
Poland Village Council

REGULAR SESSION

The Council of the Village of Poland Ohio met in
SPECIAL SESSION at the Poland Village Town
Hall, 308 South Main Street, Poland, Ohio
44514-2082 on Wednesday August 2, 2023

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The Council of the Village of Poland Ohio met in SPECIAL SESSION at the Poland Village Town Hall, 308 South Main Street, Poland, Ohio 44514-2082 on Wednesday August 2, 2023.

Special meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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
Mrs. Abbie Bosak, Member of Council
Mr. James Walkama, Member Of Council

Mr. Timothy Sicafuse, Mayor

Also present: Don Lambert , Chief of Police

Mrs. Amy Brenoel, Clerk of Council

Absent:

Mr. Robert Canter, Fiscal Officer

Jay Macejko, Solicitor

A motion was made by **Mr. Moffie**, seconded by **Mr. Graff**
to excuse Atty. Macejko from the meeting.

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Moffie**, seconded by **Mr. Graff**
to excuse Maureen O'Neil from the meeting.

*Vote:, Graff, Thompson, Moffie, Bosak, Zembower, Walkama
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mayor Sicafuse advises that since it is a special meeting only items on the agenda can be discussed.

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Mayor Sicafuse says that Janice Vitullo moved out of the area leaving an opening in ARB. He reached out to Joan Smith who he knew was interested in the position and would like to appoint her. Mr. Zembower believes that this appointment would not be in the codified timeframe for the mayor to make the appointment and that now the duty should fall to the council.

Mr. Thompson said that because the agenda only says to Appoint Joan Smith to ARB that it can still be done this evening.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Moffie to appoint Joan Smith to ARB.

Vote: *Graff, Thompson, Moffie, Walkama* : yeas

Zembower: Nay

Bosak: Withstain

Motion Carries 4-2

Mr. Zembower mentions that he would like the minutes of the meeting to reflect that he is of the opinion that this violates section 126603 of the codified ordinances and that council was not given their privilege to appoint for this vacant position. He states the appointment, based on timing of the resignation, was made during a time that there was a meeting held that was not meeting the codified ordinances and was against the recommendation of the council representative and the solicitor and the meeting should not have been held.

Mayor Sicafuse said that the committee to choose a village engineer recommends EDG. Mr. Moffie mentions that he would like to find firms as needed for upcoming projects. Mayor Sicafuse said that it is a viable plan to use any firm best suited for a project, but we do need a base engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Graff, seconded by Mrs. Bosak to hire EDG as the Village Engineer Firm.

Vote: *Graff, Thompson, Moffie, Walkama, Bosak, Zembower* : yeas

Motion Carries 6-0

Mayor Sicafuse would like to approve payment to Envirosience for \$5739.55 for the work done in the woods. It is for their design service and all the work they did to get all the permits.

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A motion was made by **Mr. Moffie**, seconded by **Mrs. Bosak**
to pay the invoice of 5739.55 to Envirosience for completed design and permit work.

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

Mayor Sicafuse received word from Pat Ginnitti of Mahoning County that they will be paving North Lima Road next year and that a portion of North Lima Road falls within the village limits and would the village be interested in joining Mahoning County in paving the portion within the village limit so that there is not a joint at the municipal boundary. Estimate cost to the village is \$64,901.00 based on current asphalt cost. County would need money upfront.

Council decides that Atty. Macejko and Mr. Canter will have to find out whose responsibility it is to pave roads in incorporated municipalities or if there is a contract or statute regarding this matter.

Motion by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to accept the 3rd reading of an ordinance amending subsection C of Ordinance 23803 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Poland as enacted by Ordinance 1420-12 October 30, 2012 to address spending limits not requiring preauthorization.

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

Mayor Sicafuse mentions that Craig Hockenberry would like to hire another school resource officer. School will pay 69% of the salary and the village will pick up the 31%. As soon as he hears from Mr. Hockenberry regarding their fiscal responsibility a decision will be made to hire the officer.

Police Chief Lambert discusses the need for hiring a part-time police officer. It will be discussed when Mr. Canter the Fiscal Officer is able to attend the meeting.

Mayor Sicafuse would need to approve the 1000.00 invoice by Environmental Design that will be reimbursed to be able to keep the conversation going on the forest connector project.

A motion was made by **Mrs. Bosak**, seconded by **Mr. Thompson**
to pay the 1000.00 invoice to Environmental Design to keep the process going in regards to the first connector.

Record of Proceedings

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Motion carries 6-0

Next Special Meeting will be Monday August 7, 2023 at 6:30.

REMARKS

Mr. Zembower relays that when there is a vacancy on committee he would like that it be posted so that members of the community that are interested and would like to be involved in the village government be given the opportunity to present interest to council. Mrs. Bosak agrees that she would like more transparency in this matter also. Neither Mr. Zembower or Mrs. Bosak knew of the ARB vacancy and they both are on the committee.

Mr. Zembower asked if there was time to post this vacancy but was told no due to it being a time sensitive matter.

It is agreed that Joan Smith is a fine selection for the board but next time posting the vacancy will give all community members an opportunity to be involved.

Mr. Zembower would like on an agenda the discussion of how ARB has gotten away from abiding numerous rules.

There are 12 pages or ordinances that are not being followed. All he is asking is that he wants the support of the council to help him guide ARB to follow their rules that were voted on and put on the books.

Mr. Moffie adds that when he was on the ARB they voted for ARB to be in charge of Historical Legislation.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Moffie seconded by Mrs. Bosak to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

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

