



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 3, 2024

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

Attorney Doug Stewart

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Dan Cary and seconded by Ron Sanftleben to approve the Regular Meeting minutes, and Committee Meeting minutes of December 20, 2023.

No additions or corrections.

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

Citizen's Input:

Kerry Davis - I was a member of the Village Board for 32 years, which means I attended over 800 meetings. During this time, I worked with some really good people, some are in this room and the rest unfortunately are no longer with us. Previously the Board members got along and supported each other and took this job to do what they could to make Caseyville better for the people in Caseyville. At no time did we disrespect one another or

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anyone in the audience, conducted themselves in a professional manner; but now some of these Board members do and some don't, that needs to be worked on. I have the Attorney's timeline, strange piece of work. Why an issue like this would take over a year to be resolved. This should have been handled very simply; when a Village Official is approached by anyone alleging a misuse of Village Funds, it is their responsibility to investigate the matter and find out if allegations have any merit. Some of you tried and are now being victimized over it. As soon as allegations were made the individual should have gone to Superintendent of Public Works Brian Rader and advised him of the allegations. At this time, he could of provided a Service Report on the vehicle in question and that report would have the VIN # and dates of all necessary services. This information is all you would have needed to know that that was a Village Owned Water Truck, at which time this information should have been shared with the individual requesting and that would have been the end of the story. Why did this go on for over a year? Not sure who all has seen this Attorney Document, but #52 states; Brad VanHoose, Bill Hayes and Matt Modrovsky were seen at Kerry and Carrols Davis's residence. If anyone knows me and the history I have with Mr. VanHoose, would know this is not possible, definitely under no circumstances would this gentleman be welcomed at my home. Not a true statement, even though you have an eyewitness. I saw these individuals as they drove up and down the streets, so I have an idea who they are. It appears Doug that you have our name on a document that is trying to tie us into some kind of alleged truck conspiracy, and we have had nothing to do with this. When weather is nice, yes, my wife and I enjoy our time in the yard and sitting on the porch and yes sometimes neighbors, friends, relatives stop by. Talk to your witnesses, they lied to you. There were 2 individuals in my yard, they were campaigning. Billy Hayes stopped while they were there and asked permission to enter my yard, as I didn't know him and he didn't know me, and the conversation about the election continued. I'm very disappointed that you took the words of somebody and put my family's name on this document. Not sure what my recourse can be, but I am very upset about it. Whoever is trying to smear my family's name and embarrass my family, they need to stop, and they need to apologize, not only to just my family but to all in this room. I think you can do better, and I want you to print-up some sort of apology to my family. This is a Village matter and by you doing this and slandering us, we may do some recourse, not saying I will but I want the respect and apology from all involved in this you, your alleged witnesses. Also provide the pictures the witness says they have, this individual said they have pictures of Brad VanHoose being in my front yard of the house. Thanks!

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Carrol Davis – I appreciate, respect, and love this man with all my heart, and he deserves respect from this Village. If we have to, we will hire our own Legal Counsel, which I have no problem doing. I made a Facebook post “Really nice when friends come by” in April. So, whoever your sources are they are lying to you and may cause a bigger problem. We know who is responsible and we might just take legal action ourselves.

Kerry Davis – That post “Nice when friends stop by”, she was responding to a post from a friend. A few days after these individuals stopped by our friend Linda Peters stopped by and we sat outside, drank some coffee, and had an enjoyable visit on a beautiful day. Linda left and posted on Facebook “I had a really nice time visiting with Kerry and Carrol”. Carrol's post stating almost the same, that was nice, kind, and decent, turned to allegations of a conspiracy. Fix it!

Old Business

Administration/Communications/Closed Minute Review

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Wally Abernathy to **TABLE** Resolution #23-83; A Resolution authorizing hiring Legal Counsel for Conflict Purposes.

Prior to Voting on Motion, Ron Sanfleben mentioned the reason for Tabling would like to obtain more information and insurance company wants to checkout a few things.

Voting on the Motion: - 4 Ayes – 3 Nays – Mayor Broke Tie; - Motion Passed

Planning/Zoning

Prior to motion Wally Abernathy advised that this business will only be a repair shop (no automobile sales, like a dealership).

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #24-01; A Resolution authorizing issuance of a Business License to Frank Auto Repair and Sales LLC, located at 8809 Maple Ave., Caseyville, IL. Contingent upon background check and inspections.

Voting on the Motion: - 6 Ayes; - Motion Passed

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Police

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-02; A Resolution authorizing the Purchase of a Canine for the Caseyville Police Department, to be Funded from the Canine Funds and the State Forfeiture Funds.

Voting on the Motion: - 6 Ayes; - Motion Passed

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Bills:

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

No additions or corrections

Voting on Motion: - 6 Ayes; - Motion Passed

Police Chief:

- Holiday Season was very peaceful, until our 1st call. Had a car hit the Quality Inn, driver was intoxicated, happened very early around 6 a.m. Had to evacuate the Hotel due to possible gas line break. I believe the Hotel is now open except for two rooms. The suspect hit hard that there is some structural damage. Driver tried to flee, was given a DUI arrest without incident.
- Received a letter from the Collinsville Police Department thanking 3 of our Officers and the Village for the assistance at a shooting on 12/16/2023. Thanked us for offering our assistance and praising everyone's actions. The 3 Officers were Officer Woody Hall, Officer Andy Reel, Sargeant Danny Allison, this letter will be placed in their personnel file.

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Superintendent of Public Works:

- Quality Inn - Had our Zoning Administrator go to inspect. Have a couple rooms closed, not ready for occupancy currently. Phil is also working with the French Village Fire Department on the sprinkler system to assure everything is okay for the rest of the Hotel to remain open.
- Planning Commission – Meeting on 1/23/2024 @ 6 p.m. regarding the Red Roof Inn (Red Lion Inn & Suites), for a Special Use Permit, to serve alcohol.
- Street – Tornado Siren’s work. Now have 2 new sirens from the 911 Grant. They have a high pitch sound, no longer rotate, are located on every side of the pole and are voice activated. How can they be tested during the evening, sorry that is not a Village call, that is done the 1st Tuesday of every month by the 911 St. Clair County Call Center.
- Water/Sewer – Repairing water mains. Repairing Fire Hydrants.
- Police Station – Now have signed Packages #2 & #3, Building Shell, interior, Package #5, Plumbing and Bello mechanical has signed. Lot site work is done, fill in is one and lot of rock hauled in is almost done. Currently waiting on the drainage structures and piping, weather permitting will be installed next week or week after.
- Levee - Met with the Levee Engineers regarding the levee study, coming along with the preliminary study for long term fixes.

Attorney Doug Stewart:

- Levee Study – The Slope and the cutting of some of the levee sides has made it difficult to navigate, so this will delay the study a bit now due to winter. The survey effort continues and the report that expected in January/February will now be delayed until late Spring, early Summer. The survey is necessary in order for the hydraulics studies. Levee study consultant has begun fund raising, he has started to set up meetings with State Representative, expect those to happy late January, early February and I encourage any of you to participate.
- 24 Reynolds demolition should be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ron Sanfileben and seconded by Dan Cary to adjourn the meeting and go into Committee.

Voting on Motion: - 6 Ayes; - Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.