

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – December 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held November 2, 2020. The meeting was held in the Easton Fire Department Building and called to order at 7:01 p.m. Those in attendance were Village President, Kate Nunn, Trustees: Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, Don Mustered, Charlene Fangmeier and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Public: Richard DeVore and Scott DeSplinter

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 2, 2020 were read. Brock motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Don seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Joanna informed the board the village had received the sealcoating bill from IRC, totaling \$29,833.54. Kate recommended paying \$15,000 out of the MFTF and the remaining \$14,833.54 out of the General Fund. Joanna noted she had submitted a request for reimbursement for PPE and the police salaries to the DCEO Local CURE Reimbursement Program that is available due to the COVID pandemic. Kent motioned to approve all the bills as presented and to pay IRC as recommended. Eric seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 6-0.

4. **Street Department:** Josh reported he had replaced the stop sign at the corner of 3rd & Park Streets. He also noted the flags have been taken down along Main Street.

Water/Sewer Department: Josh informed the board that the floats in the wet well were replaced in November. The water tower inspection was done; he expects to have results within a few weeks. Mr. Scott DeSplinter from CMT presented to the board the progress his company has made on writing the grant for the water repairs/upgrades. He shared that they were looking at adding two loops to the distribution system as part of the proposed upgrades. He explained that they are including 85 radio meters to replace the existing water meters in the grant, as well as replacing the aerator. Mr. DeSpinter went over the options available to replace the aerator with the board and explained each option thoroughly. The Village will need to decide which option to pursue and the Village also needs to decide if there are any mains we would like replaced. Currently, there are 18,000 linear feet of mains. He will provide an estimate of cost for adding the distribution loops at the next presentation.

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

7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis read the police report as presented. Chief Willis and Officer Williams will be completing IVC update training on Wednesday. He also noted Officer Williams has completed online training in the last week. He also informed the board they have been following up on ordinance violation.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received a deposit of a little over \$4,000 from property tax, a deposit from income tax and a deposit from state use tax. All other accounts are normal. Zain motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. Updating Zoning Ordinance – Tabled

10. **New Business:**

A. 2021 Regular Meeting Dates - Joanna presented the proposed meeting dates for 2021, and explained that in September the meeting was moved to the first Tuesday of the month due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday. Brock motioned to approve the 2021 Regular Meeting Dates as presented. Don seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

B. Review Executive Session Meeting Minutes - Kate recommended keeping the Executive Session Minutes closed. Charlene motioned to keep the Executive Session Minutes closed, with Zain seconding the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

C. Review of IMRF Rate Changes - Joanna explained the Village IMRF rates will change from 7.73% to 1.38% in 2021.

D. Meeting Options During Pandemic - Joanna shared information from the Illinois Municipal League regarding ways members of a public party can participate in meetings while the State is under a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. Kate recommended the continuation of holding the Village meetings at the Fire Department building during the pandemic. The board agreed this was a good choice. Kate will speak with the Fire Chief regarding the continued usage of the building for future meetings.

11. **Public Comments/Suggestions:** A resident informed the board there are many potholes in the alley by TT's Place, making driving difficult. Josh will look into this issue. Kate recommended spraying for weeds in the alleys in the Spring as well.

13. **Adjourn:** Kent motioned at 7:49 p.m. to adjourn meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2021.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk