



# Village of Caseyville

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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

G.W. SCOTT, SR.  
Mayor

CINDY MILLER  
Village Clerk

### COMMITTEE REPORT:

ANTHONY (Tony) ALVAREZ  
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

#### Administrative/Communications/Closed Minute Review:

- None.

#### Annexation:

- None.

#### Emergency Management:

- None.

#### Finance/TIF/Grants/Insurance:

- Illinois Municipal League – get all the necessary agreements and get this done.
- Agenda for next meeting Spectrum Mid-America (Charter Communications) agreement. Need additional information and paperwork. Asking for more communications from Spectrum as to when they are digging in the Village, especially on the rights-of-way for utilities.
- Were we able to get the check from the demo address? Homeowner has decided rather than to do the TIF redevelopment plan, she has decided to pay off the Village in whole.

#### Ordinance:

- Discussion regarding Chickens within the Village limits. The permit fee seems a little excessive, \$25 per chicken, how about \$25.00 permit fee for each address. They would have to fill out an application, provide a concept plan (coop dimensions, fence requirements and electrical codes need to be followed). This way we are able to track where these chickens reside and when complaints come

to the Ordinance Officer we can start issuing tickets. How do we control if residents are hiding, hopefully we would receive complaints and then we can investigate. Who would do the inspections, both the Zoning Administrator and the Ordinance Officer. I have a mixed feeling regarding chickens, but feel they need to be permitted and inspected every year. HOA can oversee requirements, the only subdivision currently with HOA is Tanglewood. I am a Village Trustee, and I am not interested in Chickens, so at this time I would be voting no. I moved to the city to get away from farm animals and moved into a subdivision that does not have an HOA and now being forced to allow something I don't really want. Feel if they obtain 3 violations, the permit is revoked, and they have a short time frame to remove chickens and coops. Currently you need a license for dogs, only allowed to have 3, side-by-sides, golf carts all require licenses, so it needs to be the same for backyard fowls as well, otherwise it will become a free for all within the Village. Families have a right to provide for their families. Yes, but there must be regulations, as there are those residents who don't want to mow their lawns and are always getting citations, then add chickens to this with the manure and we have a real mess. Also, no chickens should be allowed inside the residential structures, such as a garage. Chickens are clean and they put themselves to bed at night. Yes, if they are taken care of properly. You are definitely going to have the residents that will maintain their chicken areas and then you will have residents that don't care after they obtain. Neighbors don't want to be smelling manure or listen to chickens clucking all day. We definitely need a way to track these chickens, to assist the residents who don't have an interest in having chickens. There also needs to be something about residents who don't have chickens, but a chicken gets into their yard and might possibly be attacked by their dog, that resident would not be responsible, as the chicken owner did not have control of the chicken. Possibly have an Ordinance Agreement that resident signs that they understand the Ordinance and that is binding. Since this Ordinance did not go to Planning/Zoning for their recommendations, what about a Survey that was done like the trash survey, this way ALL Residents have a say on chickens. What are the Mayor's thoughts on chickens, not really in favor, we have an issue already with residents keeping their properties mowed and other property issues. This survey needs to be only 1 answer per property owner and only within the Village Limits, possibly use the postal address.

It appears that there should only be a flat fee of \$25, per property vs. per chicken. Need to fill out necessary obligation of the Ordinance. Only allow so many permits in the Village, 50 and then revisit in a year. Is it possible to locate who has chickens now and provide them a permit and then decide how many additional permits to allow. Further discussions will be going on.

**Ordinance:** (cont.)

- Do we want to discuss the option of placing the Board packet on the website for residents to observe prior to the meeting. This could not include minutes, as they have not been approved. Financials would have to be limited, as account numbers should not be provided. This will have to be a FOIA research, as not sure how much would need to be redacted.

**Planning/Zoning:**

- None.

**Police:**

- None.

**Public Works/Building:**

- Agenda – Grant for Park Equipment, mower -\$37,322. John Deere 1580 with a 72” cut. Grant is for \$30,000 and then a possible trade-in, not sure the value.
- Candie Eaves – I have had residents ask about a volleyball area at the park, so adults could play. There was one in at the park at one-time, in fact you might be able to find some of the sand area out in the field. How expensive is it to provide, unfortunately Park funds are currently not available. Another event that is becoming popular is pickle ball.

**Special Events:**

- Christmas Parade is scheduled from Saturday, November 30 at 5:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Stacie Milligan, Fireman’s Ladies Auxiliary. This will be placed on marquee and Village website calendar.

**Cemetery:**

- Meeting 10/28/2024 @ 7 p.m.
- You will see additional police presence in the cemetery, as it has become a “lover’s lane”, numerous individuals have been asked to leave. Is it possible to have a gate at the entrance. Then we need to have someone available, to open and close all week long.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.