



Village of Caseyville

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 15, 2025

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 DIEHL
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:

Mayor Pro-Tem: John Buckley

Trustees: Ron Sanftleben, Dan Cary, Matt Modrovsky, Tony Alvarez, Kent Luebbers

Attorney Doug Stewart

Village Clerk Cindy Miller

Others Present: Public Works Superintendent Brian Rader, Chief Tom Coppotelli, Desi Norberg

Absent: Mayor G. W. Scott, Sr.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Dan Cary and seconded by Matt Modrovsky to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and Committee Meeting minutes of December 18, 2024.

No additions or corrections.

Voting on Motion: - 5 Ayes; – Motion Passed

Citizen's Input:

Rebecca Take – Who on the Board is part of the FOIA Committee? Public Access sent a letter for a determination to seek further materials in action of my FOIA sent to the Village on December 30, 2024. On January 9, 2025, a letter was submitted to the Clerk Miller, a response is requested by January 17, 2025, so please let's not have a repeat of ignoring the Attorney General.

Citizen's Input: (cont.)

Billy Hayes – Since the Mayor is not here, I will ask you some rhetorical questions Mr. Buckley. Why were you at the Caseyville Township Building, I have you on video along with Sheridan Glenn. Please answer why you were there together. Mr. Buckley, I have not seen the video so not sure what you are asking. What was in your hand, was this the Objection to Petitions. Again, I have no idea what you are talking about, and I go to the Township Building a lot. Mr. Hayes, here I will show you the video. Doug, Mr. Hayes, this is a comment session, not a question-and-answer session. Mr. Hayes, Doug, you are an appointed position, not elected, so I don't want to hear anything from you. I will ask the other Elected Officials, have you seen the video. Kent, have you seen the video, yes and it is what it is. Was it Mr. Buckley, Kent, commented yes; and was it Mr. Sheridan and Kent, commented yes. Trustee Luebbbers, Doug why are you involved with the Objections, I'm not involved at the present, are you currently, no I am not. Then why do I have a FOIA here that shows you requesting my Economic Statement and then it is on the back of an objection towards my petition. Doug, yes this is a FOIA request with my name, and actually this information is available without a FOIA request, also where does it prove I placed on the back of your objection. Trustee Luebbbers you were involved, and this is considered Election Interference. Billy Hayes, Mr. Buckley and Mr. Stewart, are you not part of the Election Board, we are done with this conversation, as you are way over your 3 minutes.

Ron Sanftleben, can we please get back to business at hand. We are still in Citizen's Input and then we can move on.

Deb Doughty – The Village of Caseyville had a great 2024. Streets were paved, derelict/abandoned homes were destroyed, we now have a new Caseyville Grade School. The young children are very happy. The Street Department is doing a great job with maintaining the Village Roads. The new Police Station is almost ready to be opened. This facility should have been done years ago. The Finance Department is doing a tremendous job and have been receiving awards. The Village is moving forward with or without some of you! Many new homes in Tanglewood and Gaeschel. A New Truck Stop is developing. Our tax rate has gone down the past few years. Be Happy for Those Supporting our Village Residents.

New Business

Planning/Zoning:

Motion was made by Matt Modrovsky and seconded by Ron Sanfleben to Approve Resolution #25-01; A Resolution to approve the contract with Gonzalez Companies, LLC, to provide Engineering Services (MS-4 permit as required by the EPA).

Voting on Motion: - 5 Ayes; – Motion Passed

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Bills:

Prior to discussing the bills, Trustee Sanfleben advised that this report is for 4-5 weeks of bills and there was a payment of \$995,000 for TIF reimbursement as per the agreement of TIF 2.

Trustee Modrovsky asked is it possible to have the Board Packet placed on the website, so residents can see the action being taken. St. Clair County, Madison County, Glen Carbon and Woodriver have their packets available for their residents and these would be helpful for those individuals who are on Zoom. These documents show no redactions, and I don't see why we can't do the same. If need be, send (scan) them to me and I will get placed on the website. We may need to obtain a web maintainer to assist with the size of some of our packets. Do any Board members have any issues with me doing this?

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

No additions or corrections

Voting on Motion: - 2 Ayes – 3 Presents; - Motion Passed

Police Chief:

- None.
- Trustee Modrovsky asked about his end of year numbers and Chief advised he is currently working on those and should have for next meeting. Based on Deb Doughty's input, what were your goals for 2024? That the Village didn't get burned down.

Minutes January 15, 2025 (cont.)

Superintendent of Public Works:

- Planning/Zoning – Meeting 1/21/2025 – Special Use Permit and amendment of Sign Control Ordinance. Then come back to the Board for recommendations and approval.
- Street Department – During the snow store out plowing snow and ice. Now Repairing equipment. Removing snow and ice from drainage ditches and culverts, in preparation of thawing.
- Water Department – Had our first water main break of the year in Stonewolf, issued a boil order.
- CDBG Grant for the Levee got a call back that additional information was needed, so sent more information.
- Illinois American Water is again going to raise the water rates, and I know we wanted to start discussions with the Village having their own Water Plant. Possibly have the consultant brought in to provide a presentation to the Board. They could come in to provide a timeline and costs associated with a new Water Plant. This would give us an idea as to how long, possibly 5 to 6 years. We also need to investigate possible funding toward this major project. Matt Modrovsky asked is it possible to obtain funds from our TIF for around \$2 million dollars, this project will be well over \$2 million. Again, Illinois American Water has purchased MESD (Metro East Sewer District), and the sewer bills are probably going to be raised as well.
- Next Overlay Project for the streets around the new Caseyville Grade School, 2nd, 3rd and Washington. Will be going out for bids.
- Trustee Luebbers asked the Levee Spring Lake Project has been researched for the past 6 months. The Levee and the Spring Lake Project are 2 separate projects (levee related). How long is research going to happen before we see some results, as Attorney Stewart was given Board approval to do research and at this time has spent over 368 hours of research which has accounted for over \$50,000. We need to give it another 30 to 60 days, based on the Grant dollars and then revisit this discussion. How much grant dollars a could we receive, not sure at this time. We have already spent dollars on this project, will these funds be recouped, no they would not be recouped with the grant.

Attorney Doug Stewart:

- None.

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; - Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.