

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – March 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Those in attendance were President Donald Mustered III, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, and Zain Attebery, Others in attendance were Chief Seamus Kelly, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Absent: Brock Riggins

Public: Kate Nunn

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2023 were read. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes. Eric seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna provided information regarding renewing the villageofeaston.com domain. For one year, the cost is \$33.90. All bills were normal for the month. Eric motioned to approve all the bills as presented and approve the renewal of the villaegofeaston.com domain. Kent seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.

4. **Street Department:** Josh will be in contact with the Illini Central FFA to coordinate a date to have students assist with the painting of curbs and fire hydrants.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the Board that as soon as the easement for the water project is approved by Rural Development then the project can be sent out for bids.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Don reported there was reports of loose dogs in the last month, and Chief Kelly noted that he had spoken to the owners regarding this.

7. **Police Department:** Chief Kelly read the police report as presented. He noted he is currently waiting for new ordinance citations to be printed, which will take approximately 3 weeks.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received checks from the state use tax, sales tax, and income taxes. She explained that the water fund had higher expenses than normal due to engineering fees for the new project. All other funds were normal. A motion was made by Eric and seconded by Charlene to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. None

10. **New Business:**

- A. **Law Firm to Issue Bond for Loan** – Kate Nunn explained that the Village has to have bonds issued for the loans the Village will be receiving from Rural Development. She went over details of each law firm she had been in contact with regarding securing the bond that is needed. After discussing the details of each law firm, Kent motioned to approve Gillmore & Belle Law Firm to issue the bond and the grant agreement as presented with Charlene seconding the motion. Voice vote taken, motion carried 4-0. Kate also noted that the meeting will need to be continued to discuss/vote on the public notice that is required to be in the newspaper before these bonds are issued.
- B. **Bid for mason Street Property Clean Up** - Don explained to the Board that McPheron Services had bid \$1,700 to clean up the vacant property at 406 East Mason. Zain made a motion to approve the bid from McPheron Services and Kent seconded the motion. Voice vote taken, ayes – Zain, Kent, naves – Eric, Charlene. President Don Mustered III voted aye. Motion carried.

12. **Public Comment:** Joanna explained Beau Attebery contacted the Village to let it be known he will not be mowing the Village properties this year. Joanna noted that this position requires the person/company to be bonded & insured for at least \$1,000,000.

13. **Continue Meeting:** Eric motioned at 8:02 p.m. to continue the meeting on March 27th at 7:00 p.m. Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2023.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk