



# Village of Caseyville

909 South Main Street  
Caseyville, Illinois 62232

618-344-1234  
Fax: 618-394-1234

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 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 Pro Tem John Buckley, in Council Chambers at 909 S. Main Street, Caseyville, Illinois.

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

### Roll Call:

Absent: Mayor G.W. Scott, Sr.

Mayor Pro Tem John Buckley

Trustees: Wally Abernathy, Ron Sanftleben, Dan Cary, Kent Luebbers, 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 Kent Luebbers and seconded by Wally Abernathy to approve the Regular Meeting minutes, and Committee Meeting minutes of January 17, 2024.

**No additions or corrections.**

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

### Mayoral Appointment:

A motion was made by Ron Sanftleben and seconded by Dan Cary to reappoint Daniel Hopkins to the Police Pension Board for an additional 2-year term expiring on May 12, 2026

**Voting on Motion: - 5 Ayes; – Motion Passed**

Minutes February 7, 2024 (cont.)

**Presentation:**

End of Year Annual Comprehensive Finance Report -- Kevin Tepen, CJ Schlosser & Company. Presenter Trisha Shrewsbury - Just giving the highlights. The Village received an unmodified opinion, and you received the Certificate of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellent reporting again this year. The Village had a solid year, and saw an increase in revenue from the sales tax, income tax from the State. Village had an increase in expenditures due to starting the Police Department before the fiscal year ended. Village had an overall increase in general items, such as salaries and other expenses for the year. We looked at the Water fund, which is a business type entity, had an increase in revenue this year due to additional sales for the service of water and sewer. John Buckley -- noticed there was a change in Pensions, it's still there but accounted differently, based on investment market and the future market and was slightly adjusted.

**Citizen's Input:**

Dave Benson -- Thank you Doug for reaching out when my wife was very sick. I am a long-time resident of Caseyville, and I am a Safety Professional. It is my duty to keep people safe and I hear both sides of stories. Recently there was a Facebook post about growing up in Caseyville, all the old memories at different businesses within the Village. I am currently assisting with the project at the old Diner, which at one time was the Chance Gas Station and I have numerous memories from that establishment and my goal is to make this business a great place to visit and make new memories. It's sad you read things on Facebook and then you get the individuals who want to start crap, lies, rumors, this needs to stop, if you can't chime in with nice things, then quit contributing to these posts. We need to move forward and make Caseyville a great place to live and have good times.

Leonard Black -- I am here to discuss Phil Little the Zoning Administrator. Is he doing his job by giving monthly reports to the Board Members, as his job description states. Does he keep the necessary records? Why has he placed 3 stop work orders on my property, I had a lawsuit on one and I won. Does he currently hold a PA driver's license? John Buckley -- he currently maintains an IL Driver's license, as he has shown to me, and it is on file. If you advise us what it is you are looking for, we will be more than happy to assist, so please bring the Board a list.

**Citizen's Input: (cont.)**

Nick Beland – Your document of evidence stated that I called out the Planning Commission Representative and the Clerk who were working together in getting information to individuals, is not true, it's crap and hearsay. Doug -- if you have proof to state otherwise, I recommend you set up some time with Chief Coppotelli and provide that information. Passed out what he presented to that individual and was advised that is not true, again, please set-up time with Chief Coppotelli. Also, why are your Invoices #329 – November 1-30 for \$19,851.53 and #328 – October 1-31 for \$18390.45, which comes to \$38,241.98 for 2 months. Edwardsville lawyers only charge a little over \$15,025 a month. Doug – sorry I cannot answer why they don't charge more money. It does not make sense; Edwardsville is 5% the size of Caseyville and we are paying your \$4-5000 more a month.

Candie Eaves – So glad that Dani Lynne is finally getting her recognition. John Buckley originally brought this to the Board. John and Mayor should not take the burden for this, it lies with all of you Board members. Again, I'm glad things worked out. I would like to now discuss Republic Trash Services and their large item pick-up. I called to have some items picked up -- 1 weaved lawn chair, 1 tote, 2 broken sawhorses (legs) and 2 baskets. I was informed I could only leave 2 items out or they would charge me \$58.75 to pick up all items. I have seen couches or large chairs out in the Village for pickup and have had no issues. Yet the items I am trying to get picked up are not even the size of a large chair, this needs to be addressed with Republic. I already pay for 2 large trash cans and then I get this kind of service for a large item pickup. John Buckley – we will investigate to see what is going on.

**Old Business**

**Administration/Communications/Closed Minute Review**

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Dan Cary to approve Resolution #24-12; A Resolution amending the meeting minutes for closed sessions held on October 18, 2023, and November 15, 2023.

**Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Kent Luebbers to approve Resolution #24-06; A Resolution authorizing maintaining the confidentiality of all relevant Closed Meeting Minutes for Closed Meetings held by the Board of Trustees and appropriate committees.

**Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

**Finance/TIF/Grants/Ins.**

Motion was made by Ron Sanftleben and seconded by Wally Abernathy to approve Resolution #24-11; A Resolution approving the Written Settlement Agreement with Wells Fargo regarding TIF III Bonds.

**Voting on the Motion: - 2 Ayes – 3 Nays; - Motion Failed**

Motion was made by Ron Sanftleben to go out of Agenda Order and go into Executive Session immediately after the Regular Meeting is concluded and prior to the Committee Meeting to discuss Resolution #24-13. Seconded by Dan Cary.

**Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

**Planning/Zoning**

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-07; A Resolution authorizing the Issuance of a Business License to A C Mexican Tacos LLC, a Food Truck to be located at 8787 Sasak Place (First Western Inn). Contingent upon Inspections and Background Checks.

**Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #24-08; A Resolution adopting the Planning Commission's recommendation on Case #SP-001-2024 to approve a Special Use Permit to Kaminaben Patel for the Issuance of a Liquor License (Class A) to Red Lion Inn & Suites, located at 8950 Tucker Drive, Caseyville, IL.

**Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

**Police**

Motion was made by Ron Sanftleben and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #24-09; A Resolution approving the sale of Retire Canine Dallas back to the Handler for \$1.00.

**Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

**Public Works/Building**

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to Approve Resolution #24-10; A Resolution of Support applying to St. Clair County, Illinois for Program Year 2024, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Overlay Projects.

**Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

**Correspondence:**

None.

**Approval of Bills:**

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

**No additions or corrections**

**Voting on Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

**Police Chief:**

- Introduced our new K-9 Officer Lauren Reid, who introduced the new Canine "Coppo". Both Officer Reid and Coppo have completed Academy Training and are currently on the Street. Coppo has been trained in tracking and recovery of all narcotics (heroin, cocaine and marijuana). Officer Reid was also named Officer of the Year for 2023, congrats Lauren and keep up the great work.
- 2023 Police Department Yearly Report
  - o 5765 calls for Service
  - o 2728 traffic stops
  - o 2352 written warnings
  - o 761 citations
  - o 109 crash reports
  - o 192 code enforcement actions
  - o 53 illegal guns seized
  - o 203 felony warrants issued
  - o Cash seizures - \$41,931.21 (used to purchase cars, canine, etc.)
  - o 6 vehicles seized (currently waiting to hear from State on the sale of the cars)

**Police Chief: (cont.)**

- Detective Tamburello, Sgt. Danny Allison, Officer Reel, and I read to some of the classes at the Caseyville Grade School. It was great to see the excitement on the kids' faces while we were interacting with them. And I believe the Officers had a great time as well.
- Detective Tamburello and Officer Dillon were on Motel Detail and arrested a suspect who was on Federal Parole with 2 guns (1 stolen). Currently sitting in St. Clair County jail and on Federal charges and probably indicted on additional Federal Charges
- Some of you may have seen the car chase that came through the Village on Sunday evening. Was not ours it was an armed carjacking out of St. Louis City. 4 individuals were arrested and are now in St. Louis jail awaiting charges.

**Superintendent of Public Works:**

- Street – Flushed out some culverts and replaced some culverts that were rusted out. Due to cold weather, we had the plows out with salt. Also, due to the cold snap we had water main breaks and unfortunately, we are averaging 2 to 3 breaks a week.
- Water – Installed some new water services.
- Police Station - Met with the construction contractors, those who are doing the Outside and the who is doing the interior work. The Community Center will be closed, due to the floors being torn up in preparation of the tie-in of both buildings. Contractor has job trailer to be delivered, and the good news is the Village does not need to purchase or rent the trailer during this construction.

**Attorney Doug Stewart:**

- Was in Springfield and got to meet with Senator Harris, Senator Stuart and Senator Beck to discuss the Village levee situation and see about obtaining Appropriation dollars for the Village. It was a great conference and felt my talks went great.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Wally Abernathy to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session.

**Voting on Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes February 7, 2024 (cont.)

Mayor Pro Tem John Buckley called the Regular Meeting Back to Order at 7:55 p.m.

**Finance/TIF/Grants/Ins.**

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Wally Abernathy to approve Resolution #24-13; A Resolution approving the TIF Loan Repayment agreement.

**Voting on the Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky and seconded by Wally Abernathy to adjourn the meeting and go into Committee Meeting.

**Voting on Motion: - 5 Ayes; - Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.