

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, January 2, 2024

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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, January 2 , 2024.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Thompson to suspend the orders of the day.

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

Honorable James Melone swears in Mayor Sicafuse, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Walkama for their newly elected term.

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to return to the orders of the day.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Moffie to nominate Mr. Thompson for President of Council.

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

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2. Mayor Sicafuse nominates Attorney Jay Macejko to be the Solicitor, Mr. Robert Canter to be the Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Amy Brenoel to be the Clerk, Mr. Donald Lambert to be the Chief of Police and Mr. George Porterfield to be the Street Commissioner.

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

A copy of the Poland Village Council Committee/Board assignments for 2024 is attached with these minutes.

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

Minutes were presented from the December 5th and December 19th council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to accept the minutes.  
*Vote: Zembower, Graff, Walkama, Moffie, Thompson, Bosak - yeas*  
*Motion carries 6-0.*

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4. **Report from the Mayor-** The Mayor has completed the worksheets given to him by Lauren McNally and verified that they have been received.

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

Mr. Canter has 4 invoices that he needs approved. A \$3500.00 invoice for North Lima Tire for tires for the plow truck, an invoice for \$1870.00 from Baldwin Group paid annually for the Mayor's software, invoice for \$2125.00 to Alcon for sewer replacement and \$1000.00 invoice from Adam's Tree Preservation. A property on Poland Manor informed Village that a forest tree is encroaching on their property.

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

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

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Attorney Macejko mentions that if the Mayor authorizes the ODNR notice for the re forest grant he would see to the recording. He has responded to a public records request. Attorney Macejko attended a training on recreational marijuana and will schedule his annual public records and ethics training . He does mention that he would like to have a records committee meeting to get rid of a lot of things that have accumulated in Village Hall.

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

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

*Motion carries 6-0*

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

**8. Report from the Zoning Commissioner- N/A**

Mayor said she is working on property at 103 Massachusetts.

**9. Report from the Street Commissioner- N/A**

Mayor Sicafuse will mention to Mr. Porterfield that he would like him to attend 1 meeting a month.

**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- N/A
- F. Forest Board-

Mr. Graff reports the old comfort station has been taken down. Volunteer work continues.

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

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

G. Hine Memorial Board- N/A

H. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees- Gradual net of mutual aid among nearby communities is being built as private ambulance services continue to go out of business.

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

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

12. Reports from Special Committees. - N/A

13. Communications from Poland Village Residents -

Eleanor Zedaker 70 Poland Manor- Informs us this is the 75th anniversary for ODNR. She mentions that she visually sees a problem property but hesitates to say anything because she has a healthy relationship with neighbors. She thinks that a value on the time and usage of personal equipment that the volunteers contribute should be assigned. She wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff that council approves an invoice in the amount of \$2125.00 to Alcon Mechanical for replacement of sewer pipe in Village Hall.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama for council to approve an invoice from the Baldwin Group in the amount of \$1870.00 for the Mayor's Court annual software.

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

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*Motion carries 6-0*

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Walkama** for council to approve the expenditure of \$3500.00 to North Lima Tire Inc. for 4 tires for the plow truck

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

*Motion carries 6-0*

A motion was made by **Mr. Graff** and seconded by **Mrs. Bosak** for council to approve an invoice for \$1000.00 to Adam's Tree Preservation for the trimming and pruning of a tree at 46 Poland Manor.

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

Thompson-abstain

Zembower -nay

*Motion carries 4-1*

### 15. New Business-

Mr. Canter mentions that the generator in Village Hall is really old and he believes that he should get 3 quotes for a replacement. Mayor Sicafuse agrees.

Meeting schedule for 2024 will be discussed at the next meeting.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to authorize the mayor to execute the ODNR notice of tax exempt bond funding. Promising to keep the forest a forest for the next 15 years.

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

*Motion carries: 6-0*

### 16. Presentation of the Bills

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

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

*Motion carries: 6-0*

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

# Record of Proceedings

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- A. Mr. Thompson- Thank you for honoring him with the President of Council position.
- B. Mrs. Bosak- Happy New Year.
- C. Mr. Moffie- No comment.
- D. Mr. Walkama- No Comment.
- E. Mr Zembower-No comment.
- F.Mr. Graff- Reiterates what Mrs. Zedaker said about how hard the volunteers work in the forest and the extent of what they accomplish.

Attorney Macejko mentions that we should keep track of what the volunteers do and definitely keep records.

## 18. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Moffie and seconded by Mr. Bosak to adjourn the meeting at 7:33p.m.  
*Vote, Graff, Zembower, Walkama, Thompson, Moffie, Bosak- yeas.*  
*Motion carries 6-0.*

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

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The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be January 2, 2024 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.