



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 7, 2023

G. W. SCOTT, SR.
Mayor

CINDY MILLER
Village Clerk

WALLY ABERNATHY
Trustee

JOHN BUCKLEY
Trustee

KENT LUEBBERS
Trustee

RON SANFTLEBEN
Trustee

MATT MODROVSKY
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 DIEHL
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: Matt Modrovsky, Wally Abernathy, John Buckley, Kent Luebbers, Ron Sanfleben

Absent: Dan Cary

Village Clerk Cindy Miller

Attorney Doug Stewart

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

Absent: Treasurer/Comptroller Tamara Ammann

Minutes:

A motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and Committee Meeting minutes of May 17, 2023.

No additions or corrections.

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

Citizen's Input:

Deb Doughty – Tonight I have a to-do list; (1) Currently cable is being placed underground and in one of the trenches on Hill Road the chat is sinking in more and more everyday can more chat be added even if it becomes a speed bump. (2) Is it possible for Officers to monitor Hill Road,

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O'Fallon Dr., and Hollywood Heights Road, as the speeding is becoming unreal. (3) Community Center Rental, not sure if there is a Committee or if a meeting could be held to discuss some issues. Things have been happening here at night, loud noises, lots of trash, it appears to happen after the party is over. Can the contract say they need to provide Security? I even placed a call to Knollwood to see if they were being inconvenienced and they replied yes, that one evening she needed to head outside as it sounded like the noise was in their parking lot after hours and these are the elderly. Is it possible to have police patrols during these events. Ron advised that there was also a situation at St. Stephen's last weekend, as several members were discussing the situation. Is there no supervision in the building during these events, I'll give you an example; I was attending a Cemetery meeting Monday night, there was no one from the Village available to allow us into the Village Hall, so we had to move our meeting to someone's home. Some sort of supervision needs to be provided. Chief – I don't understand why we do not get calls on the evenings of these situations, I must hear about them on Monday and usually through Facebook postings. This past weekend Officer Reid was here and made sure trash was picked up, and replied it was not bad at all. Please do not call 911, they can call 618/825-2681.

Kathleen Gaultney – I live across the street from the Community Center, and I feel there needs to be some security. There were no issues this weekend, I am discussing weekends before. Kids running around in the parking lot, beer cases and trash everywhere. Children having no supervision and underage drinking needs to be addressed. Is there no attendant monitoring the drinking. I have heard of damage to the facility. The music is so loud, us neighbors can't even open our windows on nice evenings. When the participants are leaving the party, they are having races and burnouts in the street, in fact one time it was so bad there was a police chase and one of our new patrol cars was hit. I don't feel other locations (VFW, Moose, Polish Hall) would let this happen at all. What if there are drugs being done in the bathroom. Children can get hit if they are unsupervised while in the parking lot or wander into the road. There are more people attending parties in the Community Center, than at the Church and this has been going on for over 3 years. They must sign a rental agreement. Make the renters accountable, how. Also, who is locking up, I could come to the Center around 2 a.m. and still get into the facility. If I need to, I will come down and start recording what is happening and provide my findings.

Rebecca Take – I have forwarded a letter from the Attorney General to the Village Attorney and Chairman of FOIA Committee regarding an Undisputed FOIA request, to provide myself with e-mails, this request is from 6/27/2022. On 5/2/2023 I advised the Attorney I would like to pick

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up the additional information on 5/2/2023 and was advised by the Attorney that he would notify me when the e-mails were ready for pick-up. As of today, I have not received any further information regarding pick-up, so as you can see our Village Board is still not responding to the Citizens.

Nick Beland – What are the rules/regulations for Village employees using Village vehicles for personal use, for instance does the Village car insurance cover the use when there are car seats in the Village vehicle? Yes, there is a policy regarding Village employees using Village vehicles for personal use. Also, on the Levee project are things beginning, as I have a quote that was said regarding the Levee “This is what they wanted when they sent out the fliers during the Election, so now you can deal with the repercussions because we really can't afford it”, so after hearing this I wasn't sure if anything was happening. Yes, we provided a Mitigation Plan and just voted on a Levee Study, paperwork has been submitted.

Dave Benson – would like to discuss Liquor Licenses. Are there certain rules/laws to be stricter, or fair as possible. There are laws in place but seem to be in place for certain people, but not for all people. I understand there is a new bar on 157 waiting for their liquor license, Bridge Inn just transferred their liquor license, is there a plot to make sure certain individuals do not get licenses, if so, that is not fair to all. Something needs to be handled, which I understand, they all need to be considered.

Old Business

Finance/TIF/Grants/Insurance

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Resolution #23-39; A Resolution waiving the competitive Bid Process and Approving the purchase of John Deere Gator and accessories for the Park, not to exceed \$30,000 from a Park Grant.

Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes, 1 Absent; Motion Passed

Public Works/Building

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Resolution #23-40; A Resolution authorizing a Salary Range increase for the Park Employees

Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes, 1 Absent; Motion Passed

Correspondence:

Clerk read a Letter of Appreciation from the Village of Washington Park, Officer M. Baxton DSN 444 thanking Chief Coppotelli and his Officers for their professionalism, dedication, and due diligence for always being available to assist the Washington Park Police Department. They will also return the favor whenever the Washington Park Agency is needed.

Approval of Bills:

A Motion was made by Ron Sanftleben and seconded by Wally Abernathy to pay the bills and the money drawn from the proper accounts.

No additions or corrections

Voting on Motion: - 5 Ayes, 1 Absent; - Motion Passed

Police Chief:

- I am stopping this silly rumor now, regarding employees using Village vehicles for their own personal use. This was Danny Allison's personal vehicle with a car seat, as he and his family attended the Fishing Derby at the park. I have time stamped pictures of when he left the park, showing his personal vehicle and license plates if anyone would like to see them. I'm sorry that he drives a black SUV that looks like a police vehicle. If individuals contact me directly, I guarantee you that I will address if there are any car seats in any of the Police vehicles.
- The Fishing Derby was held, and it was a great success, had over 60 kids. Thanks to those Board Members who came to help, the Crane Family for all their hard work, and the 100 MPH club for handling the food. There were lots of prizes given out.
- Had a Fundraiser set-up by K9 Sgt. Travis Hoguet, who raised close to \$1,500 to be offset the K9 fund, great job.
- The Torch Run for Special Olympics was held this past Monday. Had 7 runners and the Torch is now in Bloomington. This is held every year and Dana Jaenke deserves a big thanks for handling.
- Speed Trailer is back in use, currently on 157 and will be moved to Hill Road and Hollywood Heights Road. This is not used to write tickets, so it is only calibrated every few years.

Superintendent of Public Works:

- Planning/Zoning – been working on 2 Motels. Motel 6 is closed due to structural damage and plans have been received showing updates. Village Engineer is reviewing and will provide updates.
- Street Department – currently flushing out storm sewers and repairing storm lines. Mowing rights-of-way and doing brush removal. Assisting IDOT with mowing the ramps, as they only do 2 times a year due to budget cuts and trying to bring back the endangered species butterflies.
- Water Department – doing sanitary repairs to the sewers and lift station.

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Superintendent of Public Works: (cont.)

- Hill Road – the Fiber Optic company hit a service line, so there had to be repairs done to the road. Once the chat settles, we can asphalt. They are part of the Federal Government Infrastructure Broadband project.

Attorney Doug Stewart:

- Update on the Hotels – Days Inn was a partial closing (due to water break). Motel 6 is completely closed. Health and safety measures are being taken and are currently working on a 6-month strategy for improvements both inside and outside. Have been working with an Engineer due to structural problems and they have submitted an Architectural plan. Property owners have been very cooperative.
- Have abatements on both Garden and Botanical and awaiting bids for demos.
- Have abatement on the Diner and as right now there are no further conversations, it became litigation.
- Officer Reel has been working diligently on compliance situations with nuisance issues within the Village and so far, residents are being compliant.
- Have 2 items that will be discussed during the Committee.

Adjournment:

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

Voting on Motion: - 4 Ayes, 1 No, 1 Absent; - Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.