

## **Village of Easton**

### **Regular Meeting – August 12, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held August 12, 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: 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. Absent – Charlene Fangmeier

2. **Public Comment** – None

3. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were read. Brock motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Eric seconded the motion. The motion carried with all eyes.

4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna informed the Board that she has a training with E-Pay and after that the system can be started for the water bills. She said she would like to have it begin Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. She also informed the Board that she was notified by the village attorney that the village was not set up properly to receive funds for citations directly from town residents. Chief Robbins had already had a resident pay their fine through the village, and due to not being set up properly as Chief Robbins had stated that the village was, the village will be refunding the citation funds. Eric seconded the motion. Louis vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

5. **Street Department:** Nothing to report.

**Water/Sewer Department:** Josh informed the Board the chlorine pump levels were low, and he had this repaired. It was still within EPA limits when repaired. All else was normal.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Don reported that the mosquito sprayer was not working and Don Osborn is having it repaired.

7. **Police Department:** Chief Robbins read the police report. He informed the Board that the squad car would be needing some repairs. Don asked him about fuel charges for the squad car that did not line up with the amount of fuel the squad car has in it. He noted that the squad car had not moved since July 18<sup>th</sup>. He also questioned why the mileage for the WEX report and the squad car are not matching. Chief Robbins stated he would look into the matter. Don also explained to the Board that while Chief Robbins was unreachable for about 2 weeks, he had to complete a LESO inventory of the police department as it was due July 30<sup>th</sup> and no one from LESO was able to reach Chief Robbins either.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the Treasurer's reports. Judy reported that all funds were normal for the month. She noted a large income tax deposit as well as a deposit for video gaming. She also noted that the Debt Service fund continues to grow. Eric motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Noah seconded the motion. Motion carried with all eyes.

9. **Old Business:**

- A. Water/Sewer Improvement Project – Mike Burris gave the update of the water/sewer project. The shop drawings are waiting on approval now. The generator should be arriving next week. Mike also presented the request of funds for the USDA grant/loan. Eric motioned to approve the request of funds from the USDA grant/loan, Noah seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried with all ayes.
- B. Water Superintendent Additional Time with New Water Procedures – Discussed in Executive Session.
- C. Village Police Department – Discussed in Executive Session.

**10. New Business:**

- A. Water Clerk Position – Discussed in Executive Session.
- B. Solar Panel Ordinance – Don explained that the village has been having solar companies call regarding the ordinances for solar panel installation within the village. After speaking with other towns, he found that having the solar panels on the ground created a hazard from burns and other liabilities. He suggested an ordinance that would not permit free standing solar panels for safety reasons within the village. Louis motioned to approve drafting an ordinance to not permit free standing solar panels within the village limits, with Eric seconding the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**11. Executive Session:** At 6:36 p.m. Noah motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss water superintendent compensation, the village police department, and the water clerk position with Noah seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 7:18 p.m.

Old Business 9-B: Eric motioned to pay the Water Superintendent \$24.50/hr for extra hours that will need to be worked to learn the new water system procedures. This will only continue through the training phase of the project. Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

Old Business 9-C: Brock motioned to hold a special meeting regarding the Village Police Department. Voice vote taken and motion carried with all ayes.

New Business 10-A: Eric motioned to hire Doris Attebery as the new Water Clerk. Noah seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: Eric – aye, Louis – aye, Zain, - abstain, Brock – aye, Noah – aye. Motion carried.

**12. Adjourn Meeting:** Louis motioned at 7:23 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2024.

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Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk