

# Record of Proceedings

Village of Poland, Ohio

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, November 7, 2023

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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, November 7, 2023.

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, Absent
- 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

Also present were: Jay Macejko, Solicitor  
Robert Canter, Fiscal Officer  
Timothy Sicafuse, Mayor

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to excuse Mr. Moffie and Chief Lambert.

*Vote: Zembower, Graff, Bosak, Walkama -yeas*

*Motion carries 4-0.*

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

Minutes were presented from the October 17th council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Zembower to accept the minutes.

*Vote: Zembower, Graff, Bosak, Walkama -yeas*

*Motion carries 4-0.*

### 3. Guest Presentations: N/A

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**4. Report from the Mayor-** No report at this time. The Mayor would like to thank everyone who voted.

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

Mr. Canter reports that he has emailed the October bank statement and payment list. He also passed around the BlackTop Specialist quote for \$48,600.00. It is for patch work. He would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting.

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

*Vote: Graff, Zembower, Bosak, Walkama- yeas  
Motion carries 4-0.*

**6. Report from the solicitor- Jay Macejko -**

Attorney Macejko has been working on two pieces of legislation at the request of Chief Lambert. The hourly pay differential for full time officers and the ordinance to ban texting while driving. Atty. Macejko said if we copy and paste into our own law we would be able to retain all the fines collected. He did reach out to ODOT about the arrow at South Main and North Lima Road. He also reached out to American Legal Publishing for updating the website.

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

*Vote: Graff, Walkama, Bosak, Graff - yeas  
Motion carries 4-0*

**7. Report from the Chief of Police - N/A**

**8. Report from the Zoning Commissioner-**

Maureen O'Neil submitted the report by email and welcomes any questions regarding these reports.

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

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**9. Report from the Street Commissioner-**

Mr. Porterfield states that they are a bit behind on leaf collection. All the equipment is in good shape.

Mr. Thompson asks if Boardman Township is paving Canavan Dr. and Alverne St. and wonders if we can get in on a one paving job to save money. He thinks it would be sufficient to do just what BlackTop Specialist recommends.

Mr. Zembower wonders if the potholes have been patched. Mayor said the hot patch is unavailable this time of the year.

Mr. Graff and Atty. Macejko mentions how bad the leaves are piled up in the street. Atty. Macejko would like to find a solution to this problem. Mr. Thompson believes that this is/has been a continuing problem. He does not want to outrage the residents with warning letters.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Zembower to accept the Street Commissioner Report.

*Vote: Graff,Zembower,Walkama, Bosak-yeas.*

*Motion carries 4-0*

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

**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- A report from Mr. Zembower from the November 6th meeting is attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to accept the Architectural Review Board report.

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*Motion carries 4-0*

F. Forest Board-

Mr. Graff reports that they met on October 24th. Bench will be placed and signs put up prohibiting motorized vehicles.

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

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Walkama, Bosak- yeas.  
*Motion carries 4-0*

G. Hine Memorial Board- N/A

H. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees- Meets 11.8.23.

## 12. Reports from Special Committees. - N/A

## 13. Communications from Poland Village Residents -

Elinor Zedaker, 70 Poland Manor. Mrs. Zedaker mentions that if she ever is rear ended at 170 and North Lima Road she will blame Council for not getting the light changed. She said it would be interesting to know who did the fire inspection on the door at the library where the bricks used to be and where there is now concrete. She thanks Mr. Porterfield for the leaf pick up and she apologizes for any leaves that may have blown in the street.

Kathy Miller, 15 Water Street, Would like to know if there is anything going on with the strategic plan and wondering if the community can be invited back in and get involved.

Cathy Kajut, 455 North Main St. She would like to know who is doing the work on the utility lines and wonders if it will be finished and the holes and ditches filled. This is a safety issue.

Lex Caulder, Canfield Ohio. He is a part of the Canfield Parks and Recreation Board and would like to gauge the interest level for a mountain bike trail. Mr. Thompson relates that he should get in touch with Poland Township as they have the space and land for that type of trail.

Joan Smith 320 North Main Street. Joan would like to know what the plan is for the plastic bunting.

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Mayor Sicafuse said they will be removed as they are unsightly.

Mark Thompson College Street. Mr. Thompson recognizes an Eagle Scout , along with parents and 16 other scouts who constructed a new Bog Bridge. Poland Forest Foundation supplied all the materials for the project. Boardman Troop 9064 did a fantastic job and it was quite an achievement!

**ACTION ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to move the first reading of an **Ordinance AMENDING SECTION 1, ARTICLE 1 OF ORDINANCE 1113.99 ORIGINALLY PASSED 8/3/1999 AND AMENDED TIME TO TIME EFFECTIVE 11/1/2023 TO ADJUST HOURLY RATES OF PAY FOR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS AND CREATE PAY DIFFERENTIALS.**

Atty. Macejkos clarified that this will bring new hires in at current rates and enable council to decide rates of pay for full time officers.

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Walkama, Bosak- yeas.  
*Motion carries 4-0*

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to move the first reading of an **ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 434.021 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF POLAND TO PROHIBIT AND PUNISH DRIVING WHILE TEXTING.**

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Walkama, Bosak- yeas.  
*Motion carries 4-0*

**15. New Business/ Discussions**

Mr. Zembower said the Edison Lighting quote is for an extra \$175.00 for lighting of the walkways for safety. They said that they can bring in the lighting and pick it up at the end of the event.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Zembower to approve the Edison Lighting quote in the amount of \$2675.00.

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*Motion carries 4-0*

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**16. Presentation of the Bills**

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

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

*Motion carries: 4-0*

**17. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:**

A motion was made by Mr. Zembower and seconded by Mr. Graff to cancel the December 19, 2023 council meeting.

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

*Motion carries: 4-0*

A. Mr. Thompson- No comment.

B. Mr. Graff- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

C. Mrs. Bosak- Bog Bridge looks amazing.

D. Mr. Walkama- No Comment


E. Mr Zembower- Commends Rob Dunham for the map that he made and will leave it for council viewing.

**18. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to adjourn the meeting at 7:48p.m.

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

*Motion carries 4-0.*

 November 7, 2023

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

The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be Tuesday, November 21, 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.

Architectural Review Board Meeting November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Council Representative Report

1. We officially welcomed Joan Smith to the Board.
2. The Board approved minutes from July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 meeting.
3. The Poland Library discussion filled a good amount of time. Residents seem in favor of the concrete being removed and similar quality bricks being reinstalled to regain the lost look as a result of the concrete installation. The Library Director proposed staining the current concrete to a color more closely matched to the previous bricks. The Board requested follow up with Maureen's assistance to have the library fill out and submit an official proposal with additional information provided. Once completed and reviewed by Maureen as appropriate, the Board will vote yes or no on the proposal. We expect to have more information available at the December or January ARB meeting.
4. A continuation of work from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was reviewed. Rob Dunham did a tremendous job revising a potential Village Preservation District map and providing a potential document for Village Landmark designation. The Board seems to be in favor of pursuing these two items. As Council Representative I still have concerns surrounding our ability to fairly and consistently manage the processes based on our current ordinances, specifically Appendix II and Appendix III in the Codified Ordinances of Poland, Ohio. In addition, I personally don't feel the Village has the appropriate resources to absorb this level of governance nor does the community suggest a need for the additional zoning enforcement.

Submitted in writing to Council on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be entered into the meeting minutes.

  
Michael P. Zembower Jr.

11/7/2023  
Date

