

## Regular Meeting –May 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held May 8, 2017. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Mindy Lowers, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Veronica Armbrust, Lisa Lynn, Dixie Riegel, Kent Gray and Joanna Mustered. Others in attendance were Bob Harris, Chief Buddy Willis, Judy Miller and Kate Nunn.

Incoming Trustees: Josh Walters and Larry Kolves

Public: Jay Cave, Jean Huber and Nelda Freeman

2. Newly elected officers: Mindy Lowers, Kate Nunn, Charlene Fangmeier, Joanna Mustered, Josh Walters and Larry Kolves were sworn into office.

3. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 3<sup>rd</sup> were read. Charlene made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Joanna seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Kent motioned to approve all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Dixie. Voice vote taken and approved 6-0.

5. **Street Department:** Bob will begin spraying for weeds.

**Water/Sewer Department:** Bob reported that he still has not heard any more on the EPA approval for the new well and there has been no mention of the issue with the placement of the sewer line. Parts have been ordered for repair to the trash pumps. Two residents water service was shut off but payments were made current and service reinstated.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Donald Osborn is to get the mosquito sprayer tested as required to have done annually. Trustees would like for him to begin spraying as soon as possible.

7. **Police Department:** As noted in the monthly report. Chief Willis will place the order for the new radio equipment and intends to paint the rims on the police car as they are rusting.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. The General Fund and the Water/Sewer Funds have a slight increase to the net balance and the Motor Fuel Tax Fund is down due to payment of the engineering fee. Charlene motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion seconded by Kent and carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. Jay Cave, of the Easton Fire Dept. board, informed Board members that the fire alarm has been repaired at a cost of \$500. The Fire Dept's attorney has advised them to step away from providing a tornado siren to the village as this could create issues with not providing a warning to all residents within the Fire District. However, Jay noted that the Dept. will continue to sound the alarm when they are notified of severe weather and mentioned that the Village should continue to look into other options to make Village residents aware of severe weather conditions.

**10. New Business:**

- A. No vote is needed but Trustees are in agreement to continue with the summer water rates for the months of June – August.

**11. Comments/Suggestions:** Nelda Freeman inquired as to whether or not the Village was having a clean-up day as there was not any notice posted. A notice will be posted by the end of the week on the Village bulletin board, the notice box at the Post Office and at the Bank. Nelda also strongly voiced her displeasure of the unkept vacant properties within the Village and requested that the Village take responsibility for cleaning up the properties. It was noted that the Village’s position on these properties is to notify the current owners of them being in violation of a Village ordinance regarding tall weeds and to initiate a citation when in violation; however, it is not the Village’s responsibility to maintain vacant properties when the owners fail to comply with the notification of a violation. Finally, Nelda made mention of the garbage piling up at the home next to Sunrise Ag on Main Street. Chief Willis will speak to the resident about getting this cleaned up.

**12. Executive Session:** None.

**13.** Kent motioned at 7:52 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Dixie. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2017.

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Cathy J. Nunn–Village Clerk