

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting (Rescheduled) – August 4, 2021

The meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held August 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Kent Gray (entered at 7:06 p.m.), Brock Riggins and Don Mustered III. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, Joanna Mustered, and CPA: Cindy Foote.

Absent: Eric Ratliff and Zain Attebery

Public: Richard DeVore & Seamus Kelly

2. Cindy Foote, CPA with the accounting firm Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, & Foote, Ltd., presented the FY2021 audit findings. She reported that her accounting firm believes that the audit evidence they obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their positive audit opinion that the Village ended the fiscal year in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, as outlined in the Independent Auditor's Report she provided.
3. **Public Comment:** A resident inquired about trees that are hanging into the street on Tilden St. Josh informed the resident that he had cut those trees back over the last weekend. The resident also inquired about weeds growing in the alleyways. Kate commented that she will look into different options available to maintain the alleyways in the future.
4. Minutes of the regular meeting and the Public Hearing held July 7, 2021 were read. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes. Don 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 July. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
6. **Street Department:** Josh noted that IRC had completed the seal coating of the roads for this year. This was the 2nd year in a row that the company did not bring enough material to fully finish the job on the first attempt and had to come a 2nd time to fully complete the job. He informed the board he had trimmed up trees around the Village over the last weekend and will be getting cold patch for the roads soon.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the board that he spoke with Scott DeSplinter and they are still waiting for the final sign off by RCAP for the grant. He said we should have an answer of approval by the September meeting.

Josh noted that he had flushed the fire hydrants in July. He also had spoken to Wayne Dixon and Wayne recommends spraying the sewer lagoons for duckweed. Josh informed the board that the cost of the chemical needed is \$1,272.50 plus delivery fees. He plans to do the spraying of

the lagoons in October. Charlene motioned to approve the purchase of the chemicals needed for the duckweed removal. Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.

7. **Animal/Insect Report:** Kate noted that Don Osborn has been spraying as normal this summer and has been trying to keep it on a weekly basis.

8. **Police Department:** Chief Willis explained the police report as presented. He noted that he had set up an iNap account for the department. He had completed online trainings that were needed for the month.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received checks from the state use tax and income taxes. All other funds were normal. A motion was made by Brock and seconded by Don to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

10. **Old Business:**

A. None

11. **New Business:**

A. Police Department Staffing – Kate recommended going into Executive Session for this.

12. **Executive Session:** Charlene motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss the Police Department Staffing. Kent seconded the motion.

Regular session resumed at 8:21 p.m.

New Business 11-A: Kent made a motion to approve payment of \$2,000 to cover the cost of Part-Time Office Basic Training for Seamus Kelly with the stipulation that he will work for the Village Police Department for a minimum of 2 years after completing the training. Salary will be set at \$16.00 per hour and will increase once the training has been completed. The board will take action to officially hire Seamus when he is ready to complete the POWER Test that is required for the training. Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and carried 4-0. Motion carried.

13. Kate informed the board that the Village will be receiving an additional \$39,016 in COVID Relief Funds. Half of which should be received in 30 days and the remainder next year. She also noted that she will be speaking with Paul Gann to inquire about possibly getting help for the street department with panting of fire hydrants by those needing community service due to probation. She also noted that the shingles of the Village Hall need replaced and recommended a metal roof. She will look for bids. She said the Village will revisit sidewalk repairs in late spring/early summer of 2022.

13. **Adjourn:** Kent motioned at 8:41 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Don seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2021.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk