
Poland Village Council

REGULAR SESSION

The Council of the Village of Poland Ohio met in
REGULAR SESSION at the Poland Village Town
Hall, 308 South Main Street, Poland, Ohio
44514-2082 on Tuesday, September 5, 2023

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge Of Allegiance

1. Roll Call was taken with the following Members present:

- A. Mr. Christopher Graff, Member of Council
- B. Mr. Samuel Moffie, Member of Council
- C. Mr. Michael Zembower, Member of Council
- D. Mr. Michael Thompson, Member of Council
- E. Mr. James Walkama, Member of Council
- F. Mrs. Abbie Bosak, Member of Council
- G. Mr. Timothy Sicafuse, Mayor

Also present were: Mr. Robert Canter, Fiscal Officer
Mr. Jay Macejko, Solicitor
Don Lambert, Police Chief
Maureen O'Neil, Zoning

2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Mr. Canter will email previous council minutes to the council.

3. Guest Presentations:

N/A

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4. Report from the Mayor- Timothy Sicafuse-

Mayor Sicafuse would recommend promoting George Porterfield to the Street Administrator position and hiring John Quimby for the Assistant Street Administrator position. He would then like to review all the other applications and possibly hire a third person, even part time. Maybe save some

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money for another month before the third person is hired. John Quimby is a mechanic and he already does a lot of the work for the Village of Poland. It will save money for the maintenance and street departments.

Michael Thompson mentions that Poland Junior Women’s League is offering the Village to consider sponsoring their group and would like it added to the next meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Walkama to accept the Mayor’s report.
Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Zembower, Walkama Graff, Bosak- yeas
Motion carries 6-0.

5. Report from the Fiscal Officer- Robert Canter.

Mr. Canter just received the bank reconciliation from August .

He will pass around the bills for viewing that need paid.

Mr. Canter is asking the council to approve a payment for health insurance deductibles for Chief Don Lambert. Mr. Canter reviewed the EOB’s and the Chief has met his deductible.

Solicitor Macejko does not see this as a vote for council. This is the application of the current policy.

Mr. Canter states Chief Lambert wants approval to pay for Leed’s program which is 1200.00. He has the money in his funds to pay for this.

Mr. Canter still has the bid for the paving of Meadow Lane.

It is decided that the village will seek out two more bids for the paving of Meadow Lane.

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

6. Report from the Zoning Commissioner-

Maureen O’Neil states that she may have to write citations but will confer with the solicitor regarding the matter.

7. Report from the solicitor- Jay Macejko -

Attorney Macejko is finalizing the engineering contract.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Bosak and seconded by Mr. Walkama to accept the Solicitor's report.

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

8. Report from the Chief of Police –

Chief reports that we will need another police vehicle and would like a secured PO for purchase of said vehicle. Base cost of a car is 45796.00 with 6000.00 for upgrades. You have to order the car one year in advance. Specialized equipment costs are creeping higher and a plan is needed to be able to purchase these vehicles when they are needed. It is not currently part of the budget. Chief has a price for a Dodge Durango but will also get pricing on a Ford and Chevy product.

Mr. Thompson mentions to consider getting a levy secured loan with low interest rate for purchase of emergency vehicles. Then you can have a rotating vehicle replacement schedule. PO can be secured with Law Enforcement Trust but changed next year to come from a different fund.

Mr. Canter explains that funds are actually encumbered when a PO is generated.

Mr. Graff said an increase of 6000.00 for the body cameras is needed to change companies to get better product and service of the body cameras.

Mr. Thompson would like somebody to get involved advocating for the police levy.

Mayor Sicafuse said that he and Chief Lambert have met with JT Whitehouse, but he will reach out to him again to discuss the levy.

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

*Vote: Graff, Zembower, Moffie, Walkama, Bosak, Thompson-yeas.
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9. Report from the Street Commissioner-

Mayor wants to fill vacant spots.

10. Report from Engineer-liaison –

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Mr. Graff states that he talked to Dave McCallaps and was told that they are in talks with Pat Ginetti's office about working together on the trail and bridge project. They are in talks about paving Walker Court, Pamela Court and Hill Drive.

Mayor Sicafuse spoke to Pat Ginetti about why the county will not pave North Lima Road. Solicitor Macejko states that the sales tax that was dedicated to the road should be sufficient to pave the small piece of road in the Village of Poland. He feels it is unacceptable of the county to expect the Village to pave this area.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to accept the Engineer's Report.

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

11. OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

- A. Legislation Policy Committee- N/A
- B. Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee-N/A
- C. Planning Commission-
There was a meeting in August about new business coming to the Village.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to accept the Planning Commissioners Report.

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

- D. Board of Zoning Appeals- N/A
- E. Architectural Review Board-
Mr. Zembower is doing follow up regarding the agendas not being posted 24 hours in advance before the meeting. No agenda was posted so he did not attend any meeting.

Solicitor Macejko agrees that without a posted agenda the meeting should not take place. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to accept the ARB Report.

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Motion carries 6-0*

F. Forest Board-

Mr. Graff reports the 2nd spray for the invasive species was applied by Grand River Forest Company. The signs to prohibit the use of motor and electric vehicles in the forest have arrived and hopefully will be put up in the next couple weeks. Eagle Scout project in the works to build 200 feet of bog bridges. It would be nice if council would attend the First Annual Forest Foundation dinner being held October 21st.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to accept the Forest Board Report.

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

E. Hine Memorial Board-
N/A

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

Mr Thompson reports that they received a grant from Worker's Compensation for a power cot, power load for the third ambulance. It will help prevent injuries to the emergency service workers.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bosak and seconded by Mr. Walkama to accept the WRJFD Report.

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

13. Reports from Special Committees. -

Police Levy meeting September 7, 2023 , 7:00 PM.

14. Communications from Poland Village Residents -

Elinor Zedaker 70 Poland Manor, She is a member of the garden club that was founded in 1943. She states that on August 28th the Poland Village Gardeners had a dedication of a Sundial. She mentions that many generations of the Boniface family came from far and wide to celebrate this occasion.

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She would like the council to know that there is a horrible pothole on St. Route 170 that needs to be addressed and she mentions that she hopes the council will attend the First Annual Forest Foundation Dinner on October 21st at Reserve Run.

15. Discussion /Action Items -

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to pay the invoice of 1200.00 for the Leed's fee to the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to make an expenditure not to exceed 6000.00 out of the Law Enforcement Trust for the body cameras.

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

Mayor Sicafuse would like to get two more bids regarding the paving of Meadow Lane. This will be added on the next agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Moffie to hire John Quimby at 19.40 per hour as Assistant Street Supervisor.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to promote George Porterfield to Street Supervisor at 20.67 per hour.

Roll Call Vote: Graff, Thompson, Bosak, Walkama-yeas
Zembower, Moffie-Nay
Motion carries 4-2

Mayor Sicafuse said that other applications will be reviewed for a third hiring.

16. New Business / Discussion Items-

Mr. Zembower said he was approached by resident Rick Evans of 435 Pamela Court about huge potholes over 2 feet wide and 9 inch deep. He mentions that now that we have a street commissioner we should start the patching process.

Record of Proceedings

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Pamela Court, Walker Court and a small section of road between Nesbit and Edna on Diana that needs patched.

Mr. Zembower wants to know if the meeting will be changed because it is scheduled for Election Day. It will be decided in October.

Second & Third Readings- N/A

17. Old Business-N/A

18. Presentation of the Bills

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

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

Motion carries 6-0

21. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:

- A. Mr. Zembower- No comment..
- B. Mr Graff- No comment.
- C. Mr. Moffie- No comment.
- D. Mrs. Bosak- No Comment
- E. Mr. Walkama- No comment
- F. Mr. Thompson- No comment.

20. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Moffie to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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

Motion carries 6-0.



June 20, 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.

