

Village of Easton Regular Meeting – December 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held December 2, 2019. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:02 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn and Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, Don Mustered, and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Joanna Mustered and Judy Miller.

Absent: Eric Ratliff

Public: None.

2. Chalene motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held November 4, 2019. Don seconded the motion and the motion carried with all ayes.

3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. All reports are normal. Kate noted that the AT&T bill was higher than normal. Someone will call AT&T to inquire about the increase. It was also noted that a voided check is still showing up on unpaid bills, the auditor has been contacted to see how to resolve this issue through Quickbooks. Kent made the motion to approve all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Zain. Voice vote taken and approved 5-0.

4. Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the board that he had burned the brush pile at the lagoon. Kate inquired whether the gates to the brush pile should be closed. It was agreed that the dump will be closed from January 1, 2020 until the April meeting. The main hole at 3rd St. and Main St. was repaired by the IDOT. The mortar had fallen out causing the bricks to fall as well. IDOT laid new bricks and recovered the hole. Josh checked with the Mason County Health Department regarding shutting water off for non-payment during the winter months. The Health Department stated there were no regulations prohibiting the shut off of water during the winter months. The EPA inspected the water treatment plant on November 26th. The Village may not receive the report from this inspection until January. Josh stated that the EPA did not mention any deficiencies while the inspection was being performed. Josh checked with the Illinois Municipal League regarding putting liens on rental property if tenants have not paid their water bills. The Illinois Municipal League noted that putting liens on properties for tenants not paying their water bills is permissible. (Ordinance #374 covers this information.) Kate recommended sending a letter to the homeowner regarding the late payments due from the tenants with impending liens if payment is not made.

Street Department: Josh noted a tree fell in the alley by the church. The tree was removed and the alley cleaned of debris.

5. Animal/Insect Report: Nothing to report.

6. Police Department: Chief Willis informed the board that the Sheriff's Department had contacted him regarding damage to a shelf in the Post Office lobby. He followed up with a report on this incident. Ricky Gray has not put a valid license plate sticker on one of his vehicles on his property and will be sent a warning. Chief Willis explained the police report as presented. Both officers, Willis and Williams, are up to date on online police training. Chief Willis will send in the 6 month

roster at the end of the year. Officer Williams sent several reports regarding a residence to the Mason County Health Department, as well as to DCFS.

7. Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the reports. The General Fund had higher than normal expenses due to road repairs, the annual insurance premiums, and the annual audit. The Water Fund also had higher expenses due to the annual insurance premium. The Petty Cash fund had an expense for office supplies, with a deposit from the General Fund to cover that expense. Charlene motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion seconded by Brock and carried with all ayes.

8. Old Business:

A. None.

9. New Business:

A. Joanna shared the meeting dates for the upcoming year with the board. There was discussion on which day in September the meeting should be held. Due to Labor Day it was recommended that the date be set on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day, September 8th. Kent made a motion to approve setting September 8th as the regular board meeting for September. Zain seconded this motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

10. Comments/Suggestions: Kate stated a resident requested copies of the ordinance regarding bar hours and the ordinance regarding the easement. Kate also informed the board that the person Josh checked with regarding writing grants for the water/sewer repairs requests 5% of up to \$18,000 of grant money. Kate will contact Representative Hammond to see if there are other options available before going forward.

11. Executive Session: None held.

12. Kent motioned at 7:44 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Don. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020.

Joanna Mustered–Village Clerk