

Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Poland Board October 12, 2021

Supervisor Kelly Snow called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. In attendance were Town Council members Corey Swanson, Norm Gustafson and Terry Walker. Absent were Councilman Stevan Hatfield. Also present were Highway Superintendent Larry Mee, Zoning Officer George Gustafson, Legislator John Davis, Attorney Joel Seachrist and town residents Rob Smith, Garrett Cain and Post Journal Stringer Rose Mary Carver.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the September 14th Regular Board Meeting. There being none, *Councilman Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gustafson to accept the minutes as written.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Town Hall - Sarah Phearsdorf from STW, came in for two days to help with the Town of Poland's records vault. The vault is now cleaned out and organized.
- 2) Court Update - nothing new to report
- 3) ARPA - After last month's board approval, Supervisor Snow reached out to Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, an accounting firm in Fredonia, to help the town with the formalities of this grant. After sending them the paperwork that was requested, Mr. Laurito was confident that he can help the town find needed uses for the money that will fall into the regulations & stimulations of the grant.
- 4) EOP - nothing new to report
- 5) NY Street Lighting LED Project - Supervisor Snow once again spoke with National Grid today and will wait for a return call from them.
- 6) Elevator Service - An employee from Belco Elevator Service came to the Town Hall, Library and Methodist Church to give quote on maintenance contracts for each separate location. After the board review the Town Hall's proposed contract, Councilman Swanson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gustafson to enter into the agreement with Belco Elevator and Lift as presented in the quote, \$790/per year.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

- 7) Marijuana Retail Dispensaries - nothing new to report

****First Privilege of Floor****- Garrett Cain announced he was again running for District #16 County Legislator and asked the board questions on the ARPA grant.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Budget Workshop - scheduled for Monday, October 18th at 6:30 pm.
- 2) Halloween update - Town of Poland Trick or Treating will be on Sunday, October 31st at 5-7 pm. There will not be a party at the Firehall this year, but the town will have a GRAB & GOUL at the Town Hall during Trick or Treating hours.
- 3) Website updates - Clerk Wallace presented the new website for the board to examine.
- 4) Election - Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd

TOWN CLERK

Received Certificate for Completion of the Continuing Judicial Education Program by Justice Judith Shields.

ASSESSOR

- 1) The annual Assessor Conference was held October 3rd-6th in Niagara Falls. The courses held during this event satisfy the annual continuing education requirement for the Assessor certification.
- 2) There have been several property owner complaints regarding the Enhanced STAR exemption and credit denials. New York State Taxation and Finance took over the administration of STAR in 2016. I no longer have the ability to approve or deny anyone who applies or is already enrolled. The state makes the determination, and I am bound by their decision each year. I do not have the ability to make any changes on a property owner's behalf, they must reach out to the NYS Tax & Finance department for resolution.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- 1) Hauling stone in
- 2) Prepare snow equipment
- 3) Black Top patching and oiling with the tar buggy

ZONING OFFICER

- 1) Handling violations
- 2) Problems with garbage on properties
- 3) Dealing with complaints

LEGISLATOR

- 1) Last week, Tuesday & Wednesday - County Budget meetings
- 2) Met with Town of Poland residences regarding state and federal mandates dealing with vaccines.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Received a thank you card from Kennedy Fire Department for memorials in honor of Joan Reardon & Barry Leyman.

MONTHLY REPORTS

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS - reported 41 Vehicle & Traffic and 1 Criminal with \$4,140.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

CEMETERY- ALAN SHORT- September 15th - October 12th, Fall leaf pick up has started; finished the last foundation order; continued mowing and dirt work as usual; I had some Sumach tree growth removed from Tucker and have had some nice comments from locals and Riverside Cemetery shed roof has been recoated and looks great.

DOG CONTROL - September report - Made calls set up rabies clinic; took 3 dogs to the Humane Society.

LIBRARY - no report

PLANNING BOARD - no report

ZONING BOARD - no report

RECREATION (REBECCA LINDQUIST) - no report

HISTORIAN - REBECCA LINDQUIST- no report

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE reported \$1,089.63 paid to Supervisor with \$4,140.6 total disbursed.

ZONING OFFICER GEORGE GUSTAFSON - (ZONING REPORT) reported zero (0) Complaints received, zero (0) Notice of Violation issued and \$136.00 in fees forwarded to Town Clerk.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ERIC YAGER - (BUILDING CODE REPORT) zero (0) Inspections Performed, and zero (0) Certificates of Occupancy were reported.

SUPERVISOR SNOW distributed prior to the meeting the Agenda and Monthly Supervisor's Reports for General Fund, Highway Fund, Payroll Fund, Money Market accounts and General & Highway Budget Reports.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any questions on the bills. *Councilman Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hatfield to pay General Vouchers (335-379) totaling \$21,238.73, Highway Vouchers (143-152) totaling \$71,946.81, Light District #1 Voucher (10) in the amount of \$761.42 and Light District #2 Voucher (10) in the amount of \$211.02 .*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Other meetings: October 18th - Budget Workshop at 6:30 pm, November 3rd - Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget at 6:30.

At 7:53 p.m. Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Swanson to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Gustafson, Walker

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnita R Wallace, Town Clerk