

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, October 3, 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:

- 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, Absent
- F. Mrs. Abbie Bosak, Absent
- G. Mr. Timothy Sicafuse, Mayor

Also present were: Jay Macejko, Solicitor
Don Lambert, Police Chief
Bob Canter, Fiscal Officer, Absent

A motion was made by Mr. Moffie and seconded by Mr. Thompson to excuse Mr. Walkama, Mrs. Bosak and Mr. Canter.

*Vote: Moffie, Zembower, Graff, Thompson -yeas
Motion carries 4-0.*

2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Held until the next meeting.

3. Guest Presentations:

Mr. Watts, President of Forest Foundation would like everyone to be aware of the First Annual Support The Forest Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Another Round Bar and Grille at Reserve Run Golf Course. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

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Mr. Bob Mastriana, reports to the council that the original design crew and some community members are distraught over the changes the library board made at our nationally recognized library. The changes that were made do not align with the original plans.

Due to the fact changes were made without approval from the design review board, Mr. Mastriana would like the council to get involved to help correct some of the issues that were not in the aesthetic for which the library was recognized

The Library Director, wants to refute what Mr. Mastriana has said and is given permission by Atty. Macejko. She said they painted, got new carpet and new furniture. They removed bricks and used concrete in an area due to safety and stability issues. She feels like her and her staff have been treated badly over this issue.

Mr. Thompson asks her if anyone from the Library Board reached out to the community and also if they got approval for the removal of the bricks and she says that no they did not do either.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4. Report from the Mayor- Timothy Sicafuse-

Mayor Sicafuse talked to Dave McCallaps about the paving of Meadow Lane. Street Levy Funds cannot be used to pave the parking lot.
Black Top Specialists will work best for this project.

Mayor Sicafuse mentions that Halloween hours will be October 31, 2023 5pm-7pm and he reminds everyone that the Fall Festival is Saturday October 7, 2023.

Mayor would like to thank Steve Kristan for answering the questions regarding the Comcast work.

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

Vote: Thompson, Moffie, Graff, Zembower- yeas

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5. Report from the Fiscal Officer- Robert Canter.

N/A

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6. Report from the solicitor- Jay Macejko -

Attorney Macejko said the library issues are on his radar. It will be a topic at future meetings.

He reviewed information received about the Flock camera installed at the school and he has the final version of the Engineering Contract.

He said that the regular council meeting schedule for election night must be moved unless a vote takes place to hold it on that night. He also mentions that leaf pick up season is underway and no leaves should be placed on the street.

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

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

Motion carries 4-0

7. Report from the Chief of Police -

Chief reports that they arrested four people involved in the recent car break ins. Two of them had guns on them and a large stash of marijuana. He stresses that if your car is out the doors need to be locked.

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

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

Motion carries 4-0

8. Report from the Zoning Commissioner-

Maureen O'Neil submitted the report by email.

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

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

Motion carries 4-0

9. Report from the Street Commissioner- George Porterfield-Absent

Mayor reports that the village will have to hire part time help at the next meeting. He will get information to everybody by the next meeting.

Mr. Thompson mentions that the streets are generally in good shape. He suggests one more run of patches before the winter season.

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A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to accept the Street Commissioner Report by Mayor Sicafuse.

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

Motion carries 4-0

10. Report from Engineer-liaison -

Mr. Graff reports that Dave McCallaps recommends Blacktop Specialists for Meadow Drive. No new updates for trail projects on Sheridan Road and still trying to match schedules with Pat Ginetti office.

A motion was made by **Mr. Moffie** and seconded by **Mr. Thompson** to accept the Engineer Report.

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

Motion carries 4-0

11. OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

A. Legislation Policy Committee- N/A

B. Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee-N/A

C. Planning Commission-
N/A

D. Board of Zoning Appeals- N/A

E. Architectural Review Board-

Mr. Zembower has been reviewing communication with the council since February 2023. He would like any business conducted in February, April, May and July to be considered defective. That report will be attached to the email of these minutes.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to accept the ARB Report.

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Thompson, - yeas.

Moffie-nay

Motion carries 3-1

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F. Forest Board-

Met on 9/26/23. They are getting ready to repair some of the parking lots. Eagle scout project to begin to work on trails. Voice thanks to street department for helping with comfort station maintenance. Also signs are in for prohibiting electric and motorized vehicles.

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

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

Motion carries 4-0

E. Hine Memorial Board-

Mr. Thompson reports for Mr. Walkama that the Trusts and Investments are in good shape. The state of the fund is solid.

He mentions the experiment in not treating the green this year has worked out without having negative consequences. Also one more tree will be planted.

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Zembower to accept the Hine Fund Report.

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

Motion carries 4-0

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

Implementation of EMT services continues to go well. The Fire Board thanks the Village for the use of the Village for use of the Village Hill for their meetings.

They are hoping to return to a time when mutual aid can be provided across the Boardman/Poland border.

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

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

Motion carries 4-0

12. Reports from Special Committees. -

Allison Dunham has signs and flyers if needed. No other expense is expected so far.

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13. Communications from Poland Village Residents –

Elinor Zedaker, 70 Poland Manor. Mrs. Zedaker would like to thank Mr. Mastriana for all his work and research he has done. She wonders how long banners are posted on the iron fence. She thanks the street department for the attention to detail that they are providing. Mayor Sicafuse said the banners usually are up for two weeks.

Shelly Duchek, 19 Centennial Drive. Mrs. Duchek mentions that she feels that there should be transparency in government and the ARB agenda should be posted. She also thanks the Police Chief for the arrests made from the car break-ins.

Rob Dunham 214 Edna Street. Mr. Dunham thanks the police for the effort made in investigating the car break ins. He also mentions that regarding the ARB the issues regarding the agendas are awkward. No other board is required to have an agenda. He feels that not having an agenda does not nullify the work that was done at the meeting. He would like to see this agenda issue dropped. He feels that as everyone on this board are volunteers and it is unfair to be villainized for not publishing an agenda.

Robin Uler, 424 South Main Street. She wants to know who regulates the traffic lights and when they go from regular to blinking. Mayor Sicafuse said ODOT District 4 is the office to contact. She offers to help get Street Website up to speed and would also like to get a police levy sign.

Richard Scarsella, a local historian, would like to say that the council is morally responsible to help protect the Poland Library.

Dave Smith 320 North Main Street. Walking tours will be held in the Village. William Arnold family gravesites have been found. Alfred Arnold was the first constable of Poland. The Historical Society will have a fundraiser to put up a marker with all eight names of the people buried there.

Second tour at Old Village Graveyard by the Presbyterian Church. Two ladies from Daughters of the American Revolution have cleaned 14 soldiers' graves.

Kathy Miller, 15 Water Street. She feels that in regards to the library she feels that this was morally irresponsible to change the library without input from the community.

Jason Doctor, 8266 Van Drive. He has tested all the new lighting. He said it is cheap and all wrong. The lights flicker really slow and our eyes can pick that up. He said he could have done the lighting for free and it would have been quality and probably for cost. He can publish all these facts that are undisputable.

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14. Second and Third Readings.

Mr. Thompson addresses why this second reading should be passed. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Zembower debated at length their separate views on this issue. Solicitor Macejko believes that the first vote was proper. Mr. Moffie interjects that he wonders why Mr. Zembower did not take it upon himself to publish the agenda if it was so important to him.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded Mr. Moffie to amend the **ORDINANCE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF POLAND AS ENACTED BY ORDINANCE 1266.04 ON JANUARY 3, 1994 AND FIRST AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 1047.97 ON AUGUST 14, 1997 TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF AN AGENDA PUBLICATION TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN ADVANCE OF AN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING.**

*Roll Call Vote: Mr. Moffie, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Graff-Yeas
Mr. Zembower-nay
Motion passes 3-1*

15. New Business/ Discussions

A motion was made by Mr. Moffie and seconded by Mr. Graff to hire Black Top Specialists for the paving of Meadow Lane.

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Thompson, Moffie- yeas.
Motion carries 4-0

Poland Women's Club sponsorship again discussed. They would also like Edison Lighting to put lights up on the pathways. BLUPR will discuss this issue. Mr. Zembower will in the meantime address the issue with Edison Lighting until Mr. Walkama available. Mr. Thompson wonders if the Village can sponsor a concert.

Mayor thanks Mike in the Lion's Club for the bench that is going to be delivered and installed.

Solicitor Macejko said a motion and a vote is not needed to hire Environmental Design.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff that the Village hire Bryan Flynn at \$20.34 as a patrolman.

Vote: Graff, Thompson, - yeas.
*Moffie, Zembower- Abstain
Motion does not pass*

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16. Presentation of the Bills

N/A

17. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:

- A. Mr Graff- Thanks Bob Mastriana for looking into the library issues. He thanks the community for positive messages on social media.
- A. Mr. Moffie- No comment.
- C. Mr. Thompson- No Comment
- D. Mr. Zembower- Thanks everyone for showing up to the council meeting.
Thanks Mr. Mastriana for work regarding library issues.

18. Adjournment

A motion was made by **Mr. Graff** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to adjourn the meeting at 9:13p.m.
Vote, Graff, Thompson, Moffie, Zembower- yeas.
Motion carries 4-0.



October 3, 2023

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

The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be **Tuesday, October 17, 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.

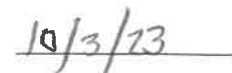
Reports from Boards: Architectural Review Board

- February Meeting
 - o ARB Council Representative expressed that the agenda failed to be posted per the required ordinance (1266.04). Meeting minutes reflect that the ARB Council Representative expressed ARB must post their agenda 24 hours in advance of a meeting per section 1266.04 in the Codified Ordinances of Poland, Ohio.
- March Meeting
 - o No meeting was held.
- April Meeting
 - o ARB Council Representative expressed that the agenda failed to be posted per the required ordinance (1266.04). Meeting minutes reflect that the agenda requirement was not met.
- May Meeting
 - o ARB Council Representative expressed that the agenda failed to be posted per the required ordinance (1266.04). Meeting minutes reflect that the agenda requirement was not met. Council Representative expressed he could not partake in any further votes or business due to violation of the ordinance. A "no vote" is noted in the ARB minutes for the Council Representative.
- June Meeting
 - o Agenda requirement was met. The Village Solicitor spoke on various topics including the need to meet the requirement of posting the agenda per codified ordinance 1266.04.
- July Meeting
 - o ARB Council Representative expressed that the agenda failed to be posted per the required ordinance (1266.04). Council Representative informed the Board that both himself and the Village Solicitor are aligned that the meeting should not be held if the agenda requirement was not satisfied. The Board proceeded to meet despite the failure to meet the necessary agenda requirement.
- August Meeting
 - o No Meeting was held.
- September Meeting
 - o No Meeting was held.
- October Meeting
 - o No Meeting was held.

The Architectural Review Board Council Representative recommends all business conducted by the Board in February, April, May, and July of this year be considered defective.

Please accept this report in writing and submit into the record with the Council meeting minutes.


Michael P. Zembower Jr. – Architectural Review Board Council Representative


Date

