

**CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 9, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The October 9, 2023 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to Order by Mayor Christopher Stahl at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Caseville Historical Building, 6733 Prospect St., in Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMEBRS PRESENT: John Tait, Todd Talaski, Kenneth Rathje, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague and Christopher Stahl (Mayor). Absent: Clint Braun. Others Present: Jamie Learman, Office Admin/Clerk, Troy Hartz, DPW Supt. and Deborah Hopkins, Police Chief.

**SET AGENDA:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to set the agenda as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Talaski to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

**INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:**

**RESOLUTION #2023-53, INVOICES, ROLL CALL**, by Talaski second by Tait to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through October 5, 2023, Total \$189,445.33. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-54, TRANSFER, ROLL CALL**, by Rathje second by Talaski to approve the 1st Quarter FY 2024 Budgeted Transfers in the amount of \$47,103.58. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Citizen Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission and the Caseville Area Fire Protection Assn. Troy Hartz said the new dump truck finally arrived after 2 & ½ years. The new leaf machine is supposed to be coming soon, they found a diver to inspect the intake bed and they need a new air compressor for the water plant. Jamie Learman talked about the November 7<sup>th</sup> election, a complaint received about deer in town, health insurance rates and the Breakwall lease. Chief Deborah Hopkins talked about the new police vehicle and range training.

**MOTION Carried**, by Ignash second by Sprague to file the reports as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Kyle Bowles regarding appointment to the DDA  
APM Mosquito yearly wrap-up report  
APM Mosquito 2024 contract costs

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Louis Johnson said that MDOT made a mess of the sidewalks with this paving project.  
Patricia McKinley complained about her neighbor burning, boat storage, elevation and cement blocks.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to set Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours for 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2023. **5-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Talaski to appoint Steve Watkins to the Construction Board of Appeals. Term ending 11/2026. **5-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Tait second by Ignash to re-appoint Dawn Talaski to the Harbor Commission. Term ending 11/2026. **4-0 Approved (Talaski Abstained).**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to appoint Michael Klaiber to fill the term of Jonathon Bibby(resigned) on the Downtown Development Authority, term ending 4/2027. **5-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Ignash to appoint Kyle Bowles to the Downtown Development Authority term ending 4/2028. **5-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to appoint Michael Power to the Election Commission, term ending December 31, 2023. **5-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to appoint Michael Power to the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association Board as an alternate to replace Michael Muscat (Resigned), term ending 8/2027. **5-0 Approved.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-55**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Rathje to start a new 25-year lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Breakwall at a cost of \$8,280. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-56**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Ignash to opt out of the State of Michigan 20% co-pay requirement for health insurance by offering BCBS HDHP policy administered by Highmark through the United Steelworkers Health & Welfare Fund for City employees as stated in the collective bargaining agreements and supervisor employment agreements. The employees will continue to contribute weekly towards health insurance costs as stated in their agreements. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-57**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Tait to renew the insurance agreement with the Steelworkers Health and Welfare fund for 2024. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-58**, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to purchase an air compressor for the water plant from Air Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2023-59**, ROLL CALL, by Talaski second by Tait to approve the mosquito contract for 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$28,780. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patricia McKinley asked for a follow-up call.

Louis Johnson thanked Jamie Learman for his response to a Facebook post bashing the city.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Talaski said the found ring at the beach, that was returned to the veteran owner, was a good story.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Ignash to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**



Jamie Learman, Office Admin./Clerk



Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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