

# Village of Easton

## Regular Meeting – January 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held January 6, 2019. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, Don Mustered and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Public: None.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 2, 2019 were read. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Eric seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna explained that everything was normal. Several additional paychecks were written due to under payment of several trustees, the Mayor, and the Clerk. This error has been corrected. The AT&T bill was higher due to a raise in price of the current plan. Joanna will be contacting AT&T to switch to a less expensive plan. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 6-0.

4. **Street Department:** Josh asked about locking the gates at the lagoon. It was agreed the lagoon will be locked until April, but can be opened if someone is doing clean up and asks for access to the brush pile. A resident contacted Kate regarding her alley and rock she had brought in for the alley between her two properties. During village snow plowing, the rock she had placed was pushed to the side of the alley in the grass and to the north back down the alley. She is requesting reimbursement for the repairs of this project. Kate suggested McPherson services come to repair this and the village reimburse her for hiring someone to return the rock to the area she had originally had it placed, with the possibility of paying for more gravel to be brought in depending on cost. Eric motioned to reimburse this resident to repair this issue, with possibility of also paying for more rock depending on cost. Zain seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 6-0.

**Water/Sewer Department:** A property owner contacted Kate inquiring about the water bill at their vacant house on Mason Street. The owner still received a bill for the minimum amount although it was been vacant. She had requested the water be turned off in December and if the village would consider waiving the bill. Eric made the motion to approve waiving the bill for December. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Josh informed the board of the results from the EPA inspection. There were several small infractions reported which have all been corrected at this time. The EPA recommended the following: - installing a new sand filter, however there is not enough room in the building currently to house the new filter. – painting the pipes in the water plant. Josh will speak with Wayne Dixon to see if he recommends any painters for this job. – Mutual Aid agreement between Easton and Mason City in the event both wells were to stop working. Josh will discuss

this with Wayne Dixon. Josh will respond to the EPA report with a letter explaining changes that were made to correct the infractions.

Josh also informed the board that Midwest Meter was called to recalibrate the well meter, as it was reading incorrectly.

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

7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis read the police report as presented. He noted that both officers have completed all training for 2019. He informed the board that both officers will be attending a Cannabis Laws training on the 27<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. They will bring information from this training back for the board to review. Chief Willis will be contacting Sheriff Gann regarding taser training/range for duty weapons. He also noted that all State reporting has been done and sent in.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received checks for sales, income, and state use taxes. The Motor Fuel fund will be receiving income from new motor fuel taxes monthly. All other funds were normal. A motion was made by Zain and seconded by Kent to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. None.

10. **New Business:**

A. Executive Session Minutes were reviewed and it was recommended to keep them closed. Zain motioned to keep Executive Session Minutes closed. Don seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

B. Adult Use Cannabis Ordinance – tabled.

C. Easement Ordinance – A resident requested the ordinance regarding resident's being responsible for upkeep of village easements to their property. Kate spoke with ILML inquiring about a state ordinance that the village may go by and it was recommended that the village have their own ordinance in place. Joanna will check other municipalities in Illinois to gather more information.

D. Public Speaking Limits – The board discussed other municipality's public speaking ordinances. Kate shared with the board information from the ILML regarding this subject. Don motioned to limit public speaking to 4 minutes per person per topic, with a maximum of 15 minutes. Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

E. Annual Salary Review – Will be reviewed in Executive Session for discussion.

F. Water Bill Service Dates – Charlene noted that the water bills can be misinterpreted due to the dates on the water bills not reflecting actual reading dates. It was agreed that service dates should be from the date the meter reading was completed through the next completed meter reading date.

11. **Executive Session:** At 8:17 p.m., Kent motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel performance and compensation, with Eric seconding the motion. Motion carried

Regular Session resumes at 8:39 p.m.

New Business 9-E: Charlene made a motion to approve the personnel salaries for the upcoming year as proposed: Austin Williams increased to \$11.00/hr, Don Osborn increased to \$11.00/hr, and Josh Walters, Jill Riegel, Judy Miller, Buddy Willis, and Brendan Williams will all receive a 3% increase in pay. Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and carried 6-0.

12. Public Comments/Suggestions: Don inquired who is responsible for cleaning off sidewalks by the businesses in town. Kate stated it is the responsibility of the business owner. Kate recommended to the board that the village consider purchasing a backhoe for repairs and other use by the village.

13. **Adjourn:** Kent motioned at 8:43 p.m. to adjourn meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2020.

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Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk