot of things that we ran on and he doesn't like it. Mayor Black states that he can speak to things that they have done like the 3 new police cars, a monthly pickup, a street sweeper, planning a 4th of July Celebration. Mayor Black states as far as streamlining that he should ask the other Board Members, but he has had a lot of ideas but it takes Board Approval to do some of those things. Mr. Buckley agrees that some things have happened. Mayor Black states that they now have an Ordinance Officer and an Animal Control Officer that we didn't have before. He mentions that Brian Rader has done a good job with his High Weeds Program which has become a problem with abandoned houses. He mentions that he has gotten a lot of complaints about the Hotels and that we need to get a handle on it. Mr. Buckley states he understands but are there not any other avenues like the County who can help on that. He asks if that is our responsibility and the Mayor states it is. Mr. Buckley states that we do not have a Restaurant Inspector to keep everything alright. Mayor Black states that we don't. Mr. Buckley states he believes that we are just throwing money around here all of a sudden, but that is just his opinion. Mayor Black states that is not the case and that when he took over he saw that we were paying \$55,000 for him and nobody understood or had control over. We were also paying our Zoning Administrator \$80,000 a year that we no longer have. He stated that we saved at least \$50,000 there by just streamlining that and that we have an excellent Administrator now. Mayor Black states that he would love to have the Dispatchers back but if we do then we might want to have more people over there answering the phone. Mr. Buckley reiterates why the Hotel Inspector is more important than the Dispatchers. Mayor Black states

that it is not a priority because he just started the process on the Hotel Inspector and that we would not have this solved for a month or two. Mayor Black states that it will not be full time and that they can only offer 20 hours so that they do not have to pay for the insurance. Mr. Buckley moves on to the Closed Session meeting and that he knows what they will be about again. He states that has been an issue every month at every meeting. He believes whether it's about the first meeting or second meeting it will be about getting rid of the Chief again. He states that he knows we cannot communicate on this but he remembers this Help cleanup Caseyville bar of soap given out by the Candidates for a Better Caseyville. He states that slogan still means a lot to him and working with everyone. He says he is tired and he wants to give that back to Mayor Black to wash his hands of the felon who is influencing everything in this town and what he is doing. He states it is talking about Romanik and all that he is trying to influence in the Police Department and everywhere else in the Village. He finishes with that is how he feels.

- Candi Eaves came to the podium to say she didn't want to address the nastiness that is going to happen later that night. She continues that it was a month ago since the last Board Meeting that she was called to the foyer by a member of the Police Department and Fire Department. Ms. Eaves states that a Village Resident who was in need of assistance only had some milk and a half pound of bacon, came to the Village because they heard about Caseyville's Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program. This is one of the programs that Mayor Black has instituted that is a very positive influence in the community and she is proud to be a part of it.. She continues by reading a thank you letter .from a very proud Caseyville Resident who wanted to thank the Neighbor Helping Neighbors for not only the items for the family but also for the dogs and the fuel for their cars. Mayor Black states that is a very great program and continues that they have created more groups Like Neighborhood Watch that were developed to help our Community.
- Debbie Blaylock comes to the podium to pass on a statement that she does not want the Village Board to allow the Village of Caseyville to become like East St Louis. She believes that they went down because of corruption because they have no money to take care of the streets or the abandoned and condemned houses. She states that this cannot happen here and that the campaign was run on no more corruption, nepotism, and good ol' boy club. She wants the Board to stop making them look like fools to everybody around the country. She states if those persons in the Police Department are on the payroll and they do not like what is going tell them to go find another job because we can replace them. Otherwise, the few good ones we do have will go elsewhere. If that is too much to ask our elected officials, they better

sleep real tight on it and stepping down because there may be people coming to ask you to step down. She says that this should be ran on the betterment of our Village not on how you can benefit on who your friends are. She states this has gotten out of control and she hates that when she states she is from Caseyville they respond with Oh, you are from Caseyville. She states it has gotten totally out of hand and that nobody likes the boss and she sure hopes that Mayor Black can handle it. Mayor Black states he is trying. Ms. Blaylock states that if we do not get a hold of the drug problem we will end up just like down the road. She said that she wants to see her grandchildren live where she lives but she is scared to death for them. She mentions that she is afraid to let her grandchildren walk to Dairy Haven and that she has put up Security Cameras and installed an ADT System to protect herself. Now she has no trespassing signs up. She states that if there is a home invasion at her house she will only have to say Sorry to the parents because they should have reeled their Children in. Mayor Black states that he knows there are problems and that we are surrounded by problems in other communities. He continues that we are getting more and more problems and that he knows we have some very good police officers. He states they are some very dedicated young guys tht we just got to get them going. The drug problem is here but it is also everywhere else. He states that we just need to keep working on it.

- Ron Tamburello states that when he was an officer they had a Zoning Administrator and Zoning Officer. He says that they are always trying to keep home values in Caseyville and the only way you do that is by issuing ordinance tickets. He continues that people have a fit for issuing them tickets for high weeds or you have some tires in your front yard. He continues if tickets are issued then they move it up to the County and that could take 30 or 45 days to resolve. More than likely the second time will be 30-45 days to rectify. Those are the concerns he had before and they only way is to clean the town up. Wally Abernathy states that Rachel Briley has written 40 tickets so far. Mayor Black states that Rachel has been doing a great job. Mayor Black mentions the High weed/Grass program that they came up with a year ago as an example of how the Village is starting to clean up.

New Business:

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by Rick Casey, Jr., to table the Appointment of a Hotel Inspector.

No questions on the motion.

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

Finance/TIF/Grant/Insurance

- Motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve Resolution #1411 – A Resolution to Approve an Engagement Letter with Diel & Ferguson, LLC. and the Village of Caseyville.

Voting on the motion: G.W. Scott - **Yea**, Rick Casey, Jr. - **Nay**, Wally Abernathy - **Yea**, Ron Tamburello – **Yea**, Brenda Williams – **Yea**, Kerry Davis – **Absent**

4 Yeas - 1 Nay - Motion Passed.

- Motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve Resolution #1412 – Resolution to Adopt the Annual 1,000 Hour Standard for IMRF Participation.

No questions on the motion.

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

Public Works/Building:

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Ron Tamburello, to approve May 29, 2014 at 5pm as the date for Public Hearing Sessions for the Waste Transfer Station.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by Rick Casey, Jr., to approve \$12,500 from the Tourism Fund for the 5th of July Celebration Fireworks.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Ron Tamburello, to approve Carson, Sherbut and Claxton to start the engineering and design for reconstruction for the 89th Street Project.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Rick Casey, Jr., to approve bringing back the Park Employees for Maintenance of the Caseyville Park.

No 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 approve Resolution #1413 – Resolution Authorizing Trail Extension/Re-Seal and Trail Fitness Equipment Project Pursuant to Parks Grant.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Rick Casey, Jr., to approve Resolution #1414 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Canteen Township and the Village of Caseyville for Fire Hydrant Improvements.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Brenda Williams., to approve Resolution #1415 – Resolution Approving the Purchase of Hi-Definition I.D. Card Printer and Materials. The Equipment will be at City Hall and overseen by Public Works Superintendent, Brian Rader.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Rick Casey, Jr., to approve Resolution #1416 – Resolution Approving the Sending Out for Bid the Reconstruction of Streets for the South End of Caseyville.

No questions on the motion.

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

Planning/Zoning:

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by Ron Tamburello, to approve Resolution #1417 – Resolution to Pay the Renewal Fee for the Phase 2 Storm Water 2014 Scope of Work.

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 the Planning Commission’s recommendation to deny the Special Use Permit for the Family Recreation Center.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by Ron Tamburello, to approve Resolution #1418 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Business License to Main Street Pet Styling Dog and Cat Grooming.

No questions on the motion.

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

Ordinances:

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by Brenda Williams, to approve Ordinance #1408 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1149 to Make Village Board Committee Names Current.

No questions on the motion.

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

Committee Reports:

- None.

Correspondence:

- Clerk Rob Watt read a letter from Linda Parmeley to the Village Board of Trustees concerning her issues with what is going on at the Caseyville Police Department.

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Approval of Bills:

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

No questions on the motion.

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

- A motion was made by Rick Casey, Jr., seconded by Ron Tamburello, at 7:50pm, to go into closed session for police personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2.

No questions on the motion.

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

A motion was made by Rick Casey, Jr., seconded by Brenda Williams, to reconvene the meeting at 8:20pm.

No questions on the motion.

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

No motion was made after the closed session.

Adjournment

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

No questions on the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rob Watt
Village Clerk