



# Village of Caseyville

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 16, 2022

G. W. SCOTT, SR.  
Mayor

CINDY MILLER  
Village Clerk

WALLY ABERNATHY  
Trustee

JOHN BUCKLEY  
Trustee

KENT LUEBBERS  
Trustee

RON SANFTLEBEN  
Trustee

ANTHONY (TONY) ALVAREZ  
Trustee

DAN CARY  
Trustee

BRIAN RADER  
Supt. of Public Works

THOMAS COPPOTELLI  
Chief of Police

KEVIN KAUFHOLD  
Attorney

### **Call to Order:**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Caseyville was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor G.W. Scott, Sr. in Council Chambers at 909 S. Main Street, Caseyville, Illinois.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

### **Roll Call:**

Mayor G.W. Scott, Sr.

Trustees: Tony Alvarez, Dan Cary, Ron Sanftleben, Wally Abernathy, John Buckley, Kent Luebbers

Attorney Kevin Kaufhold

Village Clerk Cindy Miller

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Brian Rader, Chief Tom Coppotelli

### **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Ron Sanftleben and seconded by Tony Alvarez to Approve the Regular Meeting minutes, Committee Meeting minutes from February 2, 2022.

**No additions or corrections.**

**Voting on Motion: - 5 Ayes, 1 Present; – Motion Passed**

### **Citizen's Input:**

Vernon Werle – Trash company is not picking up bags of trash that are sitting by the trash cans. Lids are not closing properly and then spilling over leaving trash on the ground. Is it possible to have the street sweeper go thru and cleanup?

Tanya Fox – Want to advise the Police encounter she faced on January 8, 2022. She felt she was being harassed for being a Black Woman and being discriminated against. She felt this was a Racist stop and wants it to be investigated by the State of Illinois and/or FBI. One thing she has learned from this stop is she will always have her phone on record. Not playing games with you all. What did the Police Officer's learn from this stop?

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Rebecca Take – Is in receipt of a letter from the Attorney General that her FOIA's are not being handled properly. These inquiries are costing Taxpayer's money with going back and forth. Feels the Village needs better legal advice.

JD Dixon – I don't appreciate the gestures that were made while Tanya was talking about her Police encounter. After this encounter she now has a mental illness and felt this was a Racist stop. I could not believe how the Police belittled this woman it was racial profiling. This was a bogus traffic stop and plain lying by the Police Department. Why are you targeting a black woman? This definitely needs to be investigated by the FBI and Illinois State Police! This must stop!! Again, your gestures and demeanor is being displayed right now.

David Hayes – May I ask a question, how long does a Citizen have for input? Answer: 3 mins.

**Planning/Zoning**

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #22-09; A Resolution to grant a rezoning from AG to I-1 for Permanent Parcels 02-14.0-400-015 (I-64, East. St. Louis, IL), 02-14.0-400-016 (I-64, East. St. Louis, IL), 02-23.0-200-004 (N. 81<sup>st</sup> St., East St. Louis, IL) and 02-14.0-400-021 (1850 N. 81<sup>st</sup> St., East St. Louis, IL). Case No. PC-001-2022.

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes – Motion Passed**

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #22-10; A Resolution authorizing vacation of a portion of the public right-of-way on Tucker Drive. Case No. PC-002-2022.

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes – Motion Passed**

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Ordinance #2022-02; An Ordinance to Amend Section 40-2-51 of Development Code Fences, Walls to add verbiage that Corner Lots may have a 6' tall privacy fence extended from the rear corner of house to right-of-way. Case No. PC-003-2022.

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes – Motion Passed**

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Resolution #22-13; A Resolution approving the purchase of Parcel #02-23.0-200-026 (1575 N. 81<sup>st</sup> St., East St. Louis, IL).

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes – Motion Passed**

**Public Works/Building**

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #22-11; A to approve the purchase of two (2) Scag Turf Tiger II Model Number STTII-61V-31DFI Mowers, \$25,000 to be funded from the St. Clair Park Grant.

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes – Motion Passed**

**Police Department**

A motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Wally Abernathy to Approve Resolution #22-12; A Resolution to approve the purchase of two (2) 2022 Tahoe's for the Police Department.

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes – Motion Passed**

**Cemetery**

A motion was made by Ron Sanftleben and seconded by Wally Abernathy to Approve Resolution #22-14; A Resolution to approve the Cemetery Association's rate increase for the opening and closing of graves and cremations.

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes – Motion Passed**

**Correspondence:**

None.

**Approval of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Ron Sanftleben, seconded by John Buckley to pay the bills and the money drawn from the proper accounts.

**No additions or corrections**

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes - Motion Passed**

**Police Chief:**

- The one thing the Police did learn from the 1/8/2022 Police incident is the Officers did have their bodycams recording. Video is available if anyone is interested in coming to the Department to review. It was not an alarming stop as told by her; it was a simple traffic stop. She had expired registration and ran 2 red lights. 11 Times she was asked to provide identification and 9 times she refused to leave her vehicle. The Police Department video was submitted to the Illinois State Police, and they advised nothing was wrong, did not see any racial profiling. The Officer's professional conduct, compassion and patience was above and beyond for what they endured! So glad we have video in the cars.

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**Superintendent of Public Works:**

- Working with Tyson expansion for storm water runoff. Discussing Garden Avenue extension to cul-de-sac at end of Tucker.
- Day's Inn – site visit – no work started, and no permits issued.
- Main Street Diner fire – restoration company has been in contact, no permits issued currently.
- Civil Engineer plans have been received for the storage units off Tucker.
- Finance Department Thursday and Friday attending downstate Financial Seminar.
- Currently going thru Resumes for the Office Position.
- Street Department is busy doing minor truck repairs/issues. Preparing for the storm tomorrow.
- Have been installing new road signs in the downtown business district.
- Due to fire on Mulberry road, there was an boil water order for 12-15 homes.
- Lift station maintenance for flood control and sanitary lift stations.
- Preparing for the snow and ice
- Replacing 400'-500' 6" watermain due to Madison County is relocating a bridge at East Mill Creek Road in Troy.

**Attorney Kevin Kaufhold:**

- Chief thanks for your comments regarding the Police incident. According to Roberts Rule of Order when your governing individual/department is being attacked, you have the privilege to respond/comment.
- Need to establish some polices for questions/issues concerning the sale of vacant lots and the cemetery, this can be discussed during Committee.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by John Buckley, seconded by Kent Luebbers to adjourn the meeting, and go into Committee.

**Voting on Motion: - All Ayes - Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.