
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 21, 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

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

2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Minutes were presented from the November 7th council meeting.

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

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

Motion carries 5-0.

3. Guest Presentations: N/A

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4. Report from the Mayor- The Mayor thanks everyone who worked on the Police Levy and the community for voting for its passage.

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Mayor Sicafuse has spoken with the team at Environmental Design Group and they say that nothing needs done and no money needs spent right now on the trail here by Village Hall. A decision needs to be made by mid December if we will proceed on the Sheridan Road Trail. A new cost will be given as the previous one was from 2021. He will have more concrete costs for these trail projects at the next meeting.

Lauren McNally has been talking with Mr. Moffie and gave us a worksheet to fill out in order to get some state funding. Mr. Thompson also has a donor who would be interested in donating if he gets a two page letter explaining the connector work being done.

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

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Bosak, Walkama, Moffie- yeas
Motion carries 5-0.

5. Report from the Fiscal Officer- Robert Canter.

Mr. Canter reports that he has emailed the bank statement and check register. He will have temporary appropriations at the next meeting. He will need a special meeting for the final appropriations.

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

Vote: Graff, Zembower, Bosak, Walkama, Moffie- yeas
Motion carries 5-0.

6. Report from the solicitor- Jay Macejko -

Attorney Macejko has been working on two pieces of legislation. He has added a tweak to the driving while texting ordinance and changed the date range on the ordinance for the police pay adjustment. He also sent out a draft of a Drug Free Workplace. He needs to dig into what additional rights Issue 2 gives the people.

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

Vote: Graff, Walkama, Bosak, Graff, Moffie -yeas
Motion carries 5-0

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7. Report from the Chief of Police -

Chief Lambert said body cameras are up and running with no issues. It was a good idea to invest in better equipment. They have 3 vehicles to be either sent to auction or scrapped.

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

*Vote: Graff,Walkama, Bosak, Graff, Moffie -yeas
Motion carries 5-0*

8. Report from the Zoning Commissioner- N/A

9. Report from the Street Commissioner-

Mayor Sicafuse reports that leaf pick up is a bit behind schedule.

10. Report from Engineer-liaison -

Mayor Sicafuse said our engineer Dave Mccallups will be looking into the EPA issues. Mr. Graff said that all was talked about in the morning meeting.

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

*Vote: Graff,Walkama, Bosak, Graff, Moffie -yeas
Motion carries 5-0*

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- N/A.

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F. Forest Board-

Mr. Graff reports that the work done at the Bog Bridge is worth seeing. The Eagle Scout did a fantastic job!

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

Vote: Graff, Walkama, Bosak, Graff, Moffie -yeas
Motion carries 5-0

G. Hine Memorial Board-

Mr. Walkama and Mr. Thompson report that the investments are doing well. Mr. Walkama thinks that it would be a good idea to purchase a mobile leaf blower to help clean the Green which would free up time for regular leaf pick up. He would like the cost of the equipment to be split with the Village. Mr. Thompson said there are funds available for this type of purchase.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to accept the Hine Fund report.

Vote: Graff, Walkama, Bosak, Graff, Moffie -yeas
Motion carries 5-0

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

12. Reports from Special Committees. - N/A

13. Communications from Poland Village Residents –

Ken Adams, 354 Johnston Place. Mr. Adams has been coming to council meetings since last spring waiting to see how the improper grading of Alverne Street and the subsequent flooding it causes will be addressed. He has added at his own cost drains to his property, but is waiting on a better solution. Mr. Graff has a call into Dave McCallups. Mayor Sicafuse assures Mr. Adams that this issue will be addressed.

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ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to move the second 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.

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

Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to move the second 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, Moffie- yeas.

Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to approve renewing medical coverage through Medical Mutual for another year.

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

Motion carries 5-0

15. Old Business-

Mr. Zembower wants to know if there are any plans for removal of the bunting on the bridge. Mr. Moffie remarks that it has been done.

16. Presentation of the Bills

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

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

Motion carries: 5-0

17. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:

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- A. Mr. Thompson- No comment.
- B. Mr. Graff- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and said he is very thankful the Police Levy passed.
- C. Mrs. Bosak- Remember that the Lighting of Village Hall is 12/2/23 at 5:00 pm.
- D. Mr. Walkama- Happy Thanksgiving everyone.
- E. Mr. Zembower- No comment.
- F. Mr. Moffie- He is thankful the Police Levy passed. He has brought with him a personalized brick that he found discarded at the library. He gives it to Mr. Zembower for ARB.

18. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Moffie and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to adjourn the meeting at 7:29p.m.
Vote, Graff, Bosak, Zembower, Walkama, Moffie- yeas.
Motion carries 5-0.

 November 21, 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.