

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held September 9, 2019. The meeting was held in the Village Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were President Kate Nunn, Trustees: Eric Ratliff, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, , Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered. Absent: Charlene Fangmeier

Public: None.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 5th, 2019 were read. Eric motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Kent seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes
3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. Brock motioned to approve all the bills as presented. Zain seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and motion carried 4-0.
4. **Street Department:** Josh reported that he had no new information on the grants the village has been looking into. A resident on South 2nd street had contacted Josh regarding a limb over hanging their house from a tree on city property. They would like the tree trimmed. Josh will contact Randy's Tree Service to get a price for this. Another resident had requested a tree on city property to be taken down at the corner of 2nd St. and Promenade. Randy's Tree Service gave a bid of \$525. Because this price is higher than normal, Josh will speak with them again to make sure this price is correct. The same resident at this address was also wanting their culvert fixed, which the village board discussed in August's meeting. The cost of the culvert will be \$950 for a 50 ft culvert, which will be at the home owner's expense. The expense of this project prompted the board to suggest looking into other ways to repair the culvert, such as patching. Josh will see if this is a possibility. The roads that were approved have been seal coated. The company ran out of gravel and will return to finish this when they do the streets for Kilbourne. Kate informed the board that a concerned citizen had contacted her regarding pole lights out by TT's and at the end of North 1st St. She will call Ameren to report this and get it repaired. A tree in the alley between north 1st and North Hayes St. has over grown around a light pole. Josh will check with the homeowner for permission to trim this tree if the tree is on the homeowners property, if the tree is on the easement he will just go ahead and trim it. Another garage door opener is needed for Officer Williams. Josh recommended a commercial one at the cost of \$100. Eric motioned to approve purchase of the garage door opener, with Brock seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Department: Signs have been put up at the sewer lagoons to deter residents from entering the ponds. A total of 4 water customers had their water turned off due to no payment. Josh met with the EPA in July and they want the duck weed in the ponds to be cleared. They also want the inside walls of the lagoons to be cleared of vegetation due to debris falling into the lagoons. The cost of the chemical to take care of this issue is \$1,200 to cover 5 acres. Wayne Dixon will assist Josh with this project. Josh reported the Easton Park had a leak. The water usage was 60,000 gallons for the month of July. The water was turned off at the meter and

IRWA has been contacted to come check on this and help possibly find the leak. Discussion of the possibility of giving a break on the bill was tabled until next meeting.

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

7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis noted that several infractions in the village that he had sent letters to, had corrected the issues. The property owners of 303 S. 3rd St. were sent a certified letter that has been return again. The letter for the property at North 204 2nd St. was also returned. Both of these property owners now have a court date set. All the information has been sent to the village attorney, Blake Lindner. Office Williams will be attending a class “Stop the Bleed” offered for free by the Havana Police Department. The village police department will receive a free 1st Aid kit with this class. Officer Willis also looked more into the tires of the squad car and does not think they need replaced before winter.

8. **Treasurer’s Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that the General Fund received small check for property taxes and another check for income taxes. The Water/Sewer fund normal spending, except for engineering and repairs. All other funds were normal. A motion was made by Kent and seconded by Eric to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. IML Consideration Adult Use Cannabis Ordinance - It is recommended that the village hold a public hearing regarding an ordinance allowing or not allowing a business to sell cannabis within the city limits. Kate will speak with Blake regarding the ordinance template. She mentioned that many additional ordinances were required to allow this. Including sales tax & zoning. A public hearing will be held 1st prior to the decision of this issue. She will also check with other towns to see how they have handled this as well.

B. Trustee Replacement – Eric motioned to appoint Don Mustered as replacement for vacant trustee position. Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

C. Eric reported that Janssen Concrete has begun repairs of the approved sidewalks.

10. **New Business:**

A. None

13. **Adjourn:** Kent motioned at 8:20 p.m. to continue the meeting on September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2019.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk