

# Village of Easton

## Regular Meeting – April 5, 2021

The continued meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held April 5, 2021. Brock Riggins motioned to adjourn the continued meeting from March at 7:01 p.m., with Don Mustered seconding the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Brock Riggins and Don Mustered. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Public: None

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 2021 were read. Eric motioned to approve the minutes. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna explained the bills and all funds were normal for the month of March. She informed the Board that the final bill from AT&T should be received later this month, as Kate was able to attain a line on her existing personal account at a much cheaper rate than what has been being paid for the Village cell phone. She also informed the Board that the Village received a letter from the Havana Chamber of Commerce for donation to the Havana 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display. She reaffirmed with the Board that the Village would only be donating to Mason City's Convoy for Kids fireworks display this year as decided previously. Kate mentioned the need for new flags (approximately 20) and flag poles for the Village as the current ones are in ill shape. She told the Board that Brian Shawgo is looking into the flag poles, while she has been reviewing different types of flags. Bruce McClaren from the Easton Community Bank would like to reimburse the Village for part of the expense to purchase the new flags and poles. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented and purchase new flags and flag poles. Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

4. **Street Department:** Josh noted that he had purchased a backhoe for the Village from Martin Equipment in Springfield. The backhoe is a 1994 model with 5,000 hours on it, purchased for approximately \$25,000. He is waiting for the invoice to come and will have the actual amount then.

**Water/Sewer Department:** Josh informed the Board that B.J. Armbrust has been working on the camera in the lift station during the last week. This camera enables him to see gauges in the lift station remotely. Josh spoke with Scott DeSplinter regarding progress on the grant. He is currently waiting for RCAP to approve the specifications. No other information at this time.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Kate will be checking with Don Osborn regarding this year's mosquito spraying. She also informed the Board that there have been two dogs that are loose on

a regular basis in town and Officer Willis has been in contact with the owner and her caretaker about this issue.

7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis explained that both he and Officer Williams have completed their online trainings for March. He noted that Mason City will be holding an active shooter training next month that both officers will be attending. He inquired about the Village getting a computer for the Police office that can handle the software needed for the body cams purchased last month. Kate will be checking into this on the government surplus website.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received checks from the state use tax and income taxes. She informed the Board the Village had received a refund from the IRS for overpayment for approximately \$1,200. 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. Construction of Metal Shed on Main Street – Nothing new to report.
- B. Revising Water Deposit Ordinance – Kate has not received the revised ordinance, and recommended tabling this until June, when it is time to review water rates.

10. **New Business:**

A. Town Wide Clean Up – Kate informed the Board it is time for the bi-annual townwide clean up. She asked if the Board was still interested in doing this. Eric motioned to approve the 2021 Town Wide clean up, Brock seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Joanna will contact PDC and set up a date for this.

B. MFTF Maintenance Agreement – Kate reviewed the annual agreement with Pedigo Engineering. The budget included total operating cost of \$31,315.87, seal coating estimate of \$26,000, and engineering fees of \$2,394.00. Kent motioned to approve the annual contract with Pedigo Engineering. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

12. **Public Comment:** Kate informed the Board she received information regarding natural disaster help through MCEMA for the Village if a natural disaster impacted the Village's water tower, Village Hall, etc. She will get more information during a webinar on April 22.

13. **Adjourn:** Kent motioned at 7:39 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2021.

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Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk