**Village of Easton**

**Regular Meeting – November 7, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held November 7, 2022. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President, Kate Nunn, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, Brock Riggins and Don Mustered. Absent: Eric Ratliff and Joanna Mustered. Others in attendance were Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Officer Seamus Kelly.

2. Public: None

3. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 3, 2022 were read. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes with the correction of adding Brock Riggins as present. Don seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Kate explained why audit fee was higher than normal. IRC’s bill for sealcoating matched their bid. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

5. **Street Department**: Josh reported Tim Clark will be finishing the curb by the post office and be pouring the pad for the city hall handicap accessible door soon.

**Water/Sewer Department**: Josh reported Wayne Dixon raised his monthly water operator fee to $500, $250 for water & $250 for sewer starting January 2023. He also noted that Wayne intends to retire from Mason City in June of 2023. Charlene motioned to approve Wayne Dixon’s fee increase ($500 per month starting in January), Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

6. **Animal/Insect Report**: Nothing to report.

7. **Police Department**: Officer Kelly reported he spoke with a resident regarding the side by side that was being driven in town. He also reported he passed the part-time academy, and was hired full-time by the Havana City Police Department. He expressed great appreciation for the Village of Easton board for sending him through training to start this process. He will start as Police Chief for the Village in January.

8. **Treasurer’s Report**: Judy presented the reports. She noted that all funds were normal. A motion was made by Brock and seconded by Zain to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business**:

1. None.

10. **New Business**:

1. 2022-2023 Tax Levy Ordinance – Kent motioned to approve the ordinance as presented. Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.
2. 406 E. Mason St. Property – The tax buyer for this property refused the property & it had to be resold. Property not available until 2024. Mr. Williams asked for the property to be cleaned up then he would maintain the property after that is finished. Kate will check into bids for the initial clean up.
3. Review FOIA Officers – Charlene and Joanna will continue to be the FOIA officers in 2023.
4. IMLRMA Annual Insurance Renewal and Premium – Kate explained the bill for the annual insurance premium would be $11,778.54 if paid by November 18th, which includes a savings of $117. Don motioned to approve the insurance premium and pay by the 18th; Charlene seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken and motioned carried 5-0.
5. Elected Board Members – to be discussed in executive session.

11. **Executive Session:** At 7:32 p.m. Zain motioned to go into Executive session. Motion seconded by Kent.

At 7:50 p.m. resumed regular session.

**New Business: 10 – E.** Kate informed the board she will be resigning on November 30th, but she will still volunteer her time for the water grant and the ongoing lawsuit from 2019. Charlene motioned to accept Kate’s resignation, Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

12. **Continue Meeting**: Don motioned at 7:50 p.m. to continue the meeting on November 28th. Zain seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2022.

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Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk