

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – October 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held October 4, 2021. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:03 p.m. Those in attendance were Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, and Don Mustered. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Absent: Trustee Brock Riggins.

Public: None.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held September 9, 2021 were read. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes 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 that monthly expenses were normal for all funds. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.
4. **Street Department:** Josh reported that he had gotten a quote from Randy's Tree Service to take down the ash trees behind the Village Hall. Randy's Tree Service quoted \$2,500 - \$3,000. He will be asking for a bid from another tree service as well. He will have that information at the next meeting.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh noted there is no new information regarding the grant for the water department. Scott DeSplinter had inquired if the board would like CMT to proceed to get bids for the projects in the grant now or wait until the grant has been approved. The board agreed to wait until the grant has been approved. Kate informed the board that Mike Burris has agreed to over-see the projects being completed by the grant funding by providing on site engineering at the rate of \$30/hr.
6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Kate will ask Don Osborn to continue spraying for mosquitos through the end of October. The board also discussed different options regarding the dogs that are continuously running at large.
7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis read the police report as presented. Nothing unusual to report.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received a check for \$19,056.00 from the ARPA funding. The Water/Sewer fund was up due to more income coming in than expenses in the month of September. All other funds were normal. A motion was made by Eric and seconded by Don to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. Old Business:

A. 2021-2022 Tax Levy – Tabled

B. Alley Spraying & Maintenance – Tabled

C. Community Service Hours for Street Department – Kate noted she would like to complete some of the hydrant painting this year, with the rest to be done next year. Joanna will be in contact with Josh to set up a time for some of the work to be completed.

10. New Business:

A. Hazard Mitigation Plan – Kate explained the plan as presented and went over the projects that are on the plan. Eric motioned to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Charlene seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

B. Delinquent Water Bill Revised Letter – Kate explained the changes that were made to the existing letter. Once approved the revised letter will be used starting in November. She noted she will have Jill add information regarding the changes to the water bill in October. (Effective November 1, 2021 prior “past due” and current amounts must be paid in full by due date in order to not have service disconnected). Kent motioned to approve the revised delinquent water bill letter. Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

C. Trick or Treating Hours – Joanna recommended October 31st from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm for Trick or Treating hours this year. Eric motioned to approve the date and times for Trick or Treating. Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

11. Public Comments/Suggestions: Joanna explained that she had been contacted by Menard Electric in regards to supplying the Village with a “Little Free Library”. The board discussed different locations for the library to be installed. Kate will have more information regarding a location at the November meeting.

Kate informed the board that since it is late in the season and there will not be enough time to have the Village Hall roof redone this year that she had asked Josh to get shingles and patch the spot that is damaged at this time. Kate will continue looking into grants to help with the cost of the total replacement of the roof.

13. Adjourn: Kent motioned at 8:18 p.m. to adjourn meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2021.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk