



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 2, 2015

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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, December 2, 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: Village Attorney, Brian Manion

Others Present: Mayor Leonard Black, Superintendent of Public Works, Brian Rader, Chief of Police Frank Moore, Village Attorney, Thomas Zurliene, and Clerk Rob Watt.

Minutes:

A motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board and Closed Session Meetings held on November 18, 2015. No additions or corrections.

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

Old Business: None

Citizen's Input:

- Brad VanHoose - came before the Board to with a variety of issues that he had. This included the Village being in violation of the FOIA Act and his requesting information based on 3 items listed in our FOIA ordinance. He went into detail on items from

ILCS 5/140 Section 11. He stated that he is ready to go to court and asked Mayor Black if he can tell everyone here why he is not turning over the computer forensic audit that he suspended an employee and embarrassed her in the community. He states that the public should get to see and know what the \$20,000 paid for. He states that he has never seen where this was discussed in closed session and that for 2013 and 2014 that the Village is supposed to review the closed session to see if they are releasable or not. He states that he demands that the audit be released now and that he already has the checks. He asks Mayor Black if he wants to shed some light or speak to let the public know why he did not share this information. Mr. Vanhose goes into the Mayor spending taxpayers' money without Board approval. Mayor Black asks if that is it and Mr. Vanhose says no and precedes to hand the Mayor a bag with a small soap that was passed out in the last election. He then states that they will be handing out a scrubber in the next election to rid the Village of Bob Romanik and Mayor Black. He then asks why the Mayor isn't given up the audit. Attorney Thomas Zurliene speaks to this by stating that he and Mr. Vanhose spoke about this FOIA which Mr. Vanhose asks for a point of order due to the Mayor not asking the Attorney for his legal opinion. Mayor Black states that he will speak after the Attorney. Mr. Vanhose states that the Attorney is out of order because the Attorney was never asked for his legal opinion and cannot just state it. The discussion moves to how Mr. Vanhose sees the city, the Board taking power away from Mayor Black and the legal fees. Mr. Vanhose, again, requests that the computer audit be released and closed session items be reviewed for release. He also asks about the Audit and Management letter for the audit. Attorney Tom Zurliene states that Mr. Vanhose mentioned that he asked for the Financial Audit Report in his first request but that was not the case. He states that the Village has until December 15 to fill his second request. As for the Computer Audit, he states that he and his office will review the report and if there is no exemption then Mr. Vanhose is fully entitled to that information. Mayor Black states that he is going to talk to State Attorney Brendan Kelly about a few things possibly things that relate to this case. Mr. Vanhose interrupts but then allows Mayor Black to speak. Mayor Black and Mr. Vanhose go back and forth about information that was shared between the two of them. This leads to Mr. Vanhose being past the 5-minute rule for discussion allotted to those that wish to speak.

- John Wilson comes before the Board to ask about the information that was mentioned by Mayor Black concerning the Hollywood Heights Fire Department. He states that he has never heard anything about this information and states that how his good friend George Chance felt all those years taking the heat as Mayor for which he hopes that Mayor Black likes it.

- Vernon Wehrle comes before the Board to discuss issues with the Handee Mart that he has had for a while. It is mentioned that Officer Crowe has been there to discuss the issues and some have been taken care of. Unfortunately, there are still more that need to be taken care of. John Buckley states that it is time to start levying tickets for each code violation since the warnings are not working. Brenda Williams states that she doesn't think the ticket should be pulled once Mr. Patel complies because he is a habitual code violator and will get used to that happening. John Buckley states to give Mr. Patel a last warning written by an officer and after that start issuing tickets for each violation. Matt Modrovsky asks why issue a warning if he is already in violation. John Buckley states that is fine but he was just doing it as a gesture now. He states after this, there are no more warnings. He states that is what the Board agrees to on this date and if Mr. Patel violates after this he will be issued a citation. Mr. Wehfle asks about the sidewalk that Brian Rader and his crew fixed for which he asked if Mr. Patel repaid the Village. John Buckley states that the Board needs to start acting on items instead of letting them continue. He states he understands properties being owned by banks for which we have to work with but business should be complying and will be held accountable. He states that they have given numerous warnings and now will turn it over to the police department or Officer Crowe to write tickets. The Board gets into a discussion about Mr. Patel parking vehicles on his property that are for sale and that this is not allowed anywhere else in the Village. The discussion moves to the antenna that Mr. Patel has on his roof, if he needed a license for it, height restrictions of the antenna and wattage power for the antenna. Mayor Black tasks Chief Moore and Officer Crowe to talk to Mr. Patel and report back to the Board at the next meeting. John Buckley added that Mr. Patel is more than welcome to come to the meeting to discuss.

New Business:

- Mayor Black brought up some news concerning Mr. Jack Anderson, Owner of Laura Buick, and the Village. Brad Vanhoose states that the Mayor is out of order as it pertains to the Agenda. Mayor Black continues with the next agenda item.
- Motion was made by Brenda Williams, seconded by Matt Modrovsky, to table the Approval to Terminate the Contract of MK Dashke.

Brenda Williams tabled this so she would have time review all the information she collected from Leslie and M.K. Dashke. She wanted to ensure that everyone got the right information.

No further questions on the motion.

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

Finance/TIF/Grants/Insurance:

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by G.W. Scott, to approve Resolution #1555 – Authorizing Renewal of Liability Insurance with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust at an annual cost of \$185,329.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky, seconded by G.W. Scott, to table Ordinance #1517 – Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for 2015-2016.

Brenda Williams asks if we can raise the IMRF and Social Security. Matt Modrovsky that we can and told everyone about the increase to IMRF to \$771,881.

No questions on the motion.

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

Public Works/Building:

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve Resolution #1556 - Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by the Village of Caseyville under Illinois Highway Code from January 1 to December 31, 2016.

No questions on the motion.

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

- Motion was made by G.W. Scott, seconded by Wally Abernathy, to approve Ordinance #1518 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.

No questions on the motion.

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

Planning/Zoning:

- Motion was made by Wally Abernathy, seconded by G.W. Scott, to table Resolution #1557 - Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Business License to Caseyville Petroleum Inc.

Wally Abernathy explained that he wanted to table this Resolution because the owner failed the inspections that they needed and the paperwork was filled out improperly.

No further questions on the motion.

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

Correspondence:

- Clerk Rob Watt did not have any correspondence for this meeting but thought that Matt Modrovsky might have something. Matt Modrovsky stated that he will discuss it at the Committee 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.

Mayor Black asks Matt Modrovsky how we are going to pay for the bills. Matt Modrovsky says we will pay bills when we have the money. He also explains that we are looking at \$285,000 shortfall that the Board is reviewing to see how they can come up with some income.

No further questions on the motion.

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

Monthly Reports:

Chief of Police – Chief Frank Moore stated that he had nothing to report and that he will give the monthly Police stats at the next meeting.

Superintendent of Public Works - Mayor Black tells Brian Rader he can share the good news as it applies to Laura Buick. Brian Rader states that he will discuss at the Committee Meeting.

M.K. Dashke – Ms. Dashke had nothing to report.

Miscellaneous: Prior to adjournment, Brenda Williams informs everyone that the Mouse House is open Friday, 4 Dec, from 5pm-9pm and Saturday, 5 Dec, from 9am to 2pm. She asks that everyone brings their kids out to shop.


Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by



Rob Watt
Village Clerk