

Village of Poland
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
January 13, 2015

Present: Mayor: Brian Cleary
Trustee: Scott Stubba
Trustee: Janet LaRock
Village Clerk: Brandie Guarino
Treasurer/Water Clerk: Michele Weakley
Animal Control Officer: Marc Costantine
Codes Enforcement Officer: Phil Green
Absent:
Water Superintendent: Scot Burritt
Public Present: Vincent Arcuri, 8785 S. Main St., Poland
Mary Paul, 8928 N. Main St., Poland

The monthly Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Cleary directly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Minutes recorded by the Village Clerk.

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting:

Public Comments:

None

MOTION BY: Trustee Stubba to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, 2nd by Trustee LaRock. Three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Michele Weakley

<u>Vouchers:</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Abstract</u>	<u>Voucher</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ck. #s</u>
	General	8	79-87	\$4,240.76	2763-2771
	Water	8	38-41	\$830.76	1842-1845

MOTION BY: Trustee Stubba to accept the Treasurer's report for January 13, 2015 as submitted, 2nd by Trustee LaRock. Three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Water Clerk: Michele Weakley

Balance of unpaid water bills: \$4,894.53

Animal Control Officer: Marc Costantine – Nothing to Report

Codes Enforcement Officer: Phil Green

Received one building permit this month.

Water Superintendent Officer: Scot Burritt – Absent – Report read by Village Clerk.

1. For December: 1,588,800 gallons treated with a daily average of 51,225.
2. For the year of 2014: 19,451,600 gallons treated with a monthly average of 1,620,966 and a daily average of 54,166.75.
3. Replaced one meter bottom so far this year, will bill accordingly.
4. Hydrant barrels to be placed after the Village Meeting.
5. Working on easements for the bridge project.

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Poland Vol. Fire Co.: Scot Burritt – Absent- Report read by Village Clerk.

1. Engine 131 repaired, new onspot chains, all new rear brakes.
2. Truck 408 repaired hydraulic system, odds and ends fixed on truck.
3. Fish Fry's starting next month.

Clerk: Brandie Guarno

1. I will be attending NYCOMS Village Election Workshop in Albany on January 16th as the March election will be my first, the training will provide an in-depth review of the village election process.
2. I have asked some village residents if they would be available on March 18th and would be interested in working as an Election Inspector and the following have accepted:

Michael Chauvin – Election Inspector & Chairperson

Patricia DiTata - Election Inspector

Judith Olney - Alternate Election Inspector

Fountain Park Area, Newsletter & Website Report: Trustee LaRock

1. The Auxiliary took the park decorations down a little earlier this year while the weather was tolerable. Trustee LaRock asked that the electrical plugs get checked by an electrician as some of the lights were shorting out.
2. Website updated when information is available.
3. Newsletter should be published sometime within the next week.
4. Fish Fry's starting February 13th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution No. 1-2015** Village of Poland location of polling place and hours the pole will be open.

The Village of Poland Election will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM at the Village Office located at 9 Case Street in the Village of Poland.

Election Law 15-104(a).

This resolution is effective immediately.

2. **Resolution No.2-2015** Village of Poland Appointment of Election Inspectors.

The following Village of Poland residents are hereby appointed as Election Inspectors for the March 18, 2015 Village of Poland Election.

Michael Chauvin 39 Millington Ave., Poland, NY – Election Inspector & Chairperson

Patricia DiTata 8818 S. Main St., Poland, NY - Election Inspector

Judith Olney 8890 N. Main St., Poland, NY - Alternate Election Inspector

The pay will be \$100.00 each to the two Election Inspectors.

Election Inspectors must take an oath of office prior to assuming their duties. The Alternate Election Inspector shall assume the office of Election Inspector upon the inability or refusal of an Election Inspector to assume or perform the duties or oath of office.

This resolution is effective immediately.

3. **Resolution No. 3-2015** Village of Poland Elections held on the third Tuesday of March.

Pursuant to Election Law 15-104(1) (a) if the third Tuesday in March falls on the 17th (St. Patrick's Day), the Board of Trustees must pass a resolution setting forth that the election will be held on the 18th day of March. When this occurs, the political calendar does not change; rather, the same dates should be used when making calculations as though the election was to be held on Tuesday, March 17th, with only the date of the actual Election being different. As the third Tuesday of March, 2015 falls on the 17th (St. Patrick's Day), this resolution is required. This resolution is effective immediately.

Motion by Trustee Stubba to accept Resolution No. 1-2015, Resolution No. 2-2015 and Resolution No. 3-2015 as written. 2nd by Trustee LaRock. Three ayes, no nays, motions carried.

4. New business opening in Poland in the old Kuyahoora Outdoor Center. The Business will be called the This-And-That Shop and will carry used items, odds and ends and some antiques.

5. The village received an anonymous \$30 donation towards a flower planter and flowers.

Old Business:

1. ZBA- alternate member local law status. There is no change in the status from last month on this matter. The Board of Trustees is still waiting for the receipt of the required local law to be written by the village attorney.
2. Status of re-zoning request. There is no change in status as the Board of Trustees is waiting on the document from the village attorney.
3. Proper lighting of the American Flag in Fountain Park. The Village Board has decided to take down the American Flag in Fountain Park until a proper light can be installed in the spring.
4. Poland Union debris. Mayor Cleary has been in contact with Patty from Senator Hugh Farley's office and she states that she has contacted The Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the Poland Union debris. DECON informed Patty that there is nothing they can do about the Poland Union debris because it has been determined to contain asbestos. DECON has recommended contacting the Department of Labor on this matter. Patty is working with the commissioner's office of the Department of Labor in Albany to assist the Village of Poland in the steps needed to clean up the debris.
5. GRT Audit – status. In 2004 Village Board passed a Local Law stating that if a utility company does business in the Village of Poland, they will pay the village a 1% tax. Some of the utility companies have not paid this tax. Mayor Cleary read parts of the 2004 Village Local Law which states that only the Village Treasurer has the authority to waive any portion of a penalty charged on any unpaid GRT. The question arose as to whether or not the village should forgive any penalties gained over the past ten years. Discussion continued. The conclusion was made that The Village Treasurer will continue to work with Computell Consultants to resolve the unpaid taxes, penalties and interest.

Marc Costantine expressed concern over the frequency of snowmobiles on the village sidewalks. Mayor Cleary will bring this matter to the attention of the State Troopers and Trustee LaRock will add an article to the upcoming village newsletter reminding snowmobilers of the village ordinance.

Other:

The board reviewed bank Reconciliation / Balance sheet for previous month. Signed Vouchers.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee LaRock, seconded by Trustee Stubba.
Three ayes, no nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Minutes prepared by _____
Brandie Guarno, Village Clerk