

Regular Meeting – October 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held October 2, 2017. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Joanna Mustered, Trustees: Charlene Fangmeier, Josh Walters, Kent Gray and Dixie Riegel. Others in attendance were Bob Harris, Chief Buddy Willis, Judy Miller and Kate Nunn.

Absent: Larry Kolves

Public: Jean Huber, Nelda Freeman, Richard Devore, Zane Atterberry and Jerry Lynn

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held September 11th and the continued meeting held September 26th were read. Charlene made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes

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

4. **Street Department:** Nothing to report.

Water/Sewer Department: Bob has received the permit to do the new well. He will call Grosch to set up a time to start work on the new well.

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

6. **Police Department:** As noted in the monthly report. Chief Willis has talked to the property owners of 303 S. 3rd about the tall grass and has contacted Mason City State Bank regarding tall grass at 311 E. Mason. The Bank will have the Swaar Brothers mow the property. Chief Willis also spoke to Danny Devore Sr. about burning trash. Mr. Devore stated that he will get a garbage service to regularly pick up his trash.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. We have received \$13,800 in property taxes for the General Fund. Income and expenditures were normal for the Water/Sewer Fund and the Motor Fuel Tax Fund had high expenses for the month due to payment to IRC for seal coating. Dixie motioned to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion seconded by Charlene and carried with all ayes.

8. **Old Business:**

- A. To be discussed in Executive Session.
- B. To also be discussed in Executive Session.

9. **New Business:**

- A. To be discussed in Executive Session.

- B. Kent motioned to approve BJ Armbrust purchasing 3 decorative lamp posts to be installed in the downtown area between TT's Tavern and the Bank. Josh seconded the motion with the motion being carried with all ayes.
- C. Kate informed Trustees that the Comptroller's Office is attempting to change the annual audit from a cash basis to accrual. She has spoken with our auditor, Cindy Foote, who stated that the CPA Society is working to convince the Comptroller's Office to not make this change for smaller communities as it is not applicable and would be very costly to these communities.
- D. Dixie motioned to approve Halloween hours to be on Tuesday evening of October 31st for the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and to post a notice at the Town Hall, Bank and the information box by the post office. Motion seconded by Josh and carried with all ayes.

10. Comments/Suggestions: Donnie Mustered spoke of his interest in being considered for one of the Trustee positions. Nelda Freeman and Jerry Lynn complimented the Board on the improvement made to the Colander property (Swaar Bros. mowed and cleaned up the yard). Richard Devore brought up that Kenny Stiltz is parking a truck and trailer in the yard plus has several junk cars. Richard felt that it was unfair for other residents to be punished for having such items in their yard and Kenny was not. Chief Willis will review the situation and address accordingly.

11. Executive Session: At 7:36 p.m. Charlene motioned to go into Executive session to discuss the Water/Sewer and Street Superintendent personnel and open Trustee seats. Motion seconded by Kent.

At 8:23 p.m. resumed regular session.

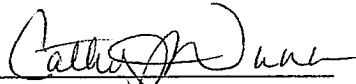
Old Business: 8 – A. Charlene motioned that the starting date for Josh Walters, the new Water/Sewer Superintendent and Street Superintendent, will be November 1, 2017 with Bob Harris using accumulative vacation time to stay on as a backup for Josh through December 31, 2017. She also motioned that the starting salary for Josh as the Water/Sewer Superintendent will be \$16,000.00 annually and \$14.00 per hour as Street Superintendent with a review of the position and salary to be done after the 6 month probation period. As there was not a quorum due to Josh abstaining from the vote, a vote will be taken at the November 6th meeting.

8 – B. Charlene motioned to post a notice for a Water/Sewer Clerk position at a salary of \$150.00 per month with a deadline to receive applications by October 31, 2017 plus, to also look at using an outside firm to provide comparable services versus hiring a clerk. Motion seconded by Dixie and carried with all ayes.

New Business: 9 – A. Trustees had reviewed all interested parties for the 2 open Trustee seats. Dixie made the motion to offer a seat to Eric Ratliff and Brock Riggins. Motion seconded by Josh and carried with all ayes

12. Kent motioned at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Josh. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2017.


Cathy J. Nunn Village Clerk