

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – June 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held June 10, 2024. 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, Eric Ratliff, Louis Wagner, Zain Attebery, Brock Riggins and Noah Krause. Others in attendance were Josh Walters, Judy Miller, Joanna Mustered, Chief Robbins, and Mike Burris.

2. Public Comment – Larry Brittingham and Bobby Harp – Requested permission from the Board to have a food truck on village property sometime in the next two weeks. The Board gave permission to allow the food truck on the village property as long as the proper food handling license was held by the vendor.
3. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 6th, 2024 were read. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes. Eric seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.
4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna explained all bills were normal for the month. She informed the Board that the FY24 audit will take place on June 24-26. Brock motioned to approve the bills as presented. Noah seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 6-0.
5. **Street Department:** Josh reported he filled potholes and will be trimming trees hanging in alleys. He also noted there is a gas leak in the village truck which is currently being repaired.

Water/Sewer Department: Information provided below in New Business.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** There have been repeated incidents of Kirby's dog loose, Chief Robbins will handle this. It was noted that Don Osborn needs about 30 gallons more chemical to spray the remainder of the year. Don will order this from Mug-a-Bug.
7. **Police Department:** Chief Robbins read the report as presented. He informed the board that the squad car radio and antennae were updated by DTSI.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the Treasurer's reports. Judy reported that all funds were normal for the month. She also noted that the Debt Service fund continues to grow steadily due to the Improvements fee on the water bills. Brock motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Louis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
9. **Old Business:**
 - A. Water/Sewer Improvement Project – See Below
 - B. Burning Within the Village Limits – Due to complaints from village residents regarding air quality, a discussion took place regarding limiting yard waste burning. Louis motioned to not allow burning of yard waste within the village limits during the dates of June 15th – September 15th. Eric seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried with all ayes.

10. **New Business:**

- A. Review of FY25 Appropriations Budget – Joanna explained the village normally increases the budget by 5%. Eric motioned to increase the budget by 5%, Charlene seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried with all ayes.
- B. Elevated Tank Foundation Repairs – Mike Burriss informed the Board he received a quote from Peoria Metro for foundation repair of the elevated water tank. To chip, form and place new epoxy cement the cost would be \$6,500. Eric motioned to approve Peoria Metro to repair the elevated water tank foundation. Noah seconded the vote. Voice vote taken and motion carried with all ayes.
- C. Food Truck within the Village – See above in public comment.
- D. Electronic Recycling – Joanna mentioned their was interest in having an electronic recycling day in the village as other villages have done nearby this year. She will get quotes for the next meeting.
- E. E-Pay for Water Bills – Joanna requested permission to set up E-Pay for the village water bills due to many complaints since the bank will not accept payments going forward. Noah motioned to approve setting up E-Pay as an option to pay the village water bills, Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried with all ayes.
- F. Lead Service Line – Josh noted there are currently no lead service lines in the village. He explained that if there was one the village could decide to help pay the cost of replacement by splitting it with the resident. He noted that this is not required and can be quite costly to the village. Eric motioned to not have the Village split the cost of a lead line replacement with the homeowner, and it would be the full responsibility of the homeowner to replace the line. Noah seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried with all ayes.
- G. IRWA – Water/Sewer Operator License – Josh informed the Board that Roger Noe will be taking Wayne Dixon’s place as the Village Water/Sewer Operator. The cost for this per month will be \$750 – water/ \$250 – sewer for a total of \$1,000 per month until Josh obtains his license. Eric motioned to approve the fees for Roger Noe to be the village water/sewer operator. Louis seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and carried with all ayes.

11. **Executive Session:** None held.

Additional Comments - Charlene inquired about increasing the minimum usage to 1,500 gallons from 1,000 gallons for the water system. Mike recommended waiting to review the revenue coming in after the new meters are installed.

12. **Adjourn Meeting:** Louis motioned at 6:44 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2024.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk