

Village of Easton Regular Meeting – October 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held October 7, 2019. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn and Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, and Judy Miller.

Absent: Joanna Mustered

Public: None.

2. Kent motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held September 9, 2019 and minutes for the continued meeting held on September 23, 2019 with the corrections. Eric seconded the motion and the motion was carried with all ayes.

4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. All reports are normal except a bill from Swaar Bros Mowing which was tabled & waiting on an actual invoice from Mug-A-Bug for the outstanding balance. Insurance bill will be on the November agenda. Charlene made the motion to approve all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Brock. Voice vote taken and approved 5-0.

4. **Water/Sewer Department:** Josh informed the board that the leak at the park was found and repaired. The water bill was reduced for the residence at Promenade St. and North 2nd St. that was affected by the damaged water line that occurred during the new fiber optic installation. This bill was reduced from 19,000 gallons to 7,000 gallons for the month of July. Charlene motioned to approve the reduction of this water bill. Motion seconded by Eric. The motion carried with all ayes. Kate discussed the residences with outstanding water bills. Letters have been sent to them. Discussion regarding liens and clean up expenses of properties will be during the November meeting.

Street Department: Josh received a bid from Randy's Tree Service in the amount of \$400-\$450, for trimming the limbs of a tree on South 2nd Street. We may ask about a discount for this project and the tree at a property on North 2nd Street and Promenade Street. May consider having the home owner on South 2nd Street pay ½ the cost since the issue is their concern that the limbs are hanging over their home's roofline, however, the tree is in good condition otherwise.

5. **Animal/Insect Report:** Kate reported that Mr. Osborn has been ill and not been over to spray recently for mosquitos.

6. **Police Department:** Chief Willis presented the monthly report. He is looking into finding current mailing addresses for Toby Tongate and Ricky Gray to send them letters for over grown yards. Mrs. Melton paid a \$300 fine for the state of her property and will also be receiving a 2nd letter regarding her property. Josh and Chief Willis will be reading meters and documenting amounts to see if anyone is turning the meters back on after the village has shut the meter off.

7. Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the reports. The General Fund had a large amount of income including a deposit from property taxes. Expenses were normal. Charlene motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion seconded by Eric and carried with all ayes.

8. Old Business:

A. None.

9. New Business:

- A. The 2019-2020 Tax Levy Ordinance was presented with a 5% increase with the amounts for Social Security & IMRF reduced, and the amount for Tort increased. Charlene motioned to approve the ordinance as presented, with Brock seconding the motion. Voice vote taken and approved 5-0.
- B. Toby Tongate has a court date of October 11, 2019 for his abandoned property. Will discuss clean up at the next meeting.
- C. Opiates Class Action Lawsuit – the village will submit form to be removed from the suit. Eric motioned to approve being removed from the lawsuit. Brock seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

10. Comments/Suggestions: None.

11. Executive Session: None held.

12. Kent motioned at 8:46 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Eric. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2019.

Joanna Mustered–Village Clerk