

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, September 17, 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 - absent

Also present were: Jay Macejko, Solicitor- Arrives at 7:28 p.m
Robert Canter, Fiscal Officer
Timothy Sicafuse, Mayor

A motion was made by Mr. Zembower and seconded by Mr. Graff to excuse Mrs. Bosak from the meeting.

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries: 5-0

2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, August 20, 2024.

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries: 5-0

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3. Guest Presentations-

Cindy Best- Island Drive- Cindy explains that the Poland Celebrate Committee has entered into a 10 year lease agreement with the American Legion for the dates of Celebrate Poland. She thanks the council, especially Mr. Moffie, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Graff for the support.

Nancy Muscat, Christopher Drive- Mrs. Muscat reports that sponsorship is not needed for any music events but would request help to defray the cost of movie licensing for planned movie nights.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4. Report From Mayor- Tim Sicafuse-

Mayor Sicafuse mentions that after meeting with Eastgate he is confident the village is in a good position and will get some funding for paving the roads.

He also reports that Lauren McNally is looking into getting other sources of funding for the Sheridan Road Project. He is hopeful that we can move \$185,000.00 from the Sheridan Road Project to the Forest Connector Project.

He announces that Halloween hours will be on October 31, 2024 from 5pm until 7pm.

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

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

Motion carries 5-0

5. Fiscal Officer Report- Robert Canter-

Mr. Canter passes around bank reqs. to the council members that were emailed. Mr. Canter reiterates the need to move the \$185,000.00 to the Forest Connector Project.

He reminds everyone to do the Auditor Training and happily reports that the village has spent less than it has taken in.

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A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to accept the Fiscal Officer's Report.

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

Motion carries 5-0

6. Report from the Solicitor- Jay Macejko - arrives at 7:28pm-

Attorney Macejko has been working on routine items with Maureen O'Neil and Mayor Sicafuse.

Mr. Zembower asked about the paving of the part of North Lima Road that the county said was our responsibility. Atty. Macejko said he will at some point ask the council how much they want him to push back at the county.

Mr. Zembower also wonders if there was any action on the corner of 224 and Water Street about the sign. ODOT is aware of the problem but nothing is to be done immediately.

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

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

Motion carries 5-0

7. Report from the Police Chief-

Chief has two full time positions in the school. He is proud of how the gas leak evacuation was conducted. He received much praise from the community.

He has three impounded vehicles. They have titles in hand and Kelly blue book values. He would like them put up for bid on the website.

He has hired Zac Hochson part time and would like to rehire David Beavers.

He mentions that our taser cartridges are expired. He has presented Mr. Canter with an invoice to purchase 5 batteries and dataport cabling. These are necessary to keep the equipment running correctly.

Mr. Zembower mentions how he was impressed with how smoothly the evacuation went during the gas leak.

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Mr. Graff asks if we have any policy or standardized language in the orc. regarding e bikes or scooters. Chief Lambert explains that there is nothing and it is a huge problem. The state is working on standardized language.

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

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

Motion carries 5-0

8. Report from the Zoning Commissioner-

Maureen has emailed a detailed report. She mentions that they will be working on the sidewalk on Riverside Drive by the school by the end of September.

She thanks Atty. Macejko for his help.

Mr. Zembower wonders if there is any language regarding having chickens in your yard. She is open to suggestions and thinks it is an issue that should be addressed.

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

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

Motion carries 5-0

9. Report from the Street Commissioner- George Porterfield-

Leaf collection will be starting in less than a month. Grass cutting is winding down.

Mr. Zembower wonders if we should put on social media announcing when leaf pick up will start. Mr. Porterfield mentions we usually start mid October.

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

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

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10. Report from Engineer-liaison – N/A

Mr. Thompson would like Mr. Canter to give him a report on the past 5 years of engineering fees.

11. OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

A. Legislation Policy Committee- N/A

B. Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee- They will be cutting down dead trees in the front lawn and replace some trees in bare spots. There needs to be clearing up around the bridge. Porch looks amazing.

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

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

C. Planning Commission- Meeting 9.18.24.

D. Board of Zoning Appeals- N/A

E. Architectural Review Board- There was a sign approved for 71 North Main.

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

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
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F. Forest Board- Significant work going on with the Bog Bridges and with trail clearing. An Eagle scout project is finished. Thank you to all the volunteers.

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

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

G. Hine Memorial Board- N/A

I. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees- An architect was picked for the addition to station 92. All the planning has paid off as the Fire Dept is in a comfortable financial position.

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

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

J. Special Committees- N/A

12. Public Comments:

Joan Smith - Home tour from 10-7. Expecting great weather. She thanks Mayor Sicafuse and George Porterfield for the use of the cones. Please be lenient with parking issues on College Lane.

Kathy Miller- She mentions that the traffic light on Riverside Drive and 224 remains an issue. She wonders if the council has addressed the Broken Clock Tower issue. Mr. Zembower did investigate and mentioned that it was struck by lightning many years ago. He will try to get an estimate to fix it and bring it to BLUPR.

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Ken Adams- Johnson Place- He is following up on the water issue on his property. Atty. Macejko needs details on the amount of soil and what the village's obligation is going to be. He mentions that a release will have to be signed. Mr. Porterfield said that the dirt will fill in so that the water flows down the road. The asphalt will remain.

13. DISCUSSION, ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$500.00 to sponsor the Poland Women's Junior Club movie night.

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to **WAIVE THREE READINGS ON LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS' SHARE OF THE COST OF LIGHTING THE STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS IN THE WINDEMERE PLACE LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEARS 2023 TO 2034 IN THE AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND FISCAL OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*Roll Call Vote: Moffie, Walkama, Graff, Thompson, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0*

Three Readings having been waived a motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** for passage **ON LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS' SHARE OF THE COST OF LIGHTING THE STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS IN THE WINDEMERE PLACE LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEARS 2023 TO 2034 IN THE AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND FISCAL OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

*Roll Call Vote: Moffie, Walkama, Graff, Thompson, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0*

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A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** that the council authorize the mayor to enter into an easement agreement with Dominion Enbridge in the form previously presented.

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

Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to waive the three readings of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION I, ARTICLE I 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 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion carries 5-0

Three readings having been waived a motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** for passage of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION I, ARTICLE I 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 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** to waive the three readings of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION I, ARTICLE I OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 1113-99 AS AMENDED FROM TIME-TO-TIME TO ADDRESS PAY RATES AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS FOR PART-TIME PATROLMAN EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion carries: 5-0

Three readings having been waived a motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** for passage of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION I, ARTICLE I OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 1113-99

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*Roll Call Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries: 5-0*

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to approve the payment of \$3,140.26 to Environmental Design Group for a then and now purchase order.

*Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie-yeas
Zembower-abstain
Motion carries 4-0-1*

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** for passage of **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$3,140.26 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP RETROACTIVE TO JULY 31, 2024.**

*Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie-yeas
Zembower-abstain
Motion carries 4-0-1*

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** for a **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (VILLAGE COUNCIL).**

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

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** to move the **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH (d) OF ORDINANCE 1262.04 TO ESTABLISH A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR LOTS WITH LIMITED AREA FOR STANDARD SETBACKS.**

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Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Zembower** to approve payment of \$210.00 to Pioneer Trails Tree Farm for the annual purchase of pine roping for out front at Christmas time.

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** that we declare surplus the 2015 Jeep Patriot, the 2002 GMC Denali and the 2009 Nissan Altima to allow them to be put out on the website for public bid with a minimum bid of \$800.00.

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Moffie** that we approve the hiring of Zac Hodgson as a part-time officer with the Police Department retroactive to September 6, 2024.

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** that we approve the hiring of Officer David Beavers as a part-time officer with the Police Department.

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Graff** that we approve the expenditure of \$2239.14 out of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the necessary maintenance of the tasers.

Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Moffie, Zembower-yeas
Motion carries 5-0

Mr. Thompson has received word from Charles Rumberg of the Poland Preservation Society that he does not feel comfortable with the idea that people who are not up to date on their taxes cannot be eligible for the grant. He does not believe in the up to date in taxes stipulation. Much discussion ensues on both sides of this issue. Mr. Moffie believes it is unfair to people who are currently up to date on their taxes. He feels that the council should not be involved in this decision. He feels he was elected to represent

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everybody. Mr. Thompson thinks it would be a shame to pass up this opportunity of money for its citizens. Mr. Zembower thinks that ARB should not be mentioning tax issues when they make their decisions but he still wonders why council is involved in this grant issue. He feels like if we accept their generosity then we should follow their wishes.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to delete the sentence "applicants must be current on all property taxes to qualify," from footnote 1 in the guidelines.

Roll Call Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, -yeas

Moffie-nay

Zembower-abstain

Motion carries: 3 -1-1

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Zembower to approve the expenditure of an additional \$58.62 for road salt.

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

Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$2800.00 to Edison Lighting for decorating Village Hall for the holidays. Last year was \$2650.00.

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

Motion carries 5-0

14. New Business

Mr. Zembower mentions Clothes in Strength, a new business. They are wondering if people can park in the lot for their open house.

He is wondering what can be done with the mill stones. Maybe reaching out to the Historical Society to get an idea of where they can be set. Maybe use them as some kind of hardscape. Mr. Porterfield said he will display them somewhere on the Village property.

15. Presentation of the Bills

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A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Moffie to pay the bills.
Vote: Graff, Walkama, Zembower, Moffie, Thompson- yeas.
Motion carries: 5-0

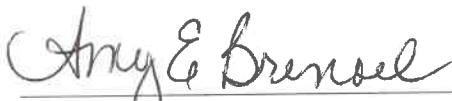
16. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:

- A. Mr. Thompson- Looking forward to the tour of homes.
- B. Mr. Walkama-N/A
- C. Mr. Moffie- N/A
- D. Mr. Graff- N/A
- E. Mrs. Bosak-N/A
- F. Mr. Zembower-N/A

17. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Moffie and seconded by Mr. Graff to adjourn the meeting
at 8:26p.m.
Vote, Graff, Walkama, Thompson, , Moffie, Zembower-yeas.
Motion carries 5-0.

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



The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be **October 1, 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.