



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 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: Ron Sanftleben, Dan Cary, Kent Luebbers, John Buckley, Matt Modrovsky

Absent: Trustee Wally Abernathy

Attorney Doug Stewart

Village Clerk Cindy Miller

Others Present: Chief Tom Coppotelli, Public Works Superintendent Brian Rader, Treasurer/Comptroller Tamara Ammann, Assistant Comptroller Andrea Loeh, Desi Norberg

Minutes:

A motion was made by Dan Cary and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and Committee Meeting minutes of June 5, 2024.

No additions or corrections.

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

Mayoral Appointment:

A motion was made by Matt Modrovsky and seconded by Dan Cary to approve the appointment of Kiwan Guyton to the Fire and Police Board.

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

Presentations:

Gary Hoelscher, Millenia Professional Services – Little Canteen Creek Levee Improvement Study Progress – Currently the past 12 months have been working on the 2023 Levee Study, where the levee failures exist and the habitual area. Watershed Study was completed for 7,000 acres and not a difference from the 2000 study. Levee study was made from Highway 255 to main street and that study is complete and should be available in 90 days. The levee inspection was done last fall and again that should be available in 90 days. Geotechnical is still under review, doing boring and seepage quality. Inside levee slopes are very steep and still being done. Hydro logistics is collecting rainfall data. Hydraulic analysis is how fast and how high the storm waters are inside the levee. The recommendation of these studies is that the Railroad Trestle needs to be removed to prevent future flooding. Farmers are not happy that the flood waters are invading their farmland and destroying crops. Again, the only way to alleviate repeat flooding is the removal of the Railroad Trestle. Have been meeting the Corp of Engineers and hoping to have results by April of 2025. Also meeting with other City Officials to work on downstream issues and assist with coordinating the options. Matt Modrovsky asked has CSX reached out. We have been in contact with them.

Spring Lake Levee Project Presentation – Attorney Doug Stewart. How to solve this flooding issue is to definitely work with the Railroad and have them either remove the Trestle or be responsible for clearing out under the Trestle. There have been numerous conversations with CSX and will continue having further conversations. Army Corp of Engineers has provided data and a history study, but their timeline is 10 years out. Village wants to have this completed within the next 5 to 7 years and with the studies we have been providing we are ahead of the project and would really like to continue in this direction. The Corp is currently dealing with 8 to 9 major rivers from Ohio to Illinois. In August the President appointed Inspectors to inspect twice per year and Senator Dick Durbin, Representatives Tammy Duckworth and Nikki Budzinski who are the regional representatives are pushing to obtain assistance, especially for those communities downstream. A coalition has been started with all the communities involved in flooding. Pushing to have the backflow of the waters to go into Spring Lake, which is 600 acres, FEMA is working to do buy outs of these farm fields. There is 700 acres of swamp land which would in turn give us 11,000 acres for storm water retention. This would assist the Village, East St. Louis, Cahokia and others. Hoping that the Board will give us the authority along with the other communities to take the lead on the Project. We are trying to combine resources to assist with streaming this water away from residents. We are working to get Intergovernmental approval and possibly purchase the necessary land.

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Matt Modrovsky – Cahokia Heights was given \$40-\$50 million for their sewer, storm sanitation how will this affect the project. Doug, there will be no impact on this project. East St. Louis is going through the same issues and with the new State Police facility being built off I-64 they are wanting to resolve quickly, so they are also helping to push on a state level.

Deb Doughty – What about the water coming from upstream, O’Fallon, Fairview Heights. Doug, Fairview is trying to obtain help, they just recently received a \$7,000 Grant. Collinsville is just starting the project. Currently, we are more focused on downstream from us.

Deb Doughty – In the past did they attempt to widen the trestle. Doug, EMSD pushed for an underflow, canal cannot take the flow and that is where the problem has existed for the last 20 years. The project was studied about 40 years ago but lost with the economic impact. We need to move forward, and I know the dollars having to be spent are frustrating.

John Buckley – the Railroad has been shut down for many years is there a possibility they are going to reopen. Doug, currently it is only an emergency line. If an urgent call comes in, they must reopen within 2 hours. However, we are pushing for a redesign to eliminate washouts. It currently cannot be used for much, as there is a 10’ washout. The Trestle needs to be removed and the Railroad needs to assist with alleviating the problem.

Dan Cary – Is funding being obtained on our end first, or is the State, County and possibly the Corp of Engineers assisting with our needs and any timing of obtaining these funds. Doug, delegates are coming in August to discuss funding needed and hopefully will help move the deadlines.

Matt Modrovsky – Fairview Heights received Grant; how can we obtain. Doug, that was not a specific grant.

We compiled a Budget Draft, and we got cut during the veto meeting. Their initiative is to push for the Village and other Communities to help and hopefully we will be granted funds by the end of the year. We still have work to be done and I am pushing that you move to give us the Authority to continue with this project for 3 more years.

Deb Doughty – do something now and at what cost and time. The residents need to know that the Board is trying to alleviate the flooding issues. So, either continue or stop, and advise the residents we are done, that the project went nowhere. Doug, we are still pursuing and are working on ways to communicate to the residents.

Dan Cary – is it possible to have a Townhall meeting for the residents.

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Doug – Brian and Phil are assisting anyway they can, however I am concerned that other projects will go by the wayside, so we need a commitment from the Board.

Matt Modrovsky - is it possible to be part of a committee to assist with keeping residents posted.

Dan Cary – could we possibly form a committee.

John Buckley – can we involve all communities.

Doug – leadership is involved from all Agencies that were affected by the flooding. I am pushing to have Caseyville handle the lead of this project.

John Buckley – what needs to be done to get regional assistance versus just the Village. Doug, work to get FEMA grants and advise where it goes, pursue a Nationwide Grant. County has some funds available.

Matt Modrovsky to Tamara Ammann – do we have a line item in the 2024 Budget. Yes, and monies will be appropriated into the 2025 Budget.

Dan Cary – can we form a committee so there are discussions within the Board. Doug, call your Representatives now as individuals, a committee is not needed, the more calls the better.

Doug, trying to have a draft agreement with the Board within the next 60 days.

Citizen's Input:

Attorney Terry Bruckert with the Law Firm of Bruckert, Behme & Long, representing Sima Birach for the Radio Towers and Structure at 425 W. Morris Street for a Special Use Permit. During the Planning Commission Meeting on May 30, 2024, it was advised that these towers would be in a field that is considered a flood plain. In discussions with FEMA, we were advised that this would not affect the flood zone and insurance would not be an issue. I also had assistance with this issue from Brian Kulick, who had no comments. It would be greatly appreciated based on this information that the Board would overturn the Planning Commission's denial recommendation at this time.

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Citizen's Input: (cont.)

Deb Doughty – Wanting to get some status updates, house next to Woody's when is it being demoed. Where are we on the Ordinance for Hazardous Materials? Not going to mention Hill Road, since we apparently need all our resources for the Levee to help keep our residents safe. Lastly, where are we with the Illinois American Water negotiations? You are doing a great job, keep up the progress and making sure the Village residents are safe.

New Business

Opened Bids for the Annual Road Oiling Project:

Illini Road Oil, Moro, IL – \$56,000 (\$3.50 per gallon – 16,000 gallons)

Brian will review bids for approval by the Board.

Old Business

Finance/TIF/Grants/Ins.:

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Resolution #24-57; A Resolution approving certain Adjustments to Previously Approved Appropriations.

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

Planning/Zoning:

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Ron Sanfleben to Approve Resolution #24-50; A Resolution adopting the Planning Commission's recommendation to Deny Case No. SP-005-2024, Applicant Sima Birach; Requesting a Special Use Permit under Section 40-2-34, erection of an accessory structure on lot with no primary structure, and 40-2-40(C), the erection of multiple radio transmission towers on Lot Zoned "A" Agricultural on property known as 425 W. Morris St., Caseyville IL 62232; Permanent Parcel No. 03-07.0-200-01.

Voting on the Motion: - 4 Ayes – 1 Abstain – 1 Absent; - Motion Passed

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Planning/Zoning: (cont.)

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-51; A Resolution authorizing to take Appropriate Abatement measures for 730 So. Main St., Caseyville, IL.

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

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-52; A Resolution authorizing the Issuance of a Business License to Kona Ice of Clinton Co., 6 East Poos Dr., New Baden, IL 62265 (mobile Snow Cone truck). Contingent upon Inspections, Background Check and Planning/Zoning Approval.

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

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-53; A Resolution authorizing the Issuance of a Business License to Authentic El Taco Loco, 2502 North 45th St., Fairmont City, IL 62201 (to be located at 14 W. Scates, Parker's Car Wash). Contingent upon Inspections, Background Check and Planning/Zoning Approval.

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

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-54; A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Solicitors Permit to Anaterator Fireworks located at 8850 Petroff Dr. (Hardee's) for sale of consumer fireworks from June 28, 2024, to July 6, 2024.

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

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to Approve Ordinance #2024-02. An Ordinance amending Ordinance #1044, Fee Schedule "C", Raising the Electrical Inspection Fees from \$100.00 to \$125.00 (per inspection).

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

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Police:

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-55; A Resolution AAIC's Vendor Recommendation Louer Facility Planning for the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the Police Station and to the Caseyville Village Hall.

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

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #24-56; A Resolution authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property.

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

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Kent Luebbers to Approve Resolution #24-58; A Resolution amending Resolution #24-21 and authorizing the purchase of a Fingerprinting Machine for Caseyville Police Department from \$11,000 to \$13,000.00.

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

Ordinance:

Motion was made by John Buckley and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Ordinance #2024-03; An Ordinance Establishing a Class "F" Liquor License for Fundraising Activities for Exempt Organizations.

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

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Bills:

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

No additions or corrections

Voting on Motion: - 2 Ayes- 3 Nays – 1 Absent; - Motion Failed

Police Chief:

- Series of burglaries at Parker's Car Wash. The suspect was drilling out the machines and was able to obtain lots of cash and caused lots of damage on 2 to 3 occasions. The suspect is from Granite City. Him and his accomplice were charged with 3 counts of burglary and 1 count of criminal damage. Great job by our Detective Division.
- Bridge in was robbed, he had just been released by the Caseyville PD for Auto Theft. Stole money from the cash register, then fled the scene and was captured in the business strip. From North St. Louis, charged with robbery and is still in custody in St. Clair County.
- Received ballistic equipment on a \$4,000 grant from the State.
- Submitted paperwork through the State for a Taser Grant, waiting to hear back.
- Also exploring grants for additional cameras within the Village.
- Drone usage has been a success. Currently assisted with catching a suspect shooting at Cahokia Police. St. Police noticed suspect right outside of our Village limits along I-64, instead of using a Dog, they contacted us for the Drone usage, the suspect surrendered. Going to use the drone to check the water towers and working with Brian for usage by the Water and Street Department.
- Fireworks were a great success, heard great reviews. no major issues. Minor traffic issues.
- Tres Caminos attempted robbery, broke in the back door, the alarm went off, got scared, ran off and did not get anything.
- Have been citing a few solicitors; electric, Ameren, solar panels, etc. One person was cited twice in one hour. Doug has been handling at Local court. If you have any solicitor's approach you or see them on our streets, please call the Caseyville Police Department.

Superintendent of Public Works:

- Planning/Zoning – Planning Commission set to meet on Tuesday, July 23 at 6 p.m. for a Special Use Permit for Liquor License to Ketan Patel, at Caseyville Hospitality (Motel 6) 2431 Old Country Inn Drive, 500' issue is coming into play. And discussion on Amendment to Sign Control Code.
- Street Department – working on a CDBG Grant for overlay and then submit RFP to obtain bids. Mowing. Doing some building repairs at the Community Center and some of the bathrooms.
- Water/Sewer –Meeting with Illinois American Water regarding a draft contract. Draft copy was submitted to ICC. Trying to obtain grants, however infrastructures are taking precedent; still looking into our own water plant and doing the feasibility study. Repair work to sanitary sewer lift station at Tucker Dr. and Brookside Dr.

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Superintendent of Public Works: (cont.)

- Police Station/Community Center – lower parking lot has been paved and striped. Currently working on the masonry inside and outside walls of the Police Station, had issues with door frames and the ballistic glass. Sprinkler contractor is being reviewed by AAIC, as approved in previous resolution.

Attorney Doug Stewart:

- Scates St. demo, we are currently waiting for the electrical to be removed and this house should be demoed by end of the month.
- Hazemat Ordinance will be getting a draft to the Board within the month. Hazemat material and chemicals will not come through our Village without a Special Use Permit and if so, there will be a fine. However, if a Federal Agency gets involved, we will be unable to stop it.
- Flood convention, this is going to take a little bit of time. I encourage the elected officials to come to these town hall meetings and have some one-on-one meetings with the other Agencies.
- Detective Allison is currently working with the Federal Crime Team regarding Bitcoin ATMS, how to keep out of our Village, an Ordinance will be forthcoming.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Kent Luebbers to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss why the motion to pay bills was not passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Scott called the Regular Meeting Back to Order at 8:18 p.m.

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to reconsider the prior motion regarding the payment of bills.

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

Minutes July 3, 2024 (cont.)

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

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

Adjournment:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.