



# Village of Caseyville

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 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

DOUG STEWART  
Attorney

TAMARA AMMANN  
Treasurer/Comptroller

PHILLIP LITTLE  
Zoning Administrator

JEREMY DIEL  
Fire Chief

### 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, Ron Sanftleben, Kent Luebbers, Dan Cary, Wally Abernathy, John Buckley

Village Clerk Cindy Miller

Attorney Doug Stewart

Others Present: Chief Tom Coppotelli, Public Works Superintendent Brian Rader, Treasurer/Comptroller Tamara Ammann

### Minutes:

A motion was made by Dan Cary and seconded by Tony Alvarez to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and Committee Meeting minutes from October 19, 2022.

**No additions or corrections.**

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

### Citizen's Input:

Mary Gipson, Public Affairs Specialist, Small Business Administration – Appreciate the use of the Facility, will be here for a few weeks, also the Village staff has been very accommodating. This is being mentioned continuously on the news media and in newspapers. Please use the many resources being offered thru SBA and FEMA. Complete the application for flood recovery and get the necessary assistance. SBA offers low interest rate loans to both small businesses and homeowners/renters. FEMA and SBA are at 2 facilities, one here in Caseyville and another in East St. Louis, Monday thru Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please pass the word and use these resources.

Carrol Davis – Board members could someone please explain the tax levy to the residents. Can there be cutbacks to keep from having a tax increase. What is the best route for the Village? Advised that the Treasurer Tamara will provide further explanation prior to the Board voting.

Deb Doughty – Tax Levy vs. Tax Rate – every year in November St. Clair County sets the rate, have been doing this for the past 20 years and the Village is usually under the tax rate. I personally am not going to complain, as I really want our Police force and our Streets taken care of by the Village. I really like paying our bills. It is also great to see new people moving into our Village in Tanglewood and in Geaschel. A no means doesn't need to pay our bills. Please don't cut salaries. Is this a political ploy, or do you care for our residents?

**Administrative/Communications/Tech**

A motion was made by Tony Alvarez and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve the 2023 Monthly Board and Committee Meeting dates.

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

Tamara Amman – Treasurer provide additional information in reference to the Tax Levy and Assessment of Taxes for 2022. St. Clair County provides the EAV in April of next year. Our goal is to keep our tax rates the same from year to year. The Villages past practice has been to use the 4.99% increase in tax levy to capture property tax revenue on growth and development within the Village. Keep in mind the levy includes IMRF, police protection, police pension, audit, liability insurance, parks, social security, unemployment and corporate. The Fire Protection levy is calculated separately. Bottom line for 2022 it is expected the tax levy will result in a decreased tax rate because St. Clair County is currently projecting the rate setting EAV in Caseyville to be 5.7% higher than last year. Again, we do not know the actual rates until April when they are calculated by St. Clair County.

Dan Cary – If the estimated rate is to go down, will this cover the increase \$ amount of taxes. My property tax increased by \$126, which does not seem much to me, but to other residents this could be something they can't afford. The more money we tax the County wants their portion.

Tamara Ammann - Again, the assessment is done by the County, not the Village. Also, parcel assessments are done by the County. I have received reports from the County feel comfortable with our rate and again, these are preliminary, not actual.

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Ron Sanfleben – If you review your tax bill you will see that the Fire Protection has gone up, but that was voted on by the Residents in 2019.

John Buckley – remember the Board Members are also affected by this Tax Levy and we don't want our taxes going up either. Also, the Village has no control over the school taxes going up and in fact Unit 10 is needing additional monies for the new school being built in Caseyville, approximately another \$2 million and my taxes show 8% going to the schools. I feel the school could do some cost cutting, but we have no control on that. My county taxes vary every year, but my Village taxes seem to be going down. I still want to have the Fire and Police Protection we are receiving.

**Finance/TIF/Grants/Insurance**

A motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Wally Abernathy to Approve Ordinance #2022-22; An Ordinance approving the Tax Levy and Assessment of Taxes for 2022.

**Voting on Motion: - 6 Ayes – 1 Nay; - Motion Passed**

A motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Resolution #22-68; A Resolution approving Property Tax Reimbursement to Roofer's Mart.

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

**Planning/Zoning**

A motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Resolution #22-69; A Resolution to take appropriate abatement measures for #5 Lucinda, Caseyville, 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 #22-70; A Resolution authorizing easement agreements to allow the Village to make Emergency repairs to the Levees surrounding Little Canteen Creek between IL Rt. 157 and the MESD Levee District.

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

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**Correspondence:**

None.

**Approval of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben, seconded by Tony Alvarez 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:**

- None.

**Superintendent of Public Works:**

- Received a \$5,400 Safety Grant, which will be used to purchase safety gear and clothing.
- Street Department – overlay has begun on Morris, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Old Caseyville Road, should be completed by Friday due to great weather.
- Water Department – working on sanitary lift stations and water services.
- Tanglewood – working on some roadway repairs and sidewalk repairs.

**Attorney Doug Stewart:**

- Resolution 22-70 is about the breach location. The property owner is giving the Village permission to take necessary steps to repair both sides. We are not doing the maintenance and not responsible for the maintenance.
- FEMA/SBA please get the word out that they are at the Village Hall and if residents need assistance please help. This is a great opportunity for residents of the flood disaster to take advantage of the loan opportunities.

**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 7:29 p.m.