

Regular Meeting –December 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held December 5, 2016. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Mindy Lowers, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Veronica Armbrust, Dixie Riegel, Lisa Lynn, Kent Gray and Aaron Miller. Others in attendance were Bob Harris, Chief Buddy Willis, Judy Miller and Kate Nunn.

Public/Guest: None/ Misty Bell, Business Incubator

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 7th were read. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dixie seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. Misty spoke of the presentation by Gisele Hamm last month in Mason City that had 20 attendees. The next meeting is in Mason City at the Do Drop Inn on January 10, 2017. The committee must have 30-60 people participating to be able to go forward with the mapping. Cost of the mapping is \$1,500 and involves a 5 week session. Misty is asking the Village of Easton to host the 2nd session.

4. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Kent motioned to approve all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Charlene. Voice vote taken and approved 6-0.

5. **Street Department:** Bob noted that the 2017 estimated Motor Fuel Fund budget does include sealcoating of the highway by the lagoons and park. Also, the Federal Government required that improvements be made to the sidewalk to the south of the Post Office building. Bob has removed it and will have Josh Walters pour a new sidewalk in the spring.

Water/Sewer Department: Bob reported that the IEPA has still not given the go ahead on drilling a new well. Mike Burris is still working on this issue. Crawford, Murphy & Tilly is continuing to work on getting a separate tank for any back flush which would eliminate the EPA issue with storm water draining into the sewer system.

6. **Animal/Insect Report:** None.

7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis informed Trustees that he had to go to court on a speeding ticket issue which the Village won. He will be able to start working more hours.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports and noted that we have received \$979 in property tax revenue which is the final check. All funds are down due to the payment of the audit and insurance expenses. Charlene motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion seconded by Veronica and carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. None.

10. New Business:

- A. The existing Nuisance Ordinance has some basic stipulations on weed control but is somewhat vague. To consider adding a section into the High Weeds Ordinance to include addressing the issue of blowing grass clippings and leaves into the streets and alleys.
- B. A schedule of tentative meeting dates for 2017 was presented to the Trustees (schedule is attached). Lisa motioned to approve the 2017 meeting dates as presented. Veronica seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- C. Charlene made the motion to not release any of the executive minutes to date. Aaron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.
- D. Just a reminder of those that a required to annually take the FOIA and OMA training.

11. Comments/Suggestions: Aaron made the announcement that this is his last meeting as he is moving to the Havana area.

12. No executive session held.

13. Veronica motioned at 7:57 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kent. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2017


Cathy J. Nunn—Village Clerk