

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – March 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held March 2, 2020. 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: 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. Absent: Charlene Fangmeier

Public: None.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2020 were read. Brock 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 reported that all expenses were normal. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Zain seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

4. **Street Department:** Josh reported that Mike Pedigo said the cost for seal coating this year would be about \$29,600 compared to around \$25,000 as previous years. This would include all of 2nd street, Park St to 3rd St. and the blacktop to the stop sign on State Route 10.

A stop sign was damaged on the corner of 1st Street and Promenade. Josh will replace this sign.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh reported that he attended the IRWA Annual Technical Conference in February. He informed the board that he replaced a door in the water treatment plant that was difficult to open and close. The wet well exterior wall is very discolored, and Josh had planned to power wash it. However, Wayne Dixon recommended against this as it may cause structural damage. Kate suggested adding building repairs to the grant to repair the wall. Josh sent in the pre-application to the EPA, he has not heard back from them yet. Josh also reported a landlord had called to request water be turned on at one of her rental properties. Josh informed her there is an outstanding bill from a previous occupant that will need to be paid before new water service can be turned on. The water has not been turned back on at this time due to the outstanding bill.

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

7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis read the police report as presented. He also reported a resident in the village has been sent a citation and has a court date regarding an inoperable vehicle on their property. Chief Willis spoke to two residents regarding trash piling up on their properties. He also reported he and Officer Williams have completed online training for the month of February.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund report is showing a deposit of approximately \$4,000. An additional deposit for February for approximately \$3,000 was deposited after month end and so is not showing on the report. The General Fund balance is reflecting about \$7,000 less than last month due to voided checks that were fixed in the accounting software. All other funds were normal. A motion was made by Don and seconded by Brock to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. None.

10. **New Business:**

A. Review of Water/Sewer and Street Personnel – will review in Executive Session

11. **Executive Session:** At 7:20 p.m., Eric motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Water/Sewer and Street Personnel, with Zain seconding the motion. Motion carried with ayes.

Regular Session resumed at 7:26 p.m.

New Business 10-A: Eric made a motion to ask Brian Shawgo to serve as back up for water, sewer, & streets with starting pay set at \$11.00/hr. and to release Austin Williams from this position. Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and carried 5-0. Motion carried.

13. **Adjourn:** Kent motioned at 7:28 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2020.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk