

Poland Village Council

REGULAR SESSION

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REGULAR SESSION at the Poland Village Town  
Hall, 308 South Main Street, Poland, Ohio 44514-  
2082 on Tuesday, April 2, 2024

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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, 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 March 19th meeting.

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

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

Zambower-abstain

Motion carries 5-1

#### 3. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

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Cindy Best is here speaking on behalf of the Celebrate Poland Group. The date of the Celebrate Poland will be 6/28-6/29. She would also like to voice her concerns about the American Legion requesting a temporary liquor license to sell liquor during the Celebrate Poland Event. She would like the council to find a way to prevent this from happening. She relays that this could cause a financial burden on the Celebrate Poland Committee if there are any legal issues. They cannot afford to be named in a lawsuit if someone is hurt or hurts someone else due to liquor consumption. She feels it is an attack on the event and mentions that the Poland Celebrate Committee would never infringe on anyone else's activity. They believe that it is a liability for the Celebrate Poland Committee.

Atty. Macejko explains that there can be a vote of the council to approve the temporary license. It is a short term permit. He said there is absolutely no obligation to sign off on this permit. He explains that the land owner and the Police Chief must sign off on the license. Mr. Thompson states that the Poland School District owns the land that the Legion Hall is located on.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** for Chief Lambert to take no action on the application for the liquor license until the next council meeting.

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

*Bosak, Zembower-Abstain*

*Motion carries: 4-2*

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

### 4. Report From Mayor- Tim Sicafuse

Mayor Sicafuse reports that he is talking to Kyle Lukes from Environmental Design Group to get some starting procedures for the Forest Connector and also submit a request to the state budget to help us with the Sheridan Road Project. The Sheridan Road Project has been moved back to fiscal year 2026 with a start in 2025.

Mr. Moffie has put a powerpoint of the project for people to see regarding the Forest Connector. Prices have increased since the project was estimated. It should be around \$230,000.00. We have \$150,000.00 coming from the ODNR grant. We are waiting on the state for more funds.

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

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

*Motion carries 6-0.*

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### 5. Fiscal Officer Report- Robert Canter

Mr. Canter is paying the bills. Mr. Canter is against using public funds to pay for the Forest Connector. We do not have funds from the General Fund to support the Connector. He would like to get a 0% loan from the OPWC.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mrs. Bosak** to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and to encourage him to reach out to the OPWC for the 0% loan.

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

*Motion carries 6-0.*

There has been a bid from Nick Delsignore of 281 Center Street Struthers, Ohio for \$2500.00 which is under the required bid amount.

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

Attorney Macejko has received a general inquiry about opening an internet cafe in the village. He responded to them that we do not give legal advice. He suggested they contact a private attorney. He also let them know that we have been very successful at prosecuting these types of establishments. He explains that these are essentially illegal gambling operations. A small number of these machines are regulated by the state.

He also received a proposal from Dominion about the pipeline work on Walker Mill Road. The proposal for the easement had some language which caused him some concern. He needs clarification. They will get back to him.

He has dealt with a lamp post in Peterson Park that has been damaged. It is owned by a private owned profit and we cannot spend public funds on private enterprise.

He goes on to talk about the Cannabis use provisions. The legislature was passed with the language saying that communities can decide individually if they want adult use cannabis businesses in their community. He adds that no tax can be assessed to these businesses.

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

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

*Motion carries 6-0.*

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### 7. Report from the Police Chief- Don Lambert

Nothing to report.

### 8. Report from the Zoning Commissioner- Maureen O'Neil-

Maureen has emailed her report. She states that nailed down a schedule for the library for painting and repairs to the exterior.

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

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

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

There is a tree on the village grounds that is dead and needs to be removed. Mayor Sicafuse will get in touch with the Tree Commissioner to come take a look at the tree.

Mr. Porterfield states that there is a supply pipe to the boiler which is leaking. Mr. Canter will call Alcon to get a quote for the repair. It is a 2" pipe that needs to be repaired.

Mr. Moffie questions if patching is happening and he confirms that it indeed has been started.

Mr. Porterfield said that the floor in the garage is 6" which would allow for the installation of the lift.

Mr. Zembower questions how it was advertised that the car and motorcycle were being auctioned. Mrs. Bosak or Atty. Macejko will add it to the Village facebook page.

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

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

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### 10. Report from Engineer-liaison - Chris Graff

Mr. Graff states that George Sendrey will be at the next meeting.

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

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

*Motion carries 6-0.*

### 11. OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

A. Legislation Policy Committee- N/A

B. Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee- Side porch roof leaks. The quote to fix is for \$3930.00. He did get quotes if they have to rebuild the front porch which total \$16,500.00. He assumes that will be doing that work in house.

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

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

*Motion carries 6-0.*

C. Planning Commission- Met on March 13th. They spoke with potential new  
businesses. The next meeting is scheduled 4/17/24.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Zembower  
to accept the Planning Commission Report.

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

*Motion carries 6-0.*

D. Board of Zoning Appeals- N/A

E. Finance Committee- Mr. Moffie reports that if we wait to pave the roads that need  
paved until 2025 we could possibly have 440,000.00 to do all the paving. He  
feels that we can get by without paving the parking lot if the Street Department

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can just seal the lot. Mr. Canter said this year we did not qualify for any money from the OPWC for paving. He feels that we should be able to get some next year.

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

F. Architectural Review Board- Permitted a fence for 9 Sheridan and door and window color.

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

G. Forest Board- Mr. Graff states that the volunteers were active this past weekend. They are making progress on Bog bridges and trail repair. There is budget information sent to Mr. Canter for review. Next meeting is 4/23/24.

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

H. Hine Memorial Board- Mr. Walkama states that they are discussing planting some trees. They will not do any fertilization. Mr. Thompson states that the Hine Fund is doing well.

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

I. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees- Meets next week.

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J. Special Committees- N/A

### 12. Communications from Poland Village Residents –

Shelly Smith, 320 North Main Street- She is speaking on behalf of Poland Celebrate Committeere and reiterates how Cindy Best feels about the Celebrate Poland Committee and the American Legion seeking a liquor permit. She urges the Council to remember how passionate about this issue.

John Serrano, 26 College Street- Mr. Serrano voiced concern over sewage coming out of the manholes by the Manor. He said toilet paper and feces are bubbling up. Also one of the manhole studs was removed on the cover closest to the school. He urges the council to be proactive on this issue. Mayor Sicafuse will call the sanitary engineer.

### ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Walkama** to waive the 3 readings on an **Ordinance Establishing a Capital Projects Fund for the Forest Connector Trail Fund and Declaring an Emergency.**

*Roll Call Vote: Bosak, Walkama, Thompson, Moffie, Graff- yeas  
Zembower- abstain  
Motion passes 5-1*

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to move passage of an **Ordinance Establishing a Capital Projects Fund for the Forest Connector Trail Fund and Declaring an Emergency.**

*Roll Call Vote: Bosak, Walkama, ZembowerThompson, Moffie, Graff- yeas  
Motion passes 6-0*

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to waive the 3 readings on an **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$1728.54 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SHERIDAN ROAD FUND EFFECTIVE 4/2/2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*Roll Call Vote: Bosak, Walkama, ZembowerThompson, Moffie, Graff- yeas  
Motion passes 6-0*

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A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff for the passage of an **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$1728.54 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SHERIDAN ROAD FUND EFFECTIVE 4/2/2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie to waive the 3 readings of an **ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER \$2028.94 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOREST CONNECTOR TRAIL FUND EFFECTIVE 4/2/2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie for passage of an **ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER \$2028.94 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOREST CONNECTOR TRAIL FUND EFFECTIVE 4/2/2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Moffie and seconded by Mr. Graff to pay the remaining \$1228.21 balance to Environmental Design Group for Engineering services .

*Vote: Moffie, Graff, Walkama, Thompson-yeas*  
*Zembower, Bosak-nay*  
*Motion passes 4-2*

Mr. Thompson relays that he was approached by a citizen about an idea she would like to take part of her lawn toward a natural lawn. It may violate village ordinances. Attorney Macejko will pull the lawn maintenance ordinances. She will do this in the backyard. Mr. Walkama wonders how we will be able to differentiate the gardeners from the people who do not want to cut their lawn.

**Second and Third Readings:**

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff for passage of a 2nd reading of an **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1, ARTICLE 1 OF AN ORDINANCE NUMBER 1113-99 AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME TO ADDRESS PAY RATES AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS FOR PART-TIME PATROLMEN EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024.**

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



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A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff for passage of a 2nd reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1, ARTICLE 1 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 1113-99 ORIGINALLY PASSED AUGUST 3, 1999 AND AMENDED FROM TIME-TO-TIME EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024 TO PROVIDE FOR STEP INCREASES AND MERIT RAISES OR BONUSES FOR FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to reject the offer by Nick Delsignore of 281 Center Street of \$2500.00 for the 2022 Kawasaki Z650.

*Vote: Graff, Walkama, Thompson, Zembower Bosak, -yeas*  
*Moffie-nay*  
*Motion carries 5-1.*

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie to approve the purchase of a lift for the maintenance building at a cost not to exceed \$4395.00 to be paid for by half the police fund and half the street fund.

*Vote: Graff, Moffie, Walkama, Zembower, Thompson, 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, Bosak, Zembower, ,Moffie - yeas.*  
*Thompson: abstain*  
*Motion carries: 5-1*

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

- A. Mr. Thompson- No comment.
- B. Mr. Walkama- No comment.
- C. Mr. Moffie- Comments on the Vindicator article on mr. Canter and his brother.
- D. Mr. Graff- No comment.
- E. Mrs. Bosak- Thanks Mr. Walkama for roof and flooring quotes.
- F. Mr. Zembower- No Comment.

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### 18. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Moffie to adjourn the meeting  
at 8:04p.m.

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

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 April 16, 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.