

## **Village of Easton**

### **Regular Meeting (Rescheduled) – September 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held September 9, 2021 and had been rescheduled due to not having a quorum for the regularly scheduled meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:03 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Zain Attebery, Don Mustered and Brock Riggins. Absent: Kent Gray. Others in attendance were Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Public: None.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 4, 2021 were read. Joanna informed the board of a correction that needed made in the wording for the minutes from the regular meeting in July. Brock motioned to approve the minutes and correction as presented. Eric seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna explained all bills were normal for the month. Nothing out of the ordinary to report. Don motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Charlene seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

4. **Street Department:** Josh informed the board that he had been working on filling pot holes during the last few weeks.

**Water/Sewer Department:** Kate recommended changing the delinquent water letter to residents to include paying the entire bill to bring the balance current. This would include the past due amount plus the current month billing cost. Josh will have a redrafted letter for this at the next meeting for review and approval.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Kate informed the board that Chief Willis has been in contact with Joe Ragle, the county animal control officer, to see what can be done with the dogs that are continuously running at large.

7. **Police Department:** Kate presented the police report as Chief Willis was unable to attend the meeting.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the Village had received more property and income taxes for the General Fund. All other funds were normal. A motion was made by Eric and seconded by Zain to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

- A. Police Department Staffing – Kate recommended that Seamus Kelly be officially hired as of August 20, 2021. She also informed the board that Seamus is set to begin the Police Training Academy beginning in February 2022. Eric motioned to approve hiring Seamus Kelly effective August 20, 2021. Charlene seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**10. New Business:**

- A. 2021-2022 Tax Levy – Tabled until October’s meeting.
- B. Water Grant Engineering Fees – Rural Development now has the application for the Village’s grant. They have been requesting additional information, including water & sewer expenses separated for the last 3 years. Joanna will get this information to Josh this week. Scott DeSplinter sent the engineering agreement. The agreement did not include the improvements to the water tower, he said to handwrite them in and initial. The agreement included \$93,460.50 for Design and Construction Administration Services with additional engineering costs of \$15,400.00.
- C. ARPA Funding – Joanna informed the board that she had successfully applied for the funds from ARPA and the Village should receive half of the funding within the next 30 days, with the additional funds to come next year. Kate recommended this funding be used toward improvements needed at the sewer lagoon.
- D. Alley Spraying & Maintenance – Austin Williams will be providing a bid for this.
- E. Community Service Hours for Street Department – Kate will be speaking with the school and the probation office to see if anyone is in need of community service hours to help paint hydrants.

**11. Public Comments/Suggestions:** Kate noted that she will be out of town the following week and to contact Kent if something comes up. Josh informed the board that he will be speaking with Brian Shawgo regarding a new roof for the Village Hall. Kate has also contacted another company, but has not had a reply at this time. She recommended looking into possible funding by grants for the roof as well.

**13. Adjourn:** Zain motioned at 7:56 p.m. to adjourn meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2021.

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Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk