**Village of Easton**

**Regular Meeting – December 5, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held December 5, 2022. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, and Don Mustered. Absent: Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Chief Willis.

2. Don Mustered III offered to fill the position of Village Mayor until the next election which will be in April 2023. Eric made the motion to appoint Don as the pro-tem mayor/president and to have him replace Kate as a signer on all checking/savings accounts, safe deposit box and debit card with the Community Bank of Easton thus to allow him to sign checks, make purchases with the debit card for Village purposes and to have access to documents in the safe deposit box.. Charlene seconded the motion. Don abstained from voting. Motion carried with all ayes.

3. Public: None

4. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 7, 2022 were read. Eric motioned to approve the minutes. Zain seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

5. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna explained all bills were normal for the month. Eric motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Kent seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

6. **Street Department**: Josh reported he had burnt the brush pile again. He also reported Tim Clark has finished all the concrete jobs he was hired to do within the village this year, including the curb by the post office.

 **Water/Sewer Department**: Josh reported the high service pump burned up during the brownout. He had this replaced. Josh will be meeting with the EPA on the coming Thursday for the water plant inspect. Josh also reported that the annual IRWA conference will be held on February 21-23 and he plans to attend as he does yearly. Charlene motioned to approve paying for the conference registration and lodging for Josh during the conference, Eric seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.

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

8. **Police Department**: Chief Willis explained the police report as presented. He recommended raising the fine amount for loose animals in the village ordinance. Joanna will contact Mr. Lindner regarding this. Chief Willis announced he will be retiring at the end of this month and he expressed his sincere appreciation to the village board for the opportunity to work in this community.

9. **Treasurer’s Report**: Judy presented the reports. She noted that all funds were normal. She also noted that the village received the last property tax payment for this year. A motion was made by Kent and seconded by Charlene to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

10. **Old Business**:

1. None.

11. **New Business**:

1. Review of Executive Session Minutes – Eric motioned to keep the Executive Session minutes closed. Zain seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 5-0.
2. 2023 Regular Meeting Dates – Charlene motioned to approve the regular meeting dates for 2023 as presented, Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
3. Ameren Tree Trimming Program – Joanna explained the communication the village received from Ameren regarding replacement trees for the trees Ameren will be removing. She will contact Ameren to sign up for this.
4. FOIA/OMA Training Certificates – Joanna reminded the board it was time to renew the FOIA certificates for the next year.

12. **Adjourn Meeting**: Ken motioned at 7:37 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023.

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 Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk