

Village of Easton Regular Meeting – January 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held January 9, 2023. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, Brock Riggins and Mayor Pro Tem Don Mustered. Absent: Eric Ratliff. Others in attendance were Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

2. Public: None

3. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 5, 2022 were read. Brock motioned to approve the minutes. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna explained all bills were normal for the month. She also informed the board the contract with Watts Copy System was due to renew and asked whether the board would like to renew it this year. Zain motioned to approve all the bills as presented and approve the contract with Watts Copy Systems for the year. Kent seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.

6. **Street Department:** Josh reported he had plowed streets during the last few weeks. He also received the MFTF Budget for this year that includes seal coating. The seal coating for this year will cover all of 3rd, Park, and Palmer Streets. Zain motioned to approve the 2023 MFTF Budget as presented, Charlene seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh noted that there was a significant leak in the village they handled during the last month. IRWA was called to help track the leak, it was found in a vacant residence and the water was shut off at the water meter. Josh informed the board that the EPA inspection has been completed and he is waiting on the final paperwork back from the EPA. The EPA representative suggested adding a 2nd filter for the water plant. Josh stated this may need to be added onto the grant we are currently working on. He reported several unneeded repairs that can be taken off the grant so that we can add the 2nd filter. Brock motioned to remove the unneeded repairs from the grant and add the 2nd filter as recommended by the EPA. Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

7. **Animal/Insect Report:** Don explained the investigation into the dogs on South 3rd was ongoing.

8. **Police Department:** As Chief Kelly was not in attendance, Don read the police report as presented. He also explained is still in training, but will be working more within the village in the next few weeks.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that all funds were normal. She informed the board that the auditors had instructed the village to move the ARPA money we

received in the amount of \$19,528.15 from the General Fund to the Water/Sewer Fund. Charlene motioned to approve the permanent transfer of \$19,528.15 from the ARPA Funds from the General Fund to the Water/Sewer Fund. Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

10. Old Business:

A. None.

11. New Business:

- A. 2023 Mileage Rate Change -- Joanna noted that the new mileage rate raised to 65.5 cents per mile. Brock motioned to approve the new mileage rate; Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- B. Annual Review of Employee Salaries -- will be discussed in executive session.

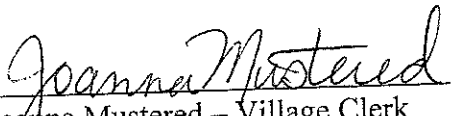
12. Executive Session: At 7:26 p.m. Brock motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel compensation, with Kent seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 7:37 p.m.

New Business 11-B: Brock made a motion to approve the personnel salaries for the upcoming year as proposed: Brian Shawgo increased to \$14.00/hr., Don Osborn increased to \$14.00/hr. and keep \$65.00 per mosquito spraying. Josh Walters, Jill Riegel, and Judy Miller will all receive a 3% increase in pay. Chief Kelly's pay will increase to \$17.75/hr. Kent seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and carried 4-0.

12. Adjourn Meeting: Kent motioned at 7:42 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Brock seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2023.


Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk