

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – May 8, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor ProTem Don Mustered III, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Raliff, Zain Attebery, and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Chief Seamus Kelly, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Absent: Kent Gray

Public: Louis Wagner

2. Newly elected board members, Village President, and Village Trustees were sworn into office. Village President: Don Mustered III; Village Trustees: Brock Riggins, Zain Attebery, Louis Wagner.
3. Public Comments: None
4. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 3, 2022 were read. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes. Eric seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.
5. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna explained the bills and all funds were normal for the month of April. Joanna noted that the new Quickbooks versions are more expensive than expected and she is working with the auditors to get the best version for the Village. Eric motioned to approve all the bills as presented, and to purchase the version of Quickbooks as recommended by the auditors. Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.
6. **Street Department:** Josh noted that he burned the brush pile and plans to fill pot holes this month.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the Board that there is still some paperwork to complete for the water/sewer project and once those are complete the project will be sent out for bid.
7. **Animal/Insect Report:** Don Osborn had the sprayer tested and it passed inspection. Don said he will be needing 7 gallons of spray for the mosquito spraying this year. Eric motioned to purchase the 7 gallons of spray needed for this year's mosquito spraying, Zain seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.
8. **Police Department:** Chief Kelly read the police report as presented. Officer Kelly then read a statement and resigned his position as Chief of Police due to not having enough knowledge of the administrative procedures needed for the position as he has less than a year's experience as a police officer at this time. He still intends to stay on the Easton Police Department part-time. He recommended speaking with Nick Robbins to fill the Chief of Police position.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. All funds were normal for the month. She noted that we just started in the new Fiscal Year. A motion was made by Zain and seconded by Louis to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

10. **Old Business:**

5. Post Office Parking – Joanna explained that Atty Lindner needs measurements and exact positioning for the no parking signs and lines to be placed for parking spots. Josh will get the information needed for this to send to the Atty.
6. FY23 Audit Dates – Joanna informed the Board that the village audit will be held May 22, 2023.
7. Town Wide Clean Up – Joanna presented the 2 bids she had for the village clean up. GFL with \$2,100 per truck and A-Team with \$1,000 per truck. Both would be able to do the clean up on June 17th. Eric motioned to accept the quote from A-Team and set the date for June 17th. Louis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

11. **New Business:**

- A. Police Department Staffing – Please see the Police Report section for these details.
- B. FY23 Seal Coating – Josh informed the Board there was one bid from IRC for the village seal coating this year in the amount of \$31,147.76. This will cover Palmer St., S. 3rd St., and Park Street. Eric motioned to accept the seal coating bid from IRC as presented, Charlene seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.
- C. Summer Water Rates – The village normally observes the lower summer water rates from June through August. Eric motioned to observe the lower summer water rates, Brock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. Trustee Vacancy – Tabled until June's regular meeting.
- E. Upgrading Water Dept. Computer – Joanna explained that the water department's computer is very out of date and too slow to function properly. She recommending upgrading the computer. Brock motioned to approve the water department computer upgrade and purchase as new computer up to a cost of \$1,500. Eric seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

12. **Executive Session:** None Held.

13. **Adjourn:** Louis motioned at 7:44 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2023.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk