

Village of Easton

Regular Meeting – June 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Easton Board of Trustees was held June 3, 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: Charlene Fangmeier, Kent Gray, Zain Attebery, and Brock Riggins. Others in attendance were Chief Buddy Willis, Josh Walters, Judy Miller, and Joanna Mustered.

Absent: Larry Kolves, Eric Ratliff

Public: None.

2. Charlene motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 6, 2019. Kent seconded the motion and the motion carried with all ayes.
3. All bills were given to the Trustees for review and approval. A motion was made by Kent to approve the bills as presented, Brock seconded the motion. Voice vote taken and approved 4-0.
4. **Street Department:** Josh will be cold patching the village roads as soon as he receives the patch material. A pot hole by the post office was discussed and will be patched along with the rest of the ones he will be repairing.

Water/Sewer Department:

- Josh informed the Board that the hydrant at the corner of Promenade and Route 10 is being replaced, due to when the valve broke in the hydrant in the winter, it released water back down the line that froze and broke the water line.
 - All fire hydrants in the village were flushed on June 1, 2019. Also, the hydrant at the water treatment plant will be removed.
 - There is a sinkhole in the alley by the grain elevator. Josh will fill and possibly have Petersburg plumbing run a camera down the line to see where the breakdown is.
 - Josh informed the Board that the last water rate study done by IRWA had incorrect figures and presented the new reports.
 - Scott DeSplinter researched costs to replace water meters, Aeration, and Reaction Basin. A self contained aeration and basin (wet well) is approximately \$250,000. It was pointed out that the wet well has never been replaced. Meter replacement will be approximately \$65.00 each. The Board discussed differences between a SRF Loan vs. Rural Development Funding. Will contact Scott for more information regarding Rural Development funding and to also include lagoon repairs in the project study.
6. **Animal/Insect Report:** Currently awaiting license from the Department of Agriculture for Don Osborn so he is able to start spraying for insects this year. Nothing else to report.
 7. **Police Department:** Chief Willis explained that over 5 letters were sent to property owners regarding mowing. Still working on contacting owners of the property located at 303 S. 3rd St.,

all others have been mowed. Chief Willis qualified with his duty weapon. He also informed the board that he and Officer Williams have to take the LEADS – Use of Force training.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy presented the reports. She noted that all expenses were as usual and nothing out of the ordinary to report. A motion was made by Charlene and seconded by Kent to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with all ayes.

9. **Old Business:**

A. After reviewing the corrected figures for the water rate study, Kate recommended changing the current base rate of 2,000 gallons at a cost of \$31.36 to the new base rate of 1,000 gallons at the cost of \$32.56. With a charge of \$10.62 for each additional 1,000 gallons. This will be reviewed annually. Zain motioned to approve the water rate base effective June 1, 2019. Kent seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken and motion carried 4-0.

B. Kate informed the Board the annual audit was changed to June 10, 2019.

C. Kate informed the Board that Larry Kolves is resigning his seat as trustee due to health issues. Brock motioned to accept Larry's resignation with Zain seconding the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

D. A replacement for the trustee seat was discussed.

10. **New Business:**

A. Due to the resignation of Larry, there is a need to reassign signers for the bank accounts and safe deposit box. Kate recommended Kent Gray be assigned as 3rd signer on the bank accounts and also the safe deposit box. Zain motioned to approve Kent as the new 3rd signer, with Charlene seconding the motion. Voice vote was taken. Ayes – Charlene, Zain, Brock, Kate. Abstain – Kent. Motion carried.

B. Kate explained that there are at least 3 sidewalks that meet the requirements recommended by the IML, that need to be replaced as of right now. Eric will be reviewing other sidewalks around town and will be looking into getting bids to replace/repair those needing repairs.

C. Lawn care for vacant lots were discussed during the police report.

D. The Board discussed the need for mowing of the property referred to as "Floyd's Corner". Kate recommended Austin Williams to mow this property at a cost of \$35 each mowing. Charlene motioned to approve Austin Williams mowing this property with Kent seconding the motion. Motion carried.

E. It was brought to the Boards attention that the ground around the water plant needs to be leveled as mowing is difficult in its current condition. Kate proposed Austin Williams to smooth the ground after the fire hydrant is removed from this location. Brock motioned to approve Austin Williams to level the ground at the water plant, Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Kate mentioned she has been having people inquire about working for the village for community service hours. There are numerous repairs that need to be done including painting curbs, hydrant painting, scrubbing water plant wall, window painting and other various repairs around the village.

13. **Adjourn:** Kent motioned at 8:52 p.m. to adjourn meeting. Brock seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2019.

Joanna Mustered – Village Clerk