

# 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, October 15, 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, October 15, 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 - Absent
- 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  
Robert Canter, Fiscal Officer  
Timothy Sicafuse, Mayor

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

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

*Motion carries: 4-0*

### 2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A motion was made by **Mr. Graff** and seconded by **Mr. Thompson** to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, October 1, 2024.

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

*Zembower-abstain*

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*Motion carries: 3-0-1*

### 3. Guest Presentations- N/A

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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

Mayor Sicafuse reports that he had a meeting with Eastgate and the Village is sitting at 35 out of 55 projects for the road paving. He has discussed with Mr. Covell the Safe Routes to School Grant which would cost the Village and Township each \$13,147.61 to apply for and garner them each \$250,000.00 if awarded the grant.

He has received a letter from the Library Board, Aimee Fiferak and Mark Mrofchak regarding awaiting the final report on the issues with the library structure. The safety of the staff and community will be taken care of prior to dealing with any interior or exterior changes.

Halloween hours in the Village will be 10/31/24 from 5pm-7pm.

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

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

*Motion carries 4-0*

#### 5. Fiscal Officer Report- Robert Canter-

Mr. Canter passes around bank reqs. and the check listing to the council members that were emailed. He reports that so far we have spent less than we have taken in and are in good financial standing.

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

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

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

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Attorney Macejko reports that he has been working on some routine public records requests. He mentions that with the return of cooler weather zoning issues have slowed down and he has followed up with the engineers proposed changes to the stormwater management plan.

He is also working on a release for Mr. Adams to sign before the water issue on Johnston Place work begins.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Walkama** to accept the Solicitor's Report.  
*Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Zembower-yeas*  
*Motion carries 4-0*

**7. Report from the Police Chief- N/A**

**8. Report from the Zoning Commissioner- N/A**

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

Leaf collection will start this week and the new leaf blower has been delivered.

A motion was made by **Mr. Thompson** and seconded by **Mr. Walkama** to accept the Street Commissioner's report.  
*Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Zembower-yeas*  
*Motion carries 4-0*

**10. Report from Engineer-liaison - N/A**

**11. OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

A. Legislation Policy Committee- N/A

B. Building, Lands, Utilities, Parks & Recreation Committee- N/A

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- C. Planning Commission- Meeting is 10.16.24 at 7:00 PM
- D. Board of Zoning Appeals- N/A
- E. Architectural Review Board- A couple properties needed addressed and some tightening up of some administrative forms were also addressed.  
  
A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Walkama to accept the ARB report.  
*Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Zembower-yeas*  
*Motion carries 4-0*
- F. Forest Board- Meeting scheduled for 10/22/24. The trails look great!
- G. Hine Memorial Board- N/A
- I. Western Reserve Joint Fire District, Board of Trustees- Please encourage friends who live in Boardman to pass their EMT levy which would make it much easier for our department as we have a mutual aid agreement.
- J. Special Committees- N/A

### 12. Public Comments:

Elinor Zedaker, Poland Manor- Mrs. Zedaker informs us that a group of organized and enlightened citizens have been speaking out against the library levy. She also comments that the Village looks in good order and thanks everyone. Removal of a bush in the area of the Poland Manor street sign that is impeding driver's vision is discussed. Solicitor Macejko will look into the matter and Mr. Thompson mentions that it seems that would be addressed with the Hine Fund.

Ken Adams, 354 Johnston Place- Mr. Adams asks why he has to sign a release to get this water issue fixed on Johnston Place. He said he has done several improvements himself to try to remedy the problem. Mr. Thompson explains that while the Village is willing to spend public funds to address the issue to solve our portion of the problem it is not possible to write a blank check forever addressing the issue. A release will have to be signed if public funds are spent.

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Craig Hockenberry- Mr. Hockenberry is happy to say that North Elementary is in great shape and they are currently looking for tenants to occupy the building. He also mentions that maintenance on Union Elementary is ongoing and they at some point may be looking to rent it out as well. Solicitor Macejko mentions that we may or may not have to address zoning issues depending on the tenants.

### 13. DISCUSSION, ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Walkama and seconded by Mr. Thompson to dispose of the surplus computer.

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

Solicitor Macejko explains that with the Roof Rite situation, when it comes to contracting with public entities you must follow proper procedure or there is no contract, per the Ohio Supreme Court. Anything in excess of the original amount is not included. It all has to be approved by council and the extra amount added to the estimate was not approved. He does agree we owe the original amount. Mr. Walkama says they are to meet with the Roof Rite people October 16, 2024. Mr. Zembower wonders if this is just in fact an error on the bill. Mr. Walkama says all will be addressed at the meeting with Roof Rite.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Zembower that we approve an expenditure not to exceed \$13,147.61 to Environmental Design Group for our portion of the fees to apply for the Safe Routes to School grant.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Zembower to pass the **THIRD 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.**

*Roll Call Vote: Thompson, Walkama, Graff, Zembower-yeas*  
*Motion carries 4-0*

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Mr. Zembower mentions that the Lion's Club would like to put a collection box for eyewear at Village Hall to which council approves.

## 14. New Business- N/A

## 15. Presentation of the Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Graff and seconded by Mr. Thompson to pay the bills.

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

*Motion carries: 4-0*

## 16. Remarks by Council and the Mayor:

- A. Mr. Thompson- N/A
- B. Mr. Walkama-N/A
- C. Mr. Graff- N/A
- D. Mr. Zembower- N/A

## 17. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Graff to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

*Vote: Graff, Walkama, Thompson, Zembower-yeas.*

*Motion carries 4-0.*

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



The next REGULAR MEETING of the Poland Village Council will be **November 6, 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.