

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – July 7, 2021

The continued meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held July 7, 2021. Kent Gray motioned to adjourn the continued meeting from June at 7:06 p.m., with Don Mustered seconding the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery and Don Mustered. Others in attendance were Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Absent: Eric Ratliff & Brock Riggins.

Public: None

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 7, 2021 were read. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes. Zain 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 June. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
4. **Street Department:** Josh informed the Board that he had pushed the brush pile up at the lagoons. He cleaned up a limb that had fallen on a sidewalk on south 3rd street, however, the resident at that address has started piling other sticks/branches on the sidewalk. She will be notified that this is not permissible.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the Board that he spoke with Scott DeSplinter regarding the grant application process. Mr. DeSplinter said they are only waiting for James Neece to sign off on the application. Mr. DeSplinter noted they were projecting a start date for the project in the fall. Josh also informed the Board that he will be flushing hydrants on July 10th. Kate & Josh met with reps from Core & Main. They showed them the available options for the pit radios & explained how the system worked in detail.
6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Kate noted that Mr. Ragle, the county animal control officer, had cited the resident whose dogs were repeatedly loose, due to no rabies vaccinations. She also informed the Board that Mr. Osborn sprayed for mosquitos on July 6th.
7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis was not present at the meeting, so Kate read the police report as presented.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund was down a bit due to the purchase of new flags for the poles in town. All other funds were normal. A

motion was made by Don and seconded by Charlene to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. Old Business:

- A. Revising Water Deposit Ordinance – Kate recommended changing the water security deposit to \$150. She also recommended raising the water rate to \$41.06 for the base rate (1,000 gallons), and raising it to \$17.28 for each additional 1,000 gallons used. These rates will take effect immediately (July 2021). Zain motioned to approve the rate increases and the security deposit increase. Kent seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
- B. Review of 2021-2022 Appropriations Budget – Kate explained the budget was increased by 5% as is normally done. Charlene motioned to approve the Appropriations Budget as presents, with Don seconding the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
- C. Collection of Cass Communicates Expenditure – Kate informed the Board that Attorney Lindner has sent a letter to Cass Communications regarding this matter in an effort to seek reimbursement for the damaged water line while they were installing new fiber internet cable.

10. New Business:

A. 2020 Maintenance Program Report – Kate explained the report and the annual cost of \$19,713.59 for this contract. Ken motioned to approve the contract for the 2020 Maintenance Program, Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

B. Seal Coating Bid Acceptance – Josh explained that IRS presented with a bid for \$24,282.90. He recommended accepting this bid for this year's seal coating of the streets. Don motioned to accept this bid. Charlene seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

C. Parking on Water Meters – Josh informed the Board there has been an issue with residents parking on top of their water meters, thus not allowing access to them if needed. Kate presented an ordinance prohibiting obstruction of water meter pits that includes a fine of \$150-\$750 for violating this ordinance. Charlene motioned to approve the ordinance as presented, Don seconded them motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.

11. Adjourn: Kent motioned at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Don seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2021.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk