



# Village of Caseyville

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

February 21, 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, Matt Modrovsky, John Buckley

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 Ron Sanftleben and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to approve the Regular Meeting minutes, Committee Meeting minutes and Executive Session Meeting minutes of February 7, 2024.

**No additions or corrections.**

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

#### Presentation:

Presentation – Chief Coppotelli presented a plaque to Rob Crane in recognition of all his hard work with volunteering his time to make the Fishing Derby a success. He has been handling this Community activity since 2015, which averages between 80-100 children. He works with other businesses and lots of residents in the Community with obtaining prizes for all the children, free food for all attendees and volunteers to assist with checking the fish being caught and of course, the many turtles.

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Presentation – Unit 10 Superintendent – Brad Skertich – Before I begin, I just want to advise that the Caseyville Library will be opening shortly; and the New Caseyville Grade School will be opening in August, in time for the 2024-2025 school year. A Zero Rate Change proposal will be on the March 19, 2024, general primary election ballot to address critical facility needs throughout the Collinsville Unit 10. This proposal will improve safety, security and update heating and cooling systems, and revamp facilities to provide handicap accessibility; All without changing the tax rate. The ballot proposal will fund approximately \$2.3 million annually in facility improvements in all our schools. This funding path, chosen by the Board of Education, will not change the tax rate if approved by the voters. The school board has proposed a financial strategy known as a tax transfer, which involves reallocating existing funds without raising overall taxes. With this proposal Unit 10 can address our facility needs; 1) Safety & Security improvements; 2) Initiative will not change the district’s overall tax rate; 3) High Quality Schools contribute to community pride and maintain property values; 4) Funds will be use for all Facilities. What you will see on the ballot: “Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes for Collinsville Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 0.72 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 0.50 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?” I can’t make you support this proposal, but really hope you will consider it.

Ron Sanfleben – Transfer funds to operations, so a tax transfer? Yes.

John Buckley – How will renovations start? The school with the greatest needs. High School has high traffic, so the interior and exterior doors will be replaced; Webster School has the original exterior doors, those will be replaced; Heating & cooling systems with the most service calls; All school restrooms that need to be updated or Handicap accessibility.

**Citizen’s Input:**

Candi Eaves – Dani Lynn who is very near and dear to my heart is finally getting her recognition. I hear that the signs are in and want to thank John Buckley and Mayor Scott for this assistance in making this happen. Where do we go from here, some sort of ceremony and/or reception? Street Department – kudos, I got stuck at work during the snowstorm, but was able to get home safely and wanted you to know that the Caseyville streets were much better than those in East St. Louis. Even the Trashman posted on Facebook, kudos to the Caseyville Street Department. Republic Trash – where are we with their Large Item pickups. You get 1 free per month and

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

2 items. But what qualifies as Large Items. I had numerous small items, and I was either going to be charged \$120 for all these items or it was going to take 3 months to get them all picked up. I want to thank a friend, Tom Coppotelli for swinging by the house and gathering those items for disposal. Where do we go from here, I have resources, but others may not, especially the elderly. We will investigate this and see what changes can be made during our next negotiations.

**Old Business**

**Administrative/Communications/Closed Minute Review**

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Wally Abernathy to approve Resolution #24-17; A Resolution approving the Agreement with Local Union 50 settling grievance under Case #S-CA-22-101.

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

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

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by John Buckley to approve Resolution #24-16; A Resolution approving the Written Settlement Agreement with Wells Fargo regarding TIF III Bonds.

**Voting on the Motion: - 4 Ayes, 3 Nay; - Motion Passed – Mayor Scott broke the Tie by voting Aye**

**Planning/Zoning**

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Resolution #24-14; A Resolution authorizing the Issuance of a Business License to Noeth Development Inc., Parcel #03-07.0-414-016 (waiting for 911 to provide an exact address) Lincoln Ave., Caseyville IL, (Out lot A – Storage Units). Contingent upon Inspections and Background Checks.

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

**Police**

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-15; A Resolution authorizing the Purchase of a Police Vehicle not to exceed \$50,000.

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

**Public Works/Building**

Motion was made by Wally Abernathy and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Resolution #24-04; A Resolution of Support for a \$50,000 DCEO Grant for the Investigation of the Proposed Well Field and Water Plant Site.

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

**Correspondence:**

None.

**Approval of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Dan Cary 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:**

- Most of you experienced the lost of using many of our electronics (internet, tv, cell phones), this was because a tower behind Tres Caminos was damaged. Individuals attempted to steal copper from the wiring, however there was no copper in this wiring and caused \$75,000 damage. All of Caseyville and part of Collinsville were without service for hours. Currently still under criminal investigation by 2 Agencies.
- Armed Robbery of a pedestrian at a bus stop located on 157 near DQ. Was not a random act, a mistake of identity. The individuals were apparently staying at Red Lion Inn and decided to rob these individuals. They are currently charged with a class act felony and are in the St. Clair County Jail and FBI contacted may have Federal Charges against them. They advised they were from Texas and were here to “see the snow”.

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**Superintendent of Public Works:**

- Planning/Zoning – Currently activity happening at the old Diner, new roof is being installed, stucco is being removed from the outside walls. The demo area did not have too much damage and interior work is continuing. They will be applying for a Business License soon. Motel 6 – working on fire sprinkler system, painting interior walls, replacing carpeting and hoping to open sometime late Spring, early summer.
- Street – Plows were out during the snowstorm last Friday from about noon to 8 p.m. Cleaning out ditches and fixing potholes.
- Water – Working on the Sanitary Lift Station down by Cracker Barrel. Installed some new water services. Boring Company is back in town and has hit a few of our lines, so we have been dealing with those repairs.
- Police Station – Community Center is now closed. Will be working on floor joints to do add on to Police Station in Community Center next week. Most of the sub grading and storm drainage systems on the outside are complete.

**Attorney Doug Stewart:**

- With the approval of the Wells Fargo litigation will work with the taxing bodies for a payment plan and will provide back to the Board for approval.
- Cemetery Association, need feedback from the Board as to how the Village wants to absorb, so please get suggestions/request to either myself or Kent Luebbers and hopefully can vote on in late Spring.
- Potential of a new Business Expansion will need to be included in a TIF arrangement, will have proposal to the Board in a month.

**Adjournment:**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.