

Poland Village Council

REGULAR SESSION

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Caucus meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Cindy Best from Celebrate Poland invited everyone to a fundraiser for Celebrate Poland at Coaches Burger Bar on Tuesday May 9th. Expenses are very high and she would like to discuss maybe tear tab or other chance games to raise money. Mr. Zembower offers his help due to the fact the Rotary is licensed for this type of game. Mr. Zembower said these games of chance leave a mess to clean up.

Mrs. Best also mentions how parking is a problem and wonders if they can put cones up for parking for workers and firetrucks and perhaps block Courtland Street off. Most activities will remain the same with just a few changes.

Mr Graff would prefer that games of chance not be allowed at Celebrate Poland.

Mr. Thompson informs council that Chief Lambert has received another quote for the trade in of our surplus guns and to trade these in to Blue Line LTD and get \$4,350 and spend \$5,295 for 6 new rifles, 6 knight sticks, 6 slings, 6 mounts and 6 magazines. We will spend \$945 to update our armory.

Mr. Thompson also mentions an ordinance for repayment of \$1,808.68 from the Sidewalk Repair Fund to the General Fund. There is a \$3300 repair to cruiser #4. We set aside \$14,650 from the sale of the two vehicles, of this money, \$945 will be used to purchase the guns, and approximately \$12,000 will be used to upgrade 4 computers, 4 docking stations, 4 mounting stations, 4 screen protectors and 3 year bumper to bumper warranty for the police vehicles.

Mayor now opens a bid for the Subaru vehicle that was being auctioned. The sole bid came from DNM auto (Ray Tamburro) in the amount of \$1,000.

Mr. Zembower asks about the \$2,500 bill for the repairs to the John Deere tractor. Mr. Canter informs council this repair has to do with the fixing the deck. We have two cutting mowers and this John Deere needs to be repaired. Zembower also asks if there are any prospects to head the maintenance department.

Mr. Moffie discusses the next step in the process of getting the new police levy onto the ballot. This is a 2.5 mil levy and will appear on the November ballot.

Mr. Canter informs council that Sergeant Koenig would like to have 16 hours of prior year vacation carried over this year due to him not being able to take off due to staffing issues.

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Mr. Canter informs council that he has received an invoice for \$2,148.81 from Isaac Wiles attorneys at law, for the eminent domain issues due to the street lighting project. We have already received reimbursement for most of their fees and did not know this invoice was outstanding.

Mr. Graff expresses concerns about people speeding and not stopping at stop signs on Nesbitt. Chief Lambert informs council he will increase patrols in this area.

Canter has the meeting minutes from 4-4- and 4-18-23, todays bank balance printout and the check register for the entire year.

The solicitor filed a complaint with the Ohio Attorney General's office for solicitation letters from a supposed charity that were saying Poland City council needs to hear from you and you need to donate money to Poland City Council to help address crime problems Poland City is facing. It certainly made it clear they were representing they were approved to solicit donations on our behalf. They were not. He has also compiled the 3 engineering quotes from the 3 firms who submitted their intent to become the Village engineer. This will be passed onto the mayor and the engineering committee.

Pledge is now recited at 7:30.

Roll Call was taken with the following Members present:

Mr. Christopher Graff, Member of Council

Mr. Samuel Moffie, Member of Council

Mr. Michael Zembower, Member of Council

Mr. Michael Thompson, President of Council

Mr. James Walkama, Member of Council

Mrs. Abbie Bosak, Member of Council

Mr. Timothy Sicafuse, Mayor

Also present were: Mr. Robert Canter, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Jay Macejko, Solicitor

Mrs. Amy Brenoel, Clerk of Council

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1. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

4-4-23 & 4-18-23

A motion was made by Mr. Graff, seconded by Mrs. Bozak
to accept the minutes of the previous meeting(s):

Vote: Graff, Thompson, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Zembower
Motion carries 6-0.

Notification of Upcoming Meetings and Events to the Public and the News Media.

Committees

Blupr:	<u>5-16-23 6:30 pm Village Hall</u>
Finance:	<u>TBD</u>
Legislation:	<u>TBD</u>
Police:	<u>6-6-23 @ 6:30 p.m. Village Hall</u>
Streets:	<u>5-16-23 @6:30 p.m. Village Hall</u>

Boards and Commissions

Architectural Review Board	<u>6-5-23@ 7 pm Village Hall</u>
Planning Commission	<u>5-17-23 @ 7:00 p.m. Village Hall</u>
Board of Zoning Appeals	<u>NA</u>
Western Reserve Joint Fire District	<u>5-10-23 @ 7:00 p.m. Station 93</u>
Poland Municipal Forest Board	<u>5-23-23@ 7:00 p.m. Village Hall-Regular Meeting</u>
Hine Memorial Fund Board	<u>5-18-23 @ 9 am Presbyterian Church</u>

Council

First and Third Tuesday monthly. Caucus at 7:00 p.m.
June, July, August meetings are 3rd Tuesday of month.
Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Poland Village Town Hall
Next Regular Meeting:
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at Poland Village Town Hall

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Report from the Mayor- Timothy Sicafuse-

MS4 permit was done by Bernie Petro. We will receive an invoice for the work done.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to accept the Mayor's report.

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Walkama - yeas.

Motion carries 6-0

2. Report from the Fiscal Officer- Robert Canter.

As reported in caucus.

A motion was made by **Mr. Graff** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to accept the Fiscal Officer's report.

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Walkama - yeas.

Motion carries 6-0

4. Report from the Zoning Administrator Team -

Mayor briefly speaks about offering the Zoning administration to Maureen O'neil.

5. Report from the solicitor- Jay Macejko

As reported in caucus.

A motion was made by **Mr. Moffie** and seconded by **Mr. Thompson** to accept the Solicitor's report.

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Motion carries 6-0.

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6. Report from the Chief of Police -

Passed around a body camera and everything is moving smoothly.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to accept the Chief of Police report.

Vote: Graff, Thompson, Walkama, Moffie, Bosak, Zembower- yeas.

Motion carries 460.

7. Report from the Street Commissioner

na

8. Report from Engineer-liaison -

NA

9. Reports from outstanding committees of council.

A.) Finance, Wage, Audit & Insurance Committee-

NA

B.) Legislation Policy Committee-. NA

C.) Police and Fire Committee

NA

D.) Streets, Sidewalks & Drainage Committee—NA

E.) Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee: NA

10. Reports from Boards.

A. Planning Commission- Had an informal meeting last month, just mayor, Mark and Abbie. Talked about historic preservation and revamping design in the preservation code.

B. Board of Zoning Appeals- NA

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- C. **Architectural Review Board-** Met last night. This is the 3rd consecutive meeting that the agenda was not posted as required before the meeting. Mr. Zembower voted no on all issues due to this. The board went forward with business in spite of Mr. Zembower expressing his concern the meeting agenda was not posted 24 hours beforehand. The board approved a sign for Consign and Design. Mark Thompson gave a presentation on ideas that came out of the strategic planning committee.

The minutes are now posted on the website and up to date.

A motion was made by **Mrs. Bosak** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to accept the ARB Report.
Vote: Graff, Thompson, Walkama, Moffie, Zembower, Bosak- yeas.
Motion carries 6-0.

D. Forest Board-

Mr. Graff reports the board met April 25, 2023. The garlic mustard pull was rained out for the second week in a row. The comfort station will be operational within a week. 400 saplings will be delivered and planted this Thursday, and this operation will be headed by James Brammer. The board talked about the report being compiled by Enviroscience. They also discussed the erosion on Thatcher trail.

A motion was made by **Mr. Moffie** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to accept the Forest Board Report.

Vote: Graff, Thompson, Walkama, Moffie, Zembower, Bosak- yeas.
Motion carries 6-0.

E. Hine Memorial Board-
NA

F. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees-

Did not meet.

Mrs. Amy Brenoel now recites the Oath of Office.

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11. Reports from Special Committees.

Had a police levy committee meeting last Monday. We are starting to compile information for getting this levy passed. We still need to have someone open a campaign account. Mr. Moffie thanks Alison Dunham for her excellent work on the levy fliers.

12. Communications from Poland Village Residents -

Elinor Zedaker-70 Poland Manor- Elinor informs council she was waiting in her car at the College Street entrance to the Poland Forest. She sat in her vehicle for 30 minutes each day and not a single volunteer showed up. She feels very strongly that Celebrate Poland should not introduce any type of gaming (gambling) to the event. She wants to thank James Brammer for the saplings. All saplings are native to the Ohio region.

Rob Dunham-214 Edna Street. He wants to thank Mr. Zembower for his comment on the ARB meeting and raising his concerns with the way business has been conducted at these meetings. He offers to make a checklist to use at all meetings the village may hold.

13. New Business - N/A

14. Old Business -

Mr. Moffie informs council the bunting went up on the RTE 170 Bridge. Thanks BFI for donating the funds used for the bunting. Senator Rulli may be able to get us 75,000.00 for forest connector. We have a 50/50 chance of getting the money.

15. Motions, Ordinances, and Resolutions -

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to ratify the prior tentative approval of repairs to cruiser #4 in the amount of \$3,303,75 to Donnell Ford.

Vote: Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS

Motion carries 6-0

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Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff waive the three readings of a resolution declaring certain village property no longer needed for municipal purposes as surplus and authorizing the sale of equipment with the sale price being a credit as part of a single contract and declaring an emergency.

Roll Call Vote: *Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS*
Motion carries 6-0

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff for the passage of a resolution declaring certain village property no longer needed for municipal purposes as surplus and authorizing the sale of equipment with the sale price being a credit as part of a single contract and declaring an emergency.

Roll Call Vote: *Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS*
Motion carries 6-0

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to approve the purchase of 4 laptop computers, 4 docking stations, 4 mounting stations, 4 screen protectors and a 3 year bumper to bumper warranty in an amount not to exceed \$12,020.

Vote: *Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS*
Motion carries 6-0

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to accept the bid from DNM auto in the amount of \$1,000 for the Subaru vehicle.

Vote: *Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS*
Motion carries 6-0

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie to waive the three readings of an ordinance authorizing the repayment of \$1,808.68 of an advance to the General Fund (fund 1000), from the Sidewalk repair fund and declaring an emergency..

Roll Call Vote: *Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS*
Motion carries 6-0

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie for the passage of an ordinance authorizing the repayment of \$1,808.68 of an advance to the General Fund (fund 1000), from the Sidewalk repair fund and declaring an emergency..

Roll Call Vote: *Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS*
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Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff that council authorize repairs to the John Deere mower not to exceed \$2,500 with repairs done by M&R Equipment.

Vote: Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS
Motion carries 6-0

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie to approve the carryover of 1 day vacation for sergeant Koenig for 30 days.

Vote: Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS
Motion carries 6-0

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie for a passage of a 1st reading for a resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation related to a 2.5 mil additional levy for the operation of a police department.

Vote: Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Zembower YEAS
Motion carries 6-0

16. Second & Third Readings-

DISCUSSION/REMARKS: None.

17. Presentation of Bills –

A motion was made by **Mr. Graff** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to pay the bills.

Vote: Graff, Walkama, Thompson, Moffie, Bosak, Zembower - yeas.
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18. Questions from the Media – NONE

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19. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:

- A. Jim Walkama- NA
- B. Mr Graff- Welcome to our new Clerk of Council. Please think long and hard about disrupting our Celebrate Poland festival with gambling.
- C. Mr. Moffie- NA
- D. Mr. Thompson-na
- E. Mrs. Bosak- the Poland together breakfast meeting went well.
- F. Mr. Zembower- Thanks everyone in the meeting.

20. A motion was made by Mr. Moffie seconded by Mrs. Bosak to adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m.

*Vote: Walkama, Graff, Thompson, Moffie, Bosak, Zembower- yeas.
Motion carries 6-0.*


May 2, 2023
Amy Brenoel, Clerk of Council
Village of Poland, Ohio

The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Caucus will begin at 7:00 p.m., with Regular Session beginning at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Poland Village Town Hall, 308 South Main Street, Poland, Ohio 44514-2082.