

*Poland Village Council*

**REGULAR SESSION**

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REGULAR SESSION at the Poland Village Town  
Hall, 308 South Main Street, Poland, Ohio  
44514-2082 on Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

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

Mr. Canter said invoices were received from Isaac Wiles LLC for work done on the lighting project. The four invoices were from four months of work with a total amount of \$2,140.81. Mr. Thompson acknowledges that his business would not have been as patient waiting for payment of services rendered.

Mr. Canter received an invoice of \$2800.00 for the Austintown Dispatching Services which handles the emergency service dispatching. This is paid out of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Mr. Canter also received an invoice from IT Solutions for the Forest Board Website in the amount of \$3700.00. Council needs to approve because it is over their \$500.00 threshold. Mrs. Elinor Zedaker said the board approved.

Mr. Canter also mentioned that \$1000.00 was needed to repair brakes on the bucket truck and an additional \$1900.00 was needed for a new tractor deck. Mr. Zembower said he is not comfortable taking calls to approve money repeatedly. Discussion on whether the maintenance department can begin to do this work in house.

He also mentions the amount to mount and balance the 6 new tires for the Police Department is \$911.34. Mr. Graff brings up for discussion if the ordinance should be changed so that the Police Chief can charge more than \$250.00 without prior permission. Solicitor Macejko will look into the matter of changing the ordinance.

Mr. Thompson wants to ensure that a timely third reading for the Police Levy is done so that we are able to get it on the ballot. Solicitor Macejko said that yes that matter was taken into account and the timeline is appropriate.

The cost to renew the same policy of Liability Insurance is \$31871.00. Mr. Thompson says that it is an increase of less than 5%.

Mr. Canter said fees are owed for the auditor collecting our real estate taxes. Fees already taken out but Council needs to approve the payment to the auditor because it is over \$3000.00.

June, July and August Council Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of the month.

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Mr. Canter informed Prout Boiler said there is a possibility both boilers may need to be replaced. One was dumping water into the other. Mr. Walkama said check to see if they are under warranty from the company that previously installed them.

Chief Lambert said that 26 traffic stops were made in the Nesbitt, Diana, Evergreen and Edna area. In less than two weeks time 16 stops were made for speeding and/or stop sign violations. They gave 4 citations, and 6 warnings. The area of Johnston Place and Sheridan Road had 6 traffic stops. Parking issues were resolved.

Mrs. Bosak said there is an issue with people riding mowers on the walking trail and with beer cans littering the area. More signs need to be put up in this area. Mr. Thompson said these signs and the visibility of the police are part of the reason we do not have a crime problem.

Mr. Thompson will walk the parade route and be at the cemetery for the service. Encourages anyone who can to respectfully attend.

Mr. Moffie would like the intersection of Riverside and 224 cleaned up because of the parade. It looks bad and is a safety hazard.

Pledge is now recited at 7:30.

**1. 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

**2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

5/2/23

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

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

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

**Committees**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Blupr:       | <u>6-20-23 6:45 pm Village Hall</u>     |
| Finance:     | <u>TBD</u>                              |
| Legislation: | <u>TBD</u>                              |
| Police:      | <u>6-20-23 @ 6:30 p.m. Village Hall</u> |
| Streets:     | <u>6-20-23 @6:30 p.m. Village Hall</u>  |

**Boards and Commissions**

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Architectural Review Board          | <u>6-5-23@ 7 pm Village Hall</u>                       |
| Planning Commission                 | <u>6-21-23 @ 7:00 p.m. Village Hall</u>                |
| Board of Zoning Appeals             | <u>NA</u>  |
| Western Reserve Joint Fire District | <u>6-14-23 @ 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 Meetings**

First and Third Tuesday monthly. Caucus at 7:00 p.m.  
***June, July, August meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month***  
Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Poland Village Town Hall  
Next Regular Meeting:  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at Poland Village Town Hall

**4. Report from the Mayor- Timothy Sicafuse-**

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There is an Engineering Committee meeting May 22, 2023 at 10:00 am. The Celebrate Poland Committee is way behind on fundraising and anything anyone can do individually or collectively as a group would be greatly appreciated. Mayor Sicafuse said as of yet there is no committee for the Police Levy.

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*

**5. Report from the Fiscal Officer- Robert Canter.**

As reported in caucus.

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

**6. Report from the Zoning Administrator Team -**

A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to abstain from reading of the Zoning Administrator report.  
*Vote: Graff, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak, Walkama- yeas. Zembower-abstains*  
*Motion carries -5-0*

**7. Report from the solicitor- Jay Macejko - N/A**

**8. Report from the Chief of Police -**

As reported in the Caucus.

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

**9. Report from the Street Commissioner- N/A**

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**10. Report from Engineer-liaison - N/A**

**11. 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- As reported in Caucus Meeting, \$1900.00  
for tractor deck and \$1000.00 for truck brakes.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to accept the Streets, Sidewalks  
& Drainage Committee report.

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

E.) Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee- Mr. Walkama said they are  
looking to seal the parking lots and get quotes on paving.

A motion was made by Mr. Bosak and seconded by Mr. Thompson to accept the BLUPR report.

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

**12. Reports from Boards.**

A. **Planning Commission-** Next meeting 6-21-23 7 pm.

B. **Board of Zoning Appeals-** N/A

C. **Architectural Review Board-** N/A.

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D. Forest Board- Next meeting 5-23-23.

E. Hine Memorial Board- N/A

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

**13. Reports from Special Committees. - N/A**

**14. Communications from Poland Village Residents –**

Elinor Zedaker-70 Poland Manor- Requests the street department address the decaying tree on the median strip on Poland Manor. Elinor informs the council that while Ohio Edison did a wonderful job moving debris from storm damage, unfortunately their equipment took out huge chunks of the street leaving dangerous holes. They did try to repair it but must do a more comprehensive job as it is still in disrepair. She also mentions that the banner celebrating Poland being the 6th safest community in Ohio needs to be adjusted so that it is readable from the street. Also thinks that maybe the Celebrate committee needs to adjust their budget if they are having a finance issue and make some cutbacks.

Rob Dunham-214 Edna Street. He states that he would like to have the Caucus part of the meeting eliminated as it would benefit everyone involved.

Craig Hockenberry- Thanking Council for their support. There needs to be 2 officers in the village for the schools. . All SRO's will work together, from Township and Village. If there is an event with more than 100 people then there has to be police detail. Also help is needed emptying trash cans at Union. School does not have personnel to collect the waste. Poland Schools pays one custodian to check on trash on the weekends but it is not enough to keep the areas cleaned. Poland Schools are putting a bond on the ballet. School is having an evacuation drill in the village and wants everyone to be aware. Graduation is May 27, 2023. Last day of school is June 2, 2023.

**15. New Business –** Mr. Graff states that the damage on Poland Manor is not a patch job and it needs to be fixed properly. Mr. Thompson suggested that Solicitor Macejko should reach out to Ohio Edison regarding this matter.

**16. Old Business –**

Mr. Moffie said we are still contenders for the forest connector money.

**17. Motions, Ordinances, and Resolutions –**

# *Record of Proceedings*

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Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to ratify payment to Isaac Wiles LLC for eminent domain work in the amount of \$2,148.81.

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

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff for payment in the AMOUNT OF \$2,838.52 dispatch emergency services.

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

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff for the payment to IT Solutions in the amount of \$3,745.54 for the Forest Board Website.

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

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Bosak for \$911.34 to Ram Tuff for six new tires for Police vehicles to be mounted and balanced.

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

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to approve repairs on the bucket truck not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to renew the liability insurance at a cost of \$31,871.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Bosak for the amount of \$1900.00 to repair the tractor deck.

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

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to approve the expenditure of \$15,482.68 for the collection of real estate taxes.

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

#### **18. Second & Third Readings-**

Motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie for a passage of a 2nd 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*

#### **19. Presentation of Bills –**

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to pay the bills.

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

#### **20. Questions from the Media – NONE**

#### **21. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:**

- A. Jim Walkama- Thanks Chief Lambert for handling the traffic issues.
- B. Mr Graff- Thanks Police Chief for the work he is doing and specifically handling the Nesbit, Diana, Edna Evergreen traffic issues.
- C. Mr. Moffie- Thanks Mayor for his work on Police Levy.



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- D. Mr. Thompson- Highly recommends that Council attend the Memorial Day Parade and make themselves visible.
- E. Mrs. Bosak- Warns people driving on Trolley Trail and throwing trash to watch out.
- F. Mr. Zembower- Thanks Mr. Moffie for all the work that he has been doing, with Senator Rulli.

## 20. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Graff seconded by Mrs. Bosak to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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

 May 16, 2023

Amy E. Brenoel, Clerk Of Council  
Village of Poland, Ohio

*The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be Tuesday, June 20, 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.*

*Roberts - a Plan*

REGULAR POLAND VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
May 16, 2023

CAUCUS @ 7:00 P.M.  
MEETING @ 7:30 P.M.

*June 20, July 18, Aug 15  
June, July, August 15*

**AGENDA**

**Action Items**

Isaac Wiles invoices for eminent domain (RC) ←

Invoice for dispatch services (RC) ←

Invoice for Forest Board website (RC) →

Brakes for bucket truck (\$1000) (RC) →

Police Department tires (~~1100~~ 911.34) (RC)

Liability Insurance renewal (RC)

*- 81900 Tractor deck*

**Second and Third Readings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Resolution to place the 2.5 Mill Additional Police Levy on this  
November's ballot (RC)

**Discussion Items/New Business**

**Old Business**

The Meeting will be held at Poland Village Town Hall, 308 S. Main St., Poland,  
Oh. 44514.

