

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – January 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held January 4, 2021. The meeting was held in the Easton Fire Department Building and called to order at 7:02 p.m. Those in attendance were Village President, Kate Nunn, Trustees: Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, and Don Mustered. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Absent: Charlene Fangmeier and Brock Riggins

Public: None.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 7, 2020 were read. Eric motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Don seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna informed the board the CURES Act reimbursement request has been approved and payment should be sent to the village soon. All bills were normal for the month. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.

4. **Street Department:** Josh reported he had plowed streets over the last weekend after the ice and snow. He will wait until the ice has finished melting off before starting cleanup of limbs, as limbs are continuing to drop from the weight of the ice. Kate noted that a resident on South 3rd Street had contacted her regarding a tree on Village property that has limbs hanging on her house. She asked for permission to remove that tree at her own cost. The Board did not agree with the idea of the removal of the entire tree, but agreed to grant permission to let the homeowner have the tree trimmed back at the homeowners cost. Kate also mentioned that within the past year there have been storms that have caused a large amount of limbs to fall and require Village pick up. She suggested asking Billy Houchins and Jimmy Boyer to assist Josh and Brian Shawgo with clean up if necessary in the future. This was discussed later in Executive Session.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the board that Scott DeSpinter had no more information to share regarding the grant at present time, and that they did not have a cost for the different water project options presented at the last meeting. They will have the numbers for these different options available at the February meeting. Josh reported the water tower inspection report from Pittsburg Tower & Tank was received. In the report, 3 critical deficiencies were noted that need immediate attention: Windage Rods need tightened, Roof Vent needs to be raised from 12 inches to 16 inches, and the sediment on the floor of the tank needs to be cleaned out. Pittsburg Tower & Tank will have costs for the corrections of these deficiencies by the end of the week.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Nothing to report.

7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis read the police report as presented. Chief Willis reported he needed to purchase more .223 rounds for the range exercise in March that both officers will be participating in. He noted he has sent in the Police Department's working hours report into the State at the end of the year as required.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received a deposit for income and sales taxes. She also informed the board that the large expenses shown on the MTFT fund and the General Fund were largely due to the sealcoating project that was paid for in December. All other accounts are normal. Don motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. None.

10. **New Business:**

A. Water Project Options – This will be discussed at the next meeting when CMT has costs available.

B. Annual Review of Employee Salaries – Discussed in Executive Session.

11. **Executive Session:** At 7:26 p.m. Eric motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel performance and compensation, with Zain seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 7:39 p.m.

New Business 10-B: Eric made a motion to approve the personnel salaries for the upcoming year as proposed: Brian Shawgo increased to \$12.00/hr., Don Osborn increased to \$12.00/hr and increase to \$60.00 per mosquito spraying. Josh Walters, Jill Riegel, Judy Miller, Buddy Willis, and Brenden Williams will all receive a 2% increase in pay. Zain seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and carried 4-0.

11. **Public Comments/Suggestions:** None.

13. **Adjourn:** Kent motioned at 7:42 p.m. to adjourn meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk