

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – June 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held June 5, 2023. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Don Mustered III, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Zain Attebery, Louis Wagner and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Officer Seamus Kelly, Josh Walters, and Judy Miller.

Absent: Eric Ratliff and Joanna Mustered

2. **Public:** Noah Krause informed the board he is interested in the vacant trustee position.
3. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 8, 2023 were read. Brock motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Zain seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.
4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. All other bills were normal for the month. Charlene motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Louis seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
5. **Street Department:** Josh reported that he had filled potholes during May.
Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the Board that the high service pumps were repaired by Griffin Electric. He will also be getting a prices for a grate at the end of Hayes St..
6. **Animal/Insect Report:** It was noted that the dogs that belong to Ashley & James Kirby on North 3rd street have been running loose often. As well as the dogs that belong to Margie Parchman. Officer Kelly will follow up on these matters.
7. **Police Department:** Officer Kelly read the police report as presented. Officer Nick Robbins was present to discuss his interest in the Chief position. He explained all of his certifications and experience. Further discussion by the Board was held in executive session.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She that all funds were normal. A motion was made by Charlene and seconded by Louis to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.
9. **Old Business:**
 - A. Trustee Vacancy – Charlene motioned to appoint Noah Krause to the vacant un-expired trustee position. Brock seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Don will contact Noah to notify him of his appointment.
 - B. Police Department Staffing – Was discussed in executive session
 - C. Post Office Parking – As discussed last month, Josh presented a map to be send to Attorney Lindner to begin writing the parking ordinance for the post office.
 - D. Water/Sewer Improvement Project – Tabled

10. **New Business:**

- A. Review of 2023-2024 Appropriations Budget – Charlene motioned to approve a 5% increase for the entire FY24 Budget. Louis seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and the motion carried 4-0.
- B. Add/Remove Signers on the Village Bank Accounts – Don explained that Kent & Kate need to be removed as signers and that would leave one signer open on the accounts. Louis volunteered to be a signer on the accounts. Zain motioned to approve Louis as a signer on the accounts, Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
- C. Liquor License for Tom’s Tap & Grill LLC – Charlene motioned to approve the new liquor license for Tom’s Tap & Grill LLC with Brock seconding the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
- D. FEMA BRIC 23 & FMA 23 Mitigation Grant Programs – Don explained the village was eligible to apply for a grant to help purchase materials needed during an emergency. The village would only be responsible for 25% of the cost of the project if approved. He recommended purchasing a generator as outlined in the Village Hazard Mitigation Plan. Louis motioned to complete the Notice of Intent to apply for the grant to purchase a generator, Brock seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- E. Water/Sewer Percentages for Expenses – Don explained that the USDA requests for the water and sewer expenses be broken up when paying bills. The auditors suggested 42% sewer and 58% percent water. CMT suggested 40% sewer and 60% water. Louis motioned to approve the auditor’s suggestion of 42/58. Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motioned carried 4-0.
- F. Closing Streets for Easton Celebration – Brock motioned to approve the closing of 4th street to Park street & the partial closure of 4th Street to Rt. 10 for the Easton celebration. Louis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- G. Inoperable Vehicles – The Board discussed inoperable vehicles around the village. Officer Kelly will send warnings for those vehicles.

11. **Executive Session:** At 6:40 p.m. Zain motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss police staffing, with Brock seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 6:48 p.m.

New Business 9-B: Zain motioned to appoint Officer Nick Robbins as the village Police Chief, with pay set at \$23.00 per hour. A cap of 34 hours per week between the two officer will be adhered to. Charlene seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and carried 4-0. Don will contact Nick to extend the offer of the Chief position.

13. **Adjourn:** Brock motioned at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn meeting. Louis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2023.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk

