

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – November 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held November 8, 2021. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:01 p.m. Those in attendance were Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, Don Mustered, and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Public: None.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 4, 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 she received the bill for sealcoating from IRC, the amount was larger than what was approved. Josh will be checking into this. All other 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 6-0.
4. **Street Department:** Josh reported that he had spoken with someone from Backwoods Tree Service regarding tree removal for the village. They quoted \$5,600 to remove the trees by the village hall. He noted that Randy's Tree Service had quoted approximately \$2,000 less. He reported he had burned the brush pile at the lagoons. He had a flat tire on the backhoe he had repaired, he noted the rims were rusting and will be checking prices for new ones or possibly cleaning and sealing them. He also had new mud flaps and brackets installed on the village truck by K & H.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh said the EPA is needing another water service line inventory for residences, he anticipates having this completed by the end of the year. He received a notice from Hawkins, Inc. that they will no longer be supplying the sodium fluoride the village currently uses. He said that due to this, the village may need to switch to a different chemical. Switching chemicals will cost between \$300 - \$3,000 depending on the amount of equipment that will need to be switched to accommodate the change. The village would also have to get approval from the EPA to switch to a new chemical. Wayne Dixon knows of another company that still carries the sodium fluoride the village is using now; Josh will be checking into that company. There is nothing new to report regarding the water grant.
6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Kate addressed that there is still an ongoing issue with several loose dogs in the village.
7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis read the police report as presented. He noted several citations have been issued to do ordinance violations. Nothing unusual to report.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received checks for property taxes, and income taxes. The expenses for the General Fund were high last

month due to the audit payment and annual insurance payment. All other funds were normal. A motion was made by Eric and seconded by Brock to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. Old Business:

A. 2021-2022 Tax Levy – This year's levy did not have the individual item totals broken down and due to this Joanna spoke with Cindy from the auditor's office and she said the way the levy is written this year would be ok, and she did not foresee any issues regarding the audit next year. Kate recommended making sure next year's levy was broken down per item, unlike this year's levy, which only totals of sections were included. Brock made a motion to approve the FY22 Tax Levy as presented, as well as letting the lawyer's office know that next year we prefer the amounts be broken down into item totals. Don seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

B. Alley Spraying & Maintenance – Austin Williams gave a quote for alley maintenance which includes approximately 40 gallons of weed killer. Austin would charge \$7 per gallon used bringing the total cost to approximately \$300. Kate recommended having him do the spraying next spring.

10. New Business:

A. IC Cross Country/Track Donation Request – Joanna explained Laura Karker contacted the village asking for a donation for new warm ups for the IC Cross Country/Track teams. The board discussed having a budget for yearly donations and they would be given out on first come, first serve basis. Kate recommended \$1,000 starting amount for the total budgeted amount. Eric motioned to approve a \$100 donation to the IC Cross Country/Track teams and approve budgeting \$1,000 per year for donations. Don seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 6-0.

B. FOIA Officers – Joanna and Charlene are currently the designated FOIA officers are the village.

C. Site Restriction Ordinance – Kate noted that after reviewing the previous ordinance for motor homes/camper within the village she found several issues making the ordinance not sufficient. She will be discussing the changes requested with the village lawyer including, but not limited to: proper licensing, not being used as a permanent residence, not using the rv as storage, etc.

11. Public Comments/Suggestions: Kate recommended using some of the funds the village received from the ARPA funding to build a chain-link fence around the sewer lagoons.

13. Continue Meeting: Kent motioned at 8:15 p.m. to continue this meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk