

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, August 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, August 20, 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. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Walkama** to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, July 16, 2024.

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

*Motion carries: 6-0*

#### 3. Guest Presentations- N/A

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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#### 4. Report From Mayor- Tim Sicafuse-

Mayor Sicafuse received an email saying that the new gas rate will go from 3.96 to 3.73. It will start in October.

A motion was made by Mr. Graff 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. The Auditor is performing the agreed upon procedures.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff 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

The majority of Solicitor's time has been cleaning up the application for the historic grants. Aside from that issue he is working on regular day to day issues with Maureen O'Neil and Mayor Sicafuse. He submitted the claim for the East Palestine Train Derailment. Also people are talking about solar panels and shipping container homes. He believes this will not be an issue in the village. He is also cleaning up some ordinance language.

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

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

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

Everything is going well. Everyone is staying productive.

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

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

### 8. Report from the Zoning Commissioner-

Maureen has emailed a detailed report. She has a lot of zoning and enforcement activities.

Mr. Graff would like to know about the shed issue and Solicitor Macejko is working on the variance issues.

Mrs. O'Neil said that a couple long standing cases have been resolved.

A motion was made by Mr. Zembower and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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-

The porch is done and looks very nice. Mr. Thompson mentions he will get a cost from Edison Lighting for lighting.

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

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

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

Mr. Graff reached out to Engineer Jeff Carr but has not heard back from him yet. Mayor Sicafuse mentions that only the five streets will be done. The application deadline to ODOT is August 29, 2024 and will be done and reviewed by Ed Davis to make sure it is done correctly.

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

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

## 11. OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

A. Legislation Policy Committee- N/A

B. Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee- Thanks George and John for the work on the front porch. Also has maintenance agreement for the generator for \$410.00.

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

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

C. Planning Commission- N/A

D. Board of Zoning Appeals- N/A

E. Architectural Review Board- N/A

F. Forest Board- Significant work going on with the Bog Bridges and with trail clearing. An Eagle scout project is currently underway. There are trees down which are being cleaned up. Mr. Thompson mentions that he has walked the trails and they're looking good.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Zembower to accept the Forest Board Report.

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*Motion carries 6-0*

- G. Hine Memorial Board- 72 people toured the cemetery on June 28th and Daughters of the American Revolution cleaned 36 grave stones. There will be a planting in the fall. The Trust is approaching \$ 950,000.00. It is in a good position.

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

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

- I. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees- Still working on selecting an architect for work to be done at the Fire Station addition. All is going well with the EMS service with employees and volunteers.

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

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

- J. Special Committees- N/A

A motion was made by **Mr. Graff** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to finish council business before Public Comment.

*Vote: Walkama, Graff, Moffie, -yeas*  
*Bosak, Thompson-nays*  
*Zembower-abstain*  
*Motion carries 3-2-1*

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### 12. Action Items

Discussion of the advantages of having a leaf blower were presented.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Walkama** to approve the purchase of a leaf blower in the amount not to exceed \$8522.14 with \$4000.00 coming from the Hine Fund.

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Moffie** and seconded by **Mr. Thompson** to pay \$4100.00 to the Ohio Auditor of State for 2022-2023 for procedures that they do every year.

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to approve the ILinqs contract renewal for April 1 2024 through March 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$1872.00.  
*vote: Thompson, Bosak, Walkama, Graff, Zembower, Moffie-yeas*  
*Motion carries 6-0*

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mrs. Bosak** to approve the renewal of the LEADS agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1200.00.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to authorize the Mayor to proceed with executing the grant agreement between the Office of Budget and Management and the Village to secure the \$185,000.00 grant for Sheridan Road project.  
*Vote: Thompson, Bosak, Walkama, Graff, Zembower, Moffie-yeas*  
*Motion carries 6-0*

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A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to approve the expenditure of an amount not \$2354.00 to Morton Salt for 202402025 road salt.

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to accept the generator maintenance agreement in an amount not to exceed \$410.00.

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

### 12. SECOND AND THIRD READINGS:

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Zembower** to pass the Third Reading and therefore permanently pass **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.**

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to pass the Third Reading and therefore permanently pass **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 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR THE POLAND VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADDRESS THE REGULARITY OF MEETINGS.**

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to pass the Third Reading and therefore permanently pass o **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1062.01 FIRST ENACTED BY ORDINANCE 1519-17 ON JUNE 6, 2017 WITH SAID ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF**

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**COMMISSIONERS OF THE POLAND MUNICIPAL FOREST TO ESTABLISH THE REGULARITY OF MEETINGS.**

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

*Motion carries: 6-0*

**13. Discussion Items:**

Mr. Thompson addresses the Preservation Grant Gifts that will be given out. The Village has been given the task to create an application process and a set of guidelines to be reviewed by the ARB with the involvement of Charles Rumberg. This will start at the first of the year 2025. Application has been reviewed by Mr. Rumberg and Casey Krell. No elected official, village appointee, village employee or family member of any village employee will be eligible per Ohio Ethics rules. ARB will be approving these applications without council's input.

Mr. Moffie thinks the applicants should be current with their property taxes. Mr. Moffie also mentions that these grants need to be promoted on social media.

Adjustments will have to be made on these applications as things come to light on how to make it better and find tuned.

Mrs. Bosak is concerned about the size of the community and the Ohio Ethics rule which would encompass a large number of people regarding awarding the grants. Mr. Thompson said it only applies to the immediate family.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to approve the application and operating guidelines for the Preservation Society Grant Process, subject to the Solicitor revising it to include that applicants must be current on their property taxes.

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

*Motion carries 6-0*

Mayor Sicafuse talked to Kyle Lukes about the Municipal Forest Trail that may be done next spring.

Mr. Mark Thompson is discussing the Sheridan Road and Forest Connector Project. We have \$180,000.00 but \$230,000.00-\$270,000.00 for the estimates. Mr. Canter said these are bad grants



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because you have to spend the money up front. Mr. Mark Thompson wants the council to figure out how to make this project work.

Mr. Canter said we cannot spend the money upfront. Mr. Michael Thompson believes that Mr. Canter is doing his job being fiscally responsible.

Mayor Sicafuse, Mr. Canter, Engineers and the Planning Commission will meet to discuss this issue on September 18, 2024.

Mr. Michael Thompson commended the Poland Village Junior Women's Club for their concerts at the Village Hall. He would like the village to sponsor two of the concerts or events.

Mrs. Nancy Muscat thanks the council for all their support of events. She has sent out sponsorship letters to the community. They are trying to rebuild and become a bigger presence in the community. Hopefully they will be able to have a second sing along event.

### 14. New Business

Mr. Zembower is wondering what is happening with the library. Maureen reports they are waiting for the report from the architect. Solicitor Macejko and Maureen will meet with them after they get the report. Mr. Zembower notes that the two library issues do not seem to be related.

### 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*

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

A. Mr. Thompson- NA

B. Mr. Walkama-N/A

C. Mr. Moffie- N/A.

D. Mr. Graff- Thanks the public for waiting.

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E. Mrs. Bosak- Thanks village police for being at Mrs. Barbush vigil. Get tickets for Historic Home Tour!

F. Mr. Zembower-N/A

**17. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Cindy Best Island Drive-

Mrs. Best and the Celebrate Poland Committee are extremely disappointed in the events of the last meeting where the resolution of the no alcohol at Celebrate Poland was not voted favorably. She feels they were not given the opportunity to speak on their behalf. They now have to make hard decisions on whether to cancel or move the event. They will not take on the liability of having alcohol near the venue. Celebrate Poland has been a partner with the Village for 18 years now. They have reached out to Jeff Vrable but have not heard anything from him. They do not feel that this is a ridiculous request. They are asking that the council truly be their partner to keep this a family event without alcohol.

Sarah Rolland-

She said the mission statement of Celebrate Poland is to provide a Family Fun Alcohol Free Event. She got involved 3 years ago and it is hard work to make this event happen. She said that they work in partnership with the Village to make this event happen. Alcohol is a direct violation of their mission statement. They will not have the event if alcohol will be here. They do not want to move it but they will. They are still hoping that there is a way that the council will support them on this issue.

Joan Smith 320 Main Street-

She is taking this Celebrate Poland issue personally. It is shocking that the council is not backing the Celebrate Poland Committee on this issue.

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Mr. Thompson mentions that this Resolution would have accomplished nothing. It was rhetoric. It was not a legally enforceable way to prevent alcohol from being served nearby. He said the council has their back but must find a legal way to proceed.

Much discussion ensued about how to to move ahead with this issue with a legally enforceable way to handle it.

Solicitor Macejko believes that the police chief can refuse to sign an alcohol permit due to precedent.

Mr. Moffie feels the council is obligated to back the Celebrate Poland Committee.

Mrs. Bosak disagrees and feels like it is an issue between two private groups. She thinks it is not a government issue. She will not infringe on any private property owners rights. Mr. Moffie sternly disagrees. Mrs. Bosak believes that this is a dead issue.

Mr. Zembower states that the American Legion is the only private property that would have this issue.

Cindy Best Island Drive-

She does not want to hear this issue is dead. If that resolution was not the answer please help find a solution that will not put this event in jeopardy. They cannot take on the liability.

Ken Adams 345 Johnston Place-

Mr. Adams mentions that maybe the American Legion Hall can be rented out that weekend. This is a reasonable idea and Mrs. Bosak will set up a meeting with Cindy Best and Jeff Vrable. He would also like to schedule a meeting with the street department. Abby will schedule a meeting with him and George Porterfield.

Mr. Thompson mentions that there may be a solution but he does not know yet what it will be. Again said that resolution would not have served any purpose.

Mike Savko 114 East McKinley-

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Mr. Savko has brought a diagram for ideas for the traffic lights. Mr. Zembower states that ODOT is in charge of the lights and the council has absolutely no control. Mr. Zembower agrees that it is an issue. Mr. Zembower does have the coordinated original plans. Mayor Sicafuse gets his contact information and will reach out about resolving this situation.

Kathy Miller 15 Water street-

She said it was nice to see the Blackburn Home ladies at a concert. She said Mayor Sicafuse did a fabulous job speaking at the Lion's Club meeting. He mentions that the gas company is digging up yards for the fiber topics boxes and she is displeased. She would like low level boxes installed. Solicitor Macejko is looking into that issue. Please let her know who to contact about getting the clock tower fixed. She also mentions her class reunion committee has donated to Celebrate Poland.

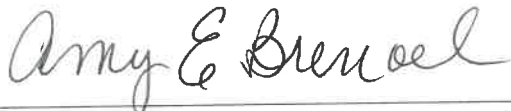
### 18. Adjournment

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

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

*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 **Septmeber 3, 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.