



# Village of Caseyville

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 20, 2024

G.W. SCOTT, SR.  
Mayor

CINDY MILLER  
Village Clerk

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

### **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, John Buckley, Matt Modrovsky, Tony Alvarez, Kent Luebbers

Attorney Doug Stewart

Village Clerk Cindy Miller

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Brian Rader,

Treasurer/Comptroller Tamara Ammann, Chief Tom Coppotelli, Desi Norberg

### **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Kent Luebbers and seconded by Dan Cary to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and Committee Meeting minutes of November 6, 2024.

**No additions or corrections.**

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

### **Citizen's Input:**

Girthal Clemons – Thank you so much to the Public Works Department for fixing Hill road. I have 2 questions, can someone please explain the Tax Levy Assessment of taxes, prior to voting and secondly, the MFT Tax Budget. Is this State approved monthly or yearly, are there funds in the budget and do we have enough funds to meet our obligations?

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

Leonard Black – I want to solve the mystery of the missing Santa Claus House, “I am not a thief”. I sent a FOIA requesting the minutes of when it was advised that Bob Romanick donated the Santa Clause House and to whom and it was denied, the requested documents could not be located. So again, “I am not a Thief”.

Deb Doughty – I have provided Ordinance #1125 to all the Board Members on how to pay bills regularly. Employee salaries are not included in this Ordinance, but bills need to be paid accordingly. If you have questions regarding invoices, pick up the phone and call with your questions.

**New Business**

Prior to motion being made, discussion was held, Tamara Ammann, Treasurer/Comptroller, provided additional information in reference to the Tax Levy and Assessment of Taxes for 2024. It's a common misconception that the Village automatically receives property tax revenue from the new construction. However, when a new house is built (in Tanglewood, or elsewhere), the Village does not receive one additional property tax dollar unless the property tax levy ordinance that you're voting on tonight is increased by \$1.00. The ordinance in front of you is 4.99% higher than last year because it's been a growth year for Caseyville, and we want the new construction to share the property tax burden of the Village. St. Clair County is currently estimating the Village of Caseyville's Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) will increase about 10% and includes \$630,244 of new construction. That will drive the property tax rate down again. I expect the 2024 property tax rate will be the lowest in over ten years; the elected officials should be proud of that!

I do not recommend funding more than the minimum required contribution to the police pension fund because we are on track to be 90% funded by the 2040 deadline. Instead, I've allocated that decrease to other property tax funds that have negative balances (such as insurance and social security). The Village of Caseyville is not in a position to freeze or reduce the property tax levy because we have increased costs (such as wages and benefits) and no reserves to draw on.

**Finance/TIF/Grants/Insurance:**

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by John Buckley to Approve Ordinance #2024-13; An Ordinance Approving the Tax Levy and assessment of Taxes for 2024.

**Voting on the Motion:** - 4 Ayes – 3 Nays; - Motion Passed

Prior to motion being made, discussion was held, Brian Raider advised that every year IDOT requires a Motor Fuel Tax budget the calendar year. This budget would include road improvements, salt for winter weather, oil & chipping, anything that has to do with maintaining the roads within the Village.

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Dan Cary to Approve Resolution #24-91; A Resolution approving the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) budget for 2024-2025.

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

**Public Works/Building:**

Motion was made by Ron Sanfleben and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to approve the Caseyville Police Department the use of the Community Center free of charge for the Charity Backstopper Poker Tournament to be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

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

**Ordinance:**

Prior to motion Dan Cary advised that this was to place the Approved Ordinance from this past year onto the Village Website for easy access.

Motion was made by Dan Cary and seconded by Ron Sanfleben to Approve Ordinance #2024-14; An Ordinance Adopting a Revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Caseyville's website from 2023 through 2024.

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

**Correspondence:**

St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency has been notified the Application Deadline from FEMA from the July Flooding Disaster has been extended until December 13, 2024. However, the Disaster Resource Centers in Cahokia and East St. Louis will close as of Friday, November 22, 2024. Applications will still be accepted by visiting DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1/800-631-3362.

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

**Police Chief:**

- Last week handled a significant gun and drug bust at Day's Inn, through a search warrant. Discovered a significant amount of drugs and 2 guns that were stolen, as numbers were scratched off. One individual had a warrant, made 2 arrests. Two individuals are currently in custody in St. Clair County Jail
- Officer Reel assisted the school district with obtaining suits for underprivileged students to assist with being able to attend dances. And the young men looked very classy.
- Sargeant Danny Allison will be receiving an award from the Southern Illinois Police Chief Association for his work with returning the stolen money from the crypto coin scam. He will receive this award sometime in January.
- I am answering another Facebook Rumor, we are not hiring a Police Officer, at least not that I am aware of. There has been Facebook posts regarding testing, and we must do this 2 years, which is required by the State and maintain a list.
- Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Superintendent of Public Works:**

- Street Department – Doing Street repairs. Repairing storm boxes and concrete roads. Park bathrooms have been closed and a johnny-on-the-spot will be placed at the park sometime next week. The part-time park employees will be dismissed as of Friday. Still moving some of the larger tombstones at the cemetery, as fast as we can, some of these tombstones we will need to hire someone to move. Currently working on the Christmas Lights replacing bulbs and repairing the Christmas lights, to get installed this week and next.
- Water/Sewer – Repairing storm water pumps, from all the rain we received last week. Installing water services.
- Thanksgiving Holiday is next week, and the Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, 11/28 and Friday, 11/29.

**Attorney Doug Stewart:**

- Last week advised that 4-5 businesses were not in compliance with their business license. Currently all but 1 have complied. This was accomplished with the help of Phil Little and Officer Reel.
- Scates street paid off the lien in full.
- Monthly meeting for the flood collaboration with local officials as to what is going on.
- Brian and I presented to the Corp last week, to assist with getting support in obtaining additional funds from the CDBG County Grant that we submitted.
- Any updated on the CSX lawsuit. No update, they must respond sometime in January.

**Adjournment:**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.