

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, February 20, 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, February 20, 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

2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Minutes were presented from the February 6th 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

3. Report from the Mayor-

The Mayor reports that he met with Grant from Eastgate and Tool Design and was provided with a map detailing where most automobile crashes occur in the village. They discussed traffic control.

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Chief of Police Lambert and Mike Koenig report that most crashes occur at St Rt 224 and Water Street heading towards Pa. or the area of 224 and 170.

Mayor Sicafuse mentions that he is looking into getting a grant from Safe Walks to School to cover 100% of sidewalks for a walking plan.

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

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

4. Report from the Fiscal Officer- Robert Canter.

Mr. Canter said that out of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund he would like to make a purchase order to pay \$2289.70 to Bear Com for radio mounts for the new vehicles, \$1849.96 to LED Outfitters for light bars for the cruisers, \$2052.00 to MPH Industries for the radar units in new vehicles and finally to End Time Graphics \$1600.00 for the decals and partitions on the vehicles.

Mr. Canter mentions that he has an invoice from Environmental Design Group.

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

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

5. Report from the solicitor- Jay Macejko

He has had communication with Rob Dunham after the last meeting and there is a new link on the web page for legislation and publication. We will take advantage of the new state laws and start to publish ordinances and resolutions and notices on our web page that will result in savings.

He mentions that he has to meet with Maureen about to go over tweaking the SHEDS ordinance and adjusting the ARB Mandatory meeting.

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

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6. Report from the Chief of Police – Donald Lambert

Chief Lambert has a new proposal for how raises should be handled. In order to keep officers in the village, the chief would like raises to be given on a regular basis. There are 7 full time officers beside the chief. It is becoming very difficult to keep officers as they are being pirated by other communities with better wages.

Chief has a stack of applications, but they cannot be hired at a rate lower than they would be paid at a fast food institution. Part time officers are very important to the functioning of the department.

Atty. Macejko mentions that only a percentage amount should be written in the ordinance. Mr. Zembowwr wonders if even percentages micro-manage the department.

Atty. Macejko says that he will follow up with the chief and council and foresees no problems.

Mr. Thompson wonders if council can vote once a year on the pay scale. Atty. Macejko says yes because indeed council has the final word on the pay scale.

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

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

7. Report from the Zoning Commissioner- Maureen O'Neil- N/A

8. Report from the Street Commissioner- George Porterfield-

Mr. Porterfield says that there is a storm sewer that needs repaired/replaced in the back parking lot of station 91. It is in danger of collapsing. He has one written quote from Bova for \$27,000.00, one verbal quote from Rudzik for \$7500.00-\$10,000.00 and he is waiting on a third quote.

Mr. Thompson wonders if maybe the fire department might share in the sewer repair. He will bring it to the Fire Board at their meeting. Mr. Canter will give him the quotes to take with him.

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Mr. Porterfield notes that the roof and the porch on Town Hall needs to be repaired. The whole floor needs to be replaced. Mr. Porterfield mentions that the roof repair needs outsourced but the floor can be done internally.

Mr. Porterfield also mentions that there is enough salt for the streets.

Mrs. Bosak mentions that we need to maintain the look that we as a community are known for.

Quotes will be gathered for roof repair and flooring.

Mr. Porterfield would like to purchase a lift for the garage to fix the vehicles which he feels is a necessary safety feature. He believes he has enough money in his budget for this purchase.

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

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

9. Report from Engineer-liaison – Chris Graff

Dave McCallops said Pat Ginetti's office referred him to the bridge design engineers to get a feel of what the bridge would look like over the sewer.

The Sheridan Road project is on hold right now. He isn't likely to hear anything before April or May.

Mr. Moffie is trying to find out the finances on the Forest Connector issues.

Mr. Thompson was approached by a donor regarding the Forest Connector needs.

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

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Motion passes 6-0

10. OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

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- A. Legislation Policy Committee- N/A
- B. Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee- Front Porch repair, parking lot and maybe revamping handicap bathroom in Town Hall on the agenda. Mr. Thompson mentions that the company with the lowest generator bid is the one that the fire department has used and Jim Stewart said that is the company that the fire department has relied on for years. He feels that this is the strongest recommendation you can get.

Mr. Canter will invite the gentlemen that gave the lowest quote in to discuss the generator.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to accept BLPR Report.

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

- C. Planning Commission- Meeting is 2/21/24, 7:00 pm.
- D. Board of Zoning Appeals-N/A
- E. Architectural Review Board-N/A
- F. Forest Board- N/A
- G. Hine Memorial Board- N/A
- H. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees Thank you for the use of Town Hall for the meetings.

11. Reports from Special Committees. - N/A

12. Communications from Poland Village Residents –

Elinor Zedaker, 70 Poland Manor-

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Mrs. Zedaker would like to know who is legally responsible for the drain culvert at station 91. Atty. Macejko will look into who owns the land where station 91 sits. She explains that the school board went through the same issue at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

She thanks the council for the use of Town Hall for the Fire Board Meetings. and mentions she is honored to sit on the Fire Board.

Mrs. Zedaker cautions that Graffiti Bridge should be replaced first because of the faulty sewage issue.

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Canter explains that for \$6066.79 we can purchase the old copier. He received a quote to lease a copier for \$110.60 a month for a black and white copier for 5 years. He is meeting with somebody on Thursday for another quote.

Mr. Canter has a bill from EGD for engineering services. Mr. Graff explains that Mr. McCallops did not see the bill before it was mailed. The invoice is not itemized and even though it is a small amount it will not be paid until a new itemized invoice.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to hire Mitchell Sauerwein effective 2-13-24 at a rate of \$20.34 per hour.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama that council ratify councilman Graff's verbal approval of 5 purchase orders for various cruiser equipment and needs in the amount of \$9558.96 in the aggregate to be drawn from the law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Vote: Moffie, Thompson, Graff, Bosak, Walkama, Zembower- Yeas
Motion passes- 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- No comment.
- B. Mrs. Bosak-No comment.
- C. Mr. Moffie- No comment.
- D. Mr. Walkama- No comment.
- E. Mr Zembower- Thanks Mr. Canter for getting all the bids.
- F. Mr. Graff- No comment.

18. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Moffie and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to adjourn the meeting at 7: 51 p.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

The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be **February 20, 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.

