

Village of Easton Special Meeting – September 4, 2018

A special meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held September 4, 2018. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Joanna Mustered, Trustees: Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Dixie Riegel and Larry Kolves. Others in attendance were Josh Walters, Judy Miller and Kate Nunn.

Absent: Charlene Fangmeier and Brock Riggins

Public: Nelda Freeman and Sylvia Ringland

Guest: Scott Desplinter with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc.

2. Scott Desplinter is an engineer with CMT and has replaced our CMT representative Mike Burris who recently retired. Scott has been working with Water/Sewer Superintendent Josh Walters on the Illinois EPA violation the Village has outstanding regarding the backwash discharge and working on bringing the Village in compliance with the IEPA. Currently the backwash is discharging into the storm drainage ditch with testing of the discharge being done once a month. The IEPA is requiring that a backwash tank be installed to eliminate discharge into the ditch and possible contamination from waste. The current discharge volume is 10 gallons; Scott is recommending a 12 gallon storage tank. The original plan was to install a tank to the north of the water plant building but that property belongs to the Grain Elevator, so the location was moved to the former site of the old Village garage which is west of the water tower. Due to the distance and low slope, Scott recommended that 2 – 6’ tanks at 6,000 gallons each should be installed. The estimated cost of this project is \$110,000 - \$130,000 with the cost of the tanks being \$45,000 each. The project would require 120’ of 12” sewer line to be run to the old garage site whereas if we were able to install the tanks to the north of the water plant the distance would be half that amount.

The IEPA schedule that the Village had agreed to was to begin construction by November 19, 2018 with the discharge tank(s) operational by January 18, 2019 and a final completion date of April 30, 2019. Due to issues with the location and getting bids in on such short notice, Scott is to contact Caleb at the IEPA to ask for an extension. Kate will contact the Illinois Rural Development to see if there are any grants available to assist in funding this project. Judy will contact Bruce McClernon at the Community Bank of Easton for possible finance options and Joanne will talk to Louie Wagner to see if the elevator will work with the Village to allow placement of the tanks to be north of the water plant.

Scott will help with the bidding and will post the information in the Banner Times plus 3 other major newspapers in the area. He noted that the engineering cost is not included in the \$110-130,000 estimate but will be billed separately with a 15% discount (for this project only).

Further discussion on this project will be held at the regular meeting on September 10, 2018.

3. Comments/Suggestions: Sylvia Ringland voiced concerns regarding the cover to an old cistern on her property that has fallen into the cistern. She asked if she would be allowed to fill in the hole with sand or dirt instead of getting a new cover. As the hole is located on her property and close to the house the Board voiced no issue with her filling the hole.

Sylvia also asked if the Village could accept electronic payments of the water/sewer bills. Currently the Village software is not set up to accept electronic payments and payments will continue to be accepted in cash or check form only.

Lastly, Sylvia expressed concern that her right to privacy was being violated as the information on the water/sewer billings could be read by anyone looking at the billing. In reviewing the form, a way was found to trifold the billing statement so that no information was shown. Seals will be purchased to place on both ends of the billings to secure them.

4. Executive Session: None held.

5. Kent motioned at 7:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Eric. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2018.

Cathy J. Nunn–Village Clerk