

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – August 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held August 14, 2023. 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 and Noah Krause. Others in attendance were Chief Nick Robbins, Josh Walters, Judy Miller and Joanna Mustered.

Absent: Brock Riggins and Zain Attebery

Public Present: Kate Nunn

3. Minutes of the regular meeting & special meetings held on July 10 & July 13, 2023 were read. Noah motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Eric seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.
4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna noted that A-Team Disposal bill for the townwide clean-up has been received and was as quoted at \$1,000. Louis motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Noah seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
5. **Street Department:** Josh reported he had an oil change done on the town truck and was having problems with the starter sticking on and the battery was dead.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the Board that there had been a service line break by the elevator and Petersburg Plumbing fixed the issue due to it being by a gas line. He noted he received quotes for jetting of the storm drains. Petersburg Plumbing - \$300/hr and G.A. Rich - \$325/hr.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Discussion was held regarding the pack of shepherds that were at large during the month from south 2nd St. It was also noted that mosquito spraying has continued as normal through the month.
7. **Police Department:** Chief Robbins read the police report as presented. He noted he was working with State Farm to secure a grant for a new tazer for the village police department. He also requested approval for the following items to be purchased for the department: Portable Radio - \$500, Training for both officers of the village to be held in October, Digital Camera, and a Digital Voice recorder. Eric motioned to approve the purchases as listed above, with Noah seconding the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She that all funds were normal. She also noted that the new construction account was set up as a NOW account and is incurring a \$5 monthly fee due to the balance being under \$2,000. She will see if the account can be changed or the fee can be waived. A motion was made by Louis and seconded by Eric to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. Old Business:

- A. Post Office Parking – No New Information
- B. Water/Sewer Improvement Project – See BelowTabled

10. New Business:

- A. Bank Account Signers Resolution – Eric motioned to approve Don Mustered III, Judy Miller, and Louis Wagner as signers on all bank accounts. Noah seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and the motion carried 4-0.
- B. Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bond, Series A of the Village of Easton, Mason County, Illinois and Authorizing Certain Actions and Documents and Prescribing Other Matters Relating Thereto – Noah motioned to approve the issuance of the revenue bond as well as authorize certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto. Louis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- C. O & M Manual Supplement – Eric motioned to approve the O & M Manual Supplement as presented with Noah seconding the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
- D. Water/Sewer Project Bond Ordinance – Covered in 10-B.
- E. Exhibit K for Water/Sewer Project – Josh explained the revised Exhibit K for the water/sewer project. Eric motioned to approve the revised Exhibit K as presented. Noah seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motioned carried 4-0.
- F. Water/Sewer Project Interim Financing Waiver – Kate explained the Village was required to try to get traditional financing for the construction loan, but can apply for a waiver if the terms with local banks were not financially favorable for the Village. Charlene motioned to apply for a waiver through Rural Development, with Eric seconding the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- G. Water Rate Increase – Mike Burris explained the current water rate study and noted that with the coming construction project the Village needed to add a Capital Improvement Charge to the water bills as well as increase the base rate to be able to repay the loan for the project. He recommended increasing the base rate by 2% making the new base rate \$50.55 and a Capital Improvement Charge of \$6, to increase by \$6 every 6 months until the total of \$18 for the charge is met. Eric motioned to increase the base water rate & add the Capital Improvement Charge as recommended. Noah seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0. It was also noted that Rural Development requires the village to include wording regarding the water deposit of \$150 as well as a reconnect fee of \$50 in the new water rate ordinance. Joanna will contact Atty Lindner regarding the new ordinance.
- H. Designated Bank Parking – The Community Bank of Easton has requested posting signage on the East Side of the bank building (3 spots) for bank parking only during business hours, as well as 1 handicapped spot and 1 regular parking spot in front of the bank with a time limit of 15 minutes. Eric motioned to approve designating parking spots for the bank as outlined above, with Noah seconding the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

11. **Adjourn:** Louis motioned at 7:16 p.m. to adjourn meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2023.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk