



# Village of Caseyville

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

May 17, 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 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: Matt Modrovsky, Wally Abernathy, Dan Cary, John Buckley, Kent Luebbers, Ron Sanftleben  
Village Clerk Cindy Miller

Attorney Doug Stewart

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Brian Rader, Treasurer/Comptroller Tamara Ammann, Deputy Chief Kale Pirtle, Gabby Ahle

Absent: Chief Tom Coppotelli

### Minutes:

A motion was made by Ron Sanftleben and seconded by Dan Cary to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and Committee Meeting minutes of May 3, 2023.

**No additions or corrections.**

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

### Presentations

Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) Program – Emily Reed, the CEO Facilitator, Wendy Symer the CEO Board President, and High School Students. The CEO Program transforms your high school students into creative problem solvers (entrepreneurial thinkers). It is a business

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program which assists in preparing high school students in joining the work force. You also build relationships with other high school students and obtain some great experiences. It brings students out of their comfort zones and learn how to be professional. You learn to create a business plan to go with a business you have an interest in. Highly recommend for all high school students to participate.

Gary Hoelscher – Millenia Professional – Presented Engineering Proposal for Performing Surveying Drafting, Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analyses, Levee Inspections, Geotechnical Engineering, Schematic Design and Preliminary Cost Estimates for the Little Canteen Creek Levee Improvement 2023 Study. This study will focus solely on studying design options that will allow the levee overtopping in a manner that will cause less frequent levee failures and less flooding of the non-agricultural areas adjacent to the above defined reach of Little Canteen 2023 Levee improvement study: Property/Watershed Review, Survey Coordination and Drafting, Levee Inspection, Levee Geotechnical Evaluation – Borings, Analyses and Report, Hydrologic Analyses, Existing Hydraulic Analyses, Levee Overtopping Hydraulic Model, Schematic Design of the Village preferred Levee Overtopping Design Options, Schematic Design Cost Estimate, Preliminary Project Report, Project Management, Client Coordination and Public Meetings, Agency Meetings, and Written Reports.

There has been continual blockage at the railroad trestle and a levee capacity is 5 to 7 years. Raising the levee will not work without the assistance from the railroad. In 1995 a similar presentation was made to the Board but stopped at that point due to a lawsuit. Part of the May 1995 Levee Study is still viable today. The removal of the Railroad Bridge, and the raising of the local levees by about one to three feet. It should be noted that the raising of levees makes no sense until the railroad bridge is removed or raised. The redesign of the current railroad bridge and immediately adjacent levees to handle overtopping. This involves the design of a fortified levee spillway. The installation of flood gates on either side of the railroad bridge which could be closed when storm flows have the potential of going over the railroad tracks. This would also have to be done in conjunction with raising the adjacent levees a few feet.

This is a huge project; streams will remain changing in the years and unfortunately a levee could fail elsewhere. Costs of this project is unknown and that is why we are here, to find out. This would require levee inspections thru SCI Engineering Inc. (SCI). There would be a four-person team; one person will walk along the crest with a GPS and camera. Other personnel will walk along the toe at the same time to observe for any issues

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as they pertain to affecting levee performance on each side of the creek. The team would walk the full length of one levee and back down the second levee. All concerns would be documented and recorded. Along with how much and how fast the flow is moving with additional rain falling. A final report which could take 12 to 18 months just to get to this point. This project would take 4 to 6 years to complete.

John Buckley – will the Agency be willing to assist in obtaining Grants. Yes, we would help. The Agency will be willing to work to obtain professional information to come up with a workable solution. Mitigation monies should be available.

Ron Sanfleben – for this initial study what does the timeline look like. Should be available early 2024 (9 months). Final report is needed to lobby for the project and obtain Grant funding.

Wally Abernathy – is this survey necessary for the Grants. Yes.

Matt Modrovsky – would Grants fund this entire project? Small portions of this project yes, this is a huge project, so there may be other areas to locate monies but not at liberty to say where at this time. Remember we are trying to prevent future flooding!

Dan Cary – the watershed could be 20 miles past the bottlenecks. Yes, Highway 255 east of the studies and downstream, looking for a holding area.

John Buckley – is there a way to make a massive sump pump. Massive sewer pipes, store the backflow and pump out overtime. Possible, but could cause a flood somewhere else.

Dan Cary – if we pump out, will this place a chance of additional breaks within the levee? Storage would give the option to pump out, which would possibly spread out. Need to control the pump-out.

Matt Modrovsky – how do we get the Railroad to release the out of service railroad. Not sure if that is an option and how that works since it would be legal issue. Trestle sits too low; can it be raised to stop the blockage. Possibly get some gates to close, but then you are still causing a blockage.

Dan Cary – is there a limit on levee heights? Yes, it would cause a buildup downstream, there needs to be enough slope to help. Need to let the water out, then it would transfer the issues downstream.

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John Buckley – how can we create an overflow, minor spillway into the field and then how would that be contained. Must know exact areas that would flood. What are the liabilities for a downstream flow, not standing water, flow thru for elimination? Will need to work with landowners.

Dan Cary – how many acres would need to be dug out to line the basin? Specific ground, 2<sup>nd</sup> levee outside of that area, bigger is better. Control what flows out.

John Buckley – do survey for areas that flood past the park, maybe 100'. Is it possible to use the lake for pumping and go thru the fields? Deeper can cause more seepage.

Mayor – Years ago the water would go along the tracks by Black Lane, Forest Boulevard to 255, pump station had pipe with a 42" flap, 255 changed the flow.

Attorney Stewart – this is probably a 9-month project, and nothing would be available until February 2024. Funding would probably consist of \$120,000 for November, December the 1<sup>st</sup> part (items 1-10) and then \$100,000 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part which would be February, March. Do not need funds upfront, all at once. Working for Grant monies and we have lead-time to obtain.

**Citizen's Input:**

Cindy Jo Davis – Just heard about the Levee Study, where is the money coming from? As discussed hopefully thru Grants.

**New Business**

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by John Buckley to approve the Village Board Committees by Mayor (as per the attached list).

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

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**Old Business**

**Planning/Zoning**

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #23-35; A Resolution authorizing issuance of a Business License to On The Rocks, 1050 So. Main Street (old Full Moon). Contingent upon background check and inspections.

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

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to Approve Resolution #23-36; A Resolution to take appropriate abatement measures for 520 Old Caseyville Road. Permanent Parcel No. 03-07.0-108-001.

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

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to Approve Resolution #23-37; A Resolution to take appropriate abatement measures for 211 No. Main Street. Permanent Parcel No. 03-07.0-205-004.

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

**Public Works/Building**

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #23-38; A Resolution authorizing Millenia Professional to complete an Engineering Study on the Levee.

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

**Correspondence:**

None.

**Approval of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Kent Luebbers to pay the bills and the money drawn from the proper accounts.

**No additions or corrections**

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

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**Police Chief:**

- Deputy Chief Kale Pirtle – Fishing Derby at the Park at 9 a.m. this Saturday 5/20, all is welcome.

**Superintendent of Public Works:**

- Park is ready, currently running the pond pump, it is looking good for Saturday's Fishing Derby.
- Street Department – cleaning up ditches, flushing stormwater inlets & culverts, mowing right of ways, and picked up limbs from the past storm.
- Water Department – installing water services and doing maintenance on pump station.

**Attorney Doug Stewart:**

- Currently working on grant applications for the Levee Study and will coordinate with Tamara and Brian for all applications for filing to see what funding is available.

**Adjournment:**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.