

Regular Meeting – September 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held September 11, 2017. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:06 p.m. Those in attendance were President Joanna Mustered, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Josh Walters, Kent Gray, Dixie Riegel and Larry Kolves. Others in attendance were Bob Harris, Chief Buddy Willis and Kate Nunn.

Absent: Judy Miller

Public: Jean Huber, Nelda Freeman, Richard Devore and Robert Lowers

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 7th and the special meeting held September 5th were read. Kent made the motion to approve both sets of minutes as read. Larry seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Charlene motioned to approve all bills as presented including reimbursement to Kate Nunn for the expense of a gift card and dinner to honor Mindy Lowers as our past mayor plus payment to IRC for seal coating with \$4,000 to be paid from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and the balance from the General Fund. Motion seconded by Kent. Voice vote taken and approved 5-0.

4. Street Department: Bob arrived late but once here noted that other than the seal coating of the road around the park there was no other news.

Water/Sewer Department: Upon Bob's arrival he informed Trustees that the Village's application for a new well had been denied. He has gotten with Mike Burris and CMT has responded to IEPA's denial letter and hopes to have an approval for the permit soon.

5. Animal/Insect Report: Donald is still spraying for mosquitos. Trustees would like to continue through October weather permitting.

6. Police Department: As noted in the monthly report. Chief Willis received a past due billing from LETC. Kate will look into and pay if it has not already been paid. The portable/digital radio has been installed. He is working on a couple of issues with dog incidents and will contact Nancy Melton on mowing of her vacant property. He attended a 2 day range course and certified the AR rifle.

7. Treasurer's Report: In Judy's absence Kate presented the reports. We have received what is most likely the last property tax check in the amount of \$2,243.61. The Water/Sewer fund and normal income and expenditures. The MFTF had expenses for tree trimming. Charlene motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion seconded by Josh and carried with all ayes.

8. Old Business:

A. Trustees were to go into Executive Session later to discuss.

9. New Business:

- A. Dixie motioned to approve the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Tax Levy Ordinance #466. Larry seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: Charlene-yes, Josh-yes, Kent-yes, Dixie-yes and Larry-yes. Approved 5-0.
- B. Joanna will write up a job description for the Water Clerk's position and have available at the October meeting.

10. Comments/Suggestions: Charlene discussed having Bob use his brush hog on the Colander property then hire Swaar Brothers to finish the clean-up and mow. Richard Devore brought to our attention that Danny Devore Sr. is burning trash daily and there is an issue with dogs running loose. Robert Lowers addressed the Board that his resume may have been misleading in that he had been interested in both the Street and Water/Sewer positions and not just the Street Department.

11. Executive Session: At 8:15 p.m. Dixie motioned to go into Executive session to discuss the personnel/job opening in the Water/Sewer and Street Departments. Motion seconded by Larry.

At 9:20 p.m. resumed regular session. **Old Business - A.** Trustees interviewed remaining 2 applicants during the executive session and have chosen to take time to review the information on both applicants.

12. Charlene motioned at 9:23 p.m. to continue the meeting on September 26th at 7:00 pm to further discuss applicants and Water Clerk position. Motion seconded by Dixie.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2017.

Cathy J. Nunn–Village Clerk