

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, June 18, 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, June 18, 2024.

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)

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Moffie to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, May 21, 2024.

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

Motion carries: 6-0

3. Guest Presentations-

Casey Krall from the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley. She states that she wanted the opportunity to come and speak regarding their intention to support the preservation of historic buildings, specifically through grants to owners of historic homes in the Village of Poland to improve

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and preserve the exterior of their houses. Since grants cannot be made from the Fund to individuals, the Community Foundation will partner with the Village of Poland government to accomplish these specific investments in historic homes.

The ARB will release applications to residents who own or live in a home 125 years or older and they can apply for a one time grant of \$5000.00 to go toward an exterior project.

Poland Village will receive the applications and complete due diligence regarding eligibility and then request distribution from the Poland Preservation Society Fund.

Bob Mastriana, Poland Preservation Society explains how they funded the Society by refurbishing a home and renting it for many years. Mr. Mastriana said it has taken the library 6 months to come back with a solution for the brick/concrete issue that they created. There is also rotting wood that needs to be addressed. The beams are becoming spongy and need to be protected. He has a list of repairs and maintenance that need to be handled. He said that the community is deeply invested in getting this corrected.

Mr. Zembower said that at this time there is nothing in front of ARB to fix the concrete/brick issue at the library. They had not accepted what the Library Board had proposed. The library wanted to stain the concrete which the ARB found unacceptable. Mr. Zembower has been listening to the community for their input. He also asks Mr. Mastriana if they have given a list of maintenance to the Library Board that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Moffie said that the Library Board should be held accountable. He feels that it is not the Director's fault but the Board's. Mrs. Bosak agrees that the community is speaking about the lack of care that the library is receiving.

Randy Alexoff- Mr. Alexoff said his family was approached and did contribute money for the library construction. He and a group of others have gone before the Library Board to voice their discontent.

Mr. Thompson said we have held in abeyance an enforcement against the Library Board for not obtaining a permit.

Debbie Taylor- She said the Library Board has deliberately ignored the rules and she would like to know what action is going to be taken. She said that either everybody follows the rules or no one follows the

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rules and we should take a strong hand in enforcing them. She said the Library is running on a surplus and they are asking for a levy. Cost in fixing our library should not be in the equation.

Elinor Zedaker, 70 Poland Manor- She states she was on the fund raising committee. They were raising money under the auspices of credibility and ethics and it is a bad thing that there was an alteration to the perpetuity clause.

Fortunato Figliano, 536 North Main- He says that it is our responsibility to preserve the library.

Rex Fisher 323 S. Main St.- He is an ARB member who reiterated the 5-0 vote to not approve the proposal from the Library Board. He thinks the library is looking for a directive from the Village Council. He wants the Council to act swiftly and firmly.

Jackie Miller, 15 Water St.- She attended the Library Board meeting and voiced her concerns about the future of the Poland Library. She said there was no response as those at the meeting were told that they only listen and do not respond to community comments. She wonders how they will restore goodwill in the community. They will not even let people park in the Library lot for the Celebrate Poland Celebration.

Rob Dunham, 214 Edna St.- Mr. Dunham is an ARB member and would like to know if we have any recourse? Is there any action that can be taken?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4. Report From Mayor- Tim Sicafuse-

Jeff Vrable passed away a week ago. He was a great ambassador for our community. He did so much for us. He will be greatly missed.

Mayor received and approved a request from Mike Aey, a trash collector in the area and he asked if they could give him a one time exemption to start collection earlier in the evening because of the heat.

He also has a meeting set with Connor Sperati from ODOT. Final walkthrough of all the streets. He mentions the 616 crosswalk has been hit numerous times.

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Mr. Moffie notes that hopefully he will hear by the end of June about how much money we will be receiving for all the projects we are working on.

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

5. Fiscal Officer Report- Robert Canter-

Mr. Canter passes around bank reqs. to the council members that were emailed. He also is passing around the credit card statement that was also emailed. These are all approved expenditures.

There needs to be wording changed in police raise ordinance regarding effective dates.

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

6. Report from the Solicitor- Jay Macejko

Atty Macejko will look into cleaning up the Police Ordinance issue. He is working on the request to proceed with the levy. He is also looking into the Dominion increase. He is working on an issue regarding accessory buildings in yards. He has received a Dominion contract for easement and they will be paying \$10000 for the easement. He did get two notices of claims, one from East Palestine Train Derailment and one From Kroger.

Mr. Thompson said that \$10000 from the easement payment should go to the Forest Board.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to accept the Solicitor's report.
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7. Report from the Police Chief- N/A

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

She has had multiple conversations with Amy from the Library. It was her thought then and still is that we will find a solution. She said the public frowns against bricks because of the weather. They are a safety issue and hard to maintain. She is still hoping for a solution for the patio. She said they are having a full building assessment of the entire Poland Library. She expects the exterior work to begin this summer. She wants a solution that is mutually beneficial to everyone.

Mr. Moffies states his appreciation for Maureen and her work but believes council needs to "Take the Bull by the Horns" and quit kicking the can down the road. He believes that we have the power to fix the exterior and restore it to its original state.

Mr. Thompson says that anything done has to go through Maureen O'Neil and Atty. Macejko.

Mr. Zembower reiterates that this is not an ARB issue. Enforcement does not belong on the ARB Board. He believes that these issues are in the hands of the Zoning Commissioner, Mayor and Solicitor. The intent is not to argue, the goal is to work together.

Solicitor Macejko said that they must set an acceptable time limit on finding a solution.

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

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

9. Report from the Street Commissioner- George Porterfield-N/A

10. Report from Engineer-liaison - Chris Graff

They have until August to submit grants for the street paving.

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

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

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11. OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

A. Legislation Policy Committee- N/A

B. Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee-The roof work is done.
A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to
accept the BLUPR Report.

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

C. Planning Commission- N/A

D. Board of Zoning Appeals- N/A

E. Architectural Review Board- Covered.

F. Forest Board- Volunteers are hard at work. Work continues on the trails.

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

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

H. Hine Memorial Board- A dead tree was removed from 170 and will be replaced.
The investments are doing well.

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

Vote: Bosak, Graff, Walkama, Thompson, Moffie, Zembower - yeas
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I. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees- Starting process to expand
the main fire station.

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

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

J. Special Committees- N/A

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ken Adams, Johnston Place- Mr. Adams is wondering if and when something will be done about the watershed project. He would like to ask for relief from this water problem. He wonders why he has not heard anything from anyone regarding this water issue.

Mayor Sicafuse admits that Mr. Adams has been very patient and said he will have answers at the July 16th meeting. Mrs. Bosak would really like a deadline set for a legitimate answer to his questions.

13. ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to move a first reading of **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1266.04 FIRST ENACTED BY ORDINANCE 949-94 ON JANUARY 3, 1994 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 1047-97 ON AUGUST 14, 1997 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 1943-2023 ON OCTOBER 17, 2023 WITH SAID ORDINANCE ADDRESSING MEETINGS; RECORDS FOR THE POLAND VILLAGE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD TO ADDRESS THE REGULARITY OF MEETING.**

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mrs. Bosak** to move a first reading of **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1220.02 FIRST ENACTED BY ORDINANCE 1072-98 ON MAY 5, 1998 WITH SAID ORDINANCE ADDRESSING MEETINGS; QUORUMS; ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON; RECORDS**

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR THE POLAND VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADDRESS THE REGULARITY OF MEETINGS.

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

Motion carries: 6-0

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Bosak to move a first reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1062.01 FIRST ENACTED BY ORDINACNE 1519-17 ON JUNE 6, 2017 WITH SAID ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE POLAND MUNICIPAL FOREST TO ESTABLISH THE REGULARITY OF MEETINGS.

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

Motion carries: 6-0

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie to waive the three readiness of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF \$58,614.70 FROM THE GENERAL FUND 1000 TO THE ODNR FUND 4910 EFFECTIVE JUNE 18TH 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Roll call vote: Moffie, Zembower, Graff, Bosak, Thompson, Walkama-yeas

Motion carries: 6-0

Three readings having been waived a motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff for passage of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF \$58,614.70 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, FUND 1000 TO THE ODNR FUND 4910 JUNE 18, 2024 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Roll call vote: Moffie, Graff, Zembower, Bosak, Walkama, Thompson-yeas

Motion carries: 6-0

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie to approve payment of \$1000.00 from the Hine Fund to Gordon Tree Service for the removal of the dead tree on 170 and \$300.00 to purchase a Japanese Maple tree.

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

Motion carries: 6-0

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff for bathroom renovation at Village Hall in the amount of \$578.00.

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

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Zembower-abstain
Motion carries: 5-0-1

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moffie to approve a Then and Now purchase order to pay Maureen O'Neil.

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

Motion carries 6-0

13. SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

A motion was made by Mr. Walkama and seconded by Mr. Moffie to move a second reading of A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GENERAL DISFAVOR AGAINST ALCOHOL-RELATED EVENTS COINCIDING WITH CELEBRATE POLAND.

Roll call vote: Graff, Walkama, Moffie-yes

Zembower, Thompson, Bosak-no

Sicafuse-yes

Motion carries:4-3

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to move the passage of the 3rd reading for AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE PROVISIONS OF STATE ISSUE 2 (CHAPTER 3780 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE) REGARDING ADULT-USE CANNABIS PROCESSING, DISPENSING, LABORATORIES, CULTIVATION AREAS, AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT ADULT-USE OPERATORS SET FORTH IN R.C. 3783.25 (LOCAL AUTHORITY REGARDING ADULT-USE OPERATORS). PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD 6/18/2024 AT 6:45 PM.

Roll call vote: Moffie, Graff, Zembower, Bosak, Thompson, Walkama-yeas

Motion carries:6-0

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to WAIVE THREE READINGS OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE AUDITOR OF MAHONING COUNTY OHIO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POLAND FOR A 3.2 MILL LEVY FOR RECURRING EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Roll call vote: *Moffie, Graff, Bosak, Thompson, Walkama-yeas*
Zembower-nay
Motion carries:5-1

Three readings having been made a motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** for **PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE AUDITOR OF MAHONING COUNTY OHIO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POLAND FOR A 3.2 MILL LEVY FOR RECURRING EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Roll call vote: *Moffie, Graff, Bosak, Thompson, Walkama-yeas*
Zembower-nay
Motion carries:5-1

A motion was made by **Mr. Walkama** and seconded by **Mr. MOFFIE** to waive the 3 readings of **A RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF POLAND OHIO OPPOSING DOMINION ENERGY PROPOSED 30% RATE INCREASE AND REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO DENY IT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Vote: *Moffie, Graff, Walkama, Zembower-yeas*
Thompson, Bosak-abstain
Motion carries: 4-0-2

A motion was made by **Mr. Walkama** and seconded by **Mr. MOFFIE** for **A RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF POLAND OHIO OPPOSING DOMINION ENERGY PROPOSED 30% RATE INCREASE AND REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO DENY IT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Vote: *Moffie, Graff, Walkama, Zembower-yeas*
Thompson, Bosak-abstain
Motion carries: 4-0-2

15. 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, Thompson- yeas.*
Motion carries: 6-0

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16. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:

- A. Mr. Thompson- NA
- B. Mr. Walkama-N/A
- C. Mr. Moffie- N/A.
- D. Mr. Graff- N/A
- E. Mrs. Bosak- N/A

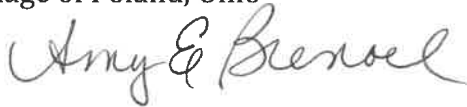
15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Moffie to adjourn the meeting
at 8:57p.m.

Vote, Graff, Bosak, Walkama, Thompson, , Moffie, Zembower-years.

Motion carries 6-0.

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



The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be July 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.

