

Village of Easton Regular Meeting –August 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held August 5, 2019. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn and Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, Joanna Mustered and Cindy Foote.

Public: Richard DeVore

2. Cindy Foote, CPA with the accounting firm Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt & Foote, Ltd, presented the 2018/2019 audit findings. She reported that there is a list of journal entries that need to be adjusted to different accounts, Joanna will make the adjustments as needed

3. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held July 8th with the correction of Zain Attebery's name spelled correctly. Eric seconded the motion and the motion was carried with all ayes.

4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Kent made the motion to approve all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Eric. Voice vote taken and approved 4-0.

4. **Water/Sewer Department:** Josh reported that there was a complaint of people swimming in the sewer lagoons. Josh explained to the people that those lagoons are not clean water, and a second offense will be reported to the county police. He also informed the board that he met with the EPA and the inside banks of the lagoons will need to be mowed. The Village will receive a report from the EPA stating any violation. None are anticipated. Kate and Josh met with Scott DeSplinter of CMT and James Meece of RCAP to look at different options for upcoming repairs and meter replacements. Financing: RCAP can write grants for these projects. \$20,000 - \$30,000 in engineering fees can be covered by these grants. A public meeting will need to be held before going forward with this project. The numbers discussed did not include lagoon clean out. CPI will look into this before establishing a rate increase for 2020-2021. Lift pumps are ok, sand filter is ok, the wet well, and aeration system will need to be redone, with the wet well possibly being relocated to the out of the water plant. Kate will contact Rep. Norrine Hammond regarding state funding available to help with these projects.

Street Department: Cold patching has been done. Paint is needing to be purchased for curb and hydrant painting. Kate reported that the pothole in front of the post office needs repaired, Josh will get this repaired. The hole in the culvert that had been reported at a resident at Promenade and 3rd St is the responsibility of the homeowner. The Village will replace the culvert once the homeowner purchases it.

5. **Animal/Insect Report:** Kate reported she will call to have another mosquito spraying done.

6. **Police Department:** As noted in the monthly report. Chief Willis reported that the letter to Mr. Tungate regarding his property had been returned. He is still working at finding a current address for him. The owners of the Melton property were sent a registered letter and citation. The court date was changed, and revised citation was sent. New citations with updated fines were ordered. He also

informed the board that Lori Thompson never made a report to the village police regarding the accident on July 14th.

7. Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the reports. The General Fund had normal income and expenses. Charlene motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion seconded by Eric and carried with all ayes.

8. Old Business:

- A. The Annual Appropriations Ordinance for 2019-2020 has been filed with the county clerk.
- B. Placement Trustee: Tabled
- C. Eric informed the board that Janssen Concrete would fix the selected sidewalks at a cost of \$10,000 for 300 ft. He will call and get the project started.

9. New Business:

- A. Eric motioned to approve the Final 2018 MFTF Maintenance Program. Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- B. Scott DeSplinter notified Josh that there were additional costs that were left out of the billing totaling \$7,605. He asked the Village to consider paying this cost. The board decided that since the extra cost was not due to a Village error, rather a billing error by CMT that the Village will pay half of the amount at a cost of \$3,800. Charlene motioned to approve paying \$3,800 for the extra charges presented by CMT. Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- C. Charlene reported she had looked into options for recycling. There is no company offering curbside recycling pick up at this time.
- D. IML Consideration of Adult-Use Cannabis Ordinance: Tabled

10. Comments/Suggestions: Mr. DeVore inquired about the trustee position, as to why it was not being filled at this meeting. Kate explained why this decision has not been made yet as all interested parties have not yet been contacted about the vacancy. All interested parties will be invited to attend a meeting when the board takes action.

11. Executive Session: None held.

12. Kent motioned at 9:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Eric. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2019.

Joanna Mustered–Village Clerk