

Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Poland Board September 8, 2015

Town Supervisor 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 Kathleen Stanton, Stevan Hatfield, and Norman Gustafson. Absent was Councilman Terry Walker. Also present were Highway Superintendent Larry Mee, Assessor Dennis Stornes, Zoning Officer George Gustafson, Legislator Ron Lemon and town residents Cindy Parsons, Ron Packard, Debra Carr and Post-Journal stringer Rose Mary Carver. The Tobacco-Free Coalition members Ken Dahlgren and Jon Chaffee were special guests for the meeting.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the August 11th Regular Town Board Meeting. There being none, *Councilman Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hatfield to accept the minutes as written from last month's meeting.*

Ayes: Snow, Stanton, Hatfield, Gustafson

****First Privilege of Floor****

1) Town resident Ronald Packard approached the board to discuss dog problems with his neighbors on Grubb Hill Road. The neighbors have two dogs (a pit bull and a black lab) that killed 15 of Mr. Packard's chickens and the black lab bit Mr. Packard in the hand. DCO Control has been called and is working on the situation. Mr. Packard has not contacted the State Police or Sheriff's office. Supervisor Snow will follow-up with Dog Control King and will contact Mr. Packard with updates on this issue.

2) Town resident Cindy Parsons presented the board with a few concerns. First, Ms. Parsons questioned the progress of the two burned down homes in the Town of Poland (located on Dry Brook Road and 2nd Street). Supervisor Snow will check with Code Enforcement Officer Gustafson to follow-up on these two properties and contact Ms. Parsons with the result of her findings. Next, Ms. Parsons reported twelve stones were knocked down and nine stones that are flat on the ground. As a town, we should be conscious of our cemeteries. Supervisor Snow will follow-up with Cemetery Caretaker Alan Short to get this situation resolved. Ms. Parsons also asked permission to remove the flags from Riverside Cemetery, while they are still in good condition, and deliver them to the Town Clerk to store for next year. Permission was granted. Lastly, the fence in Hallquist Park is old and falling apart. After a brief discussion, the board decided to have the Highway workers remove the fence.

LEGAL - no issues for Attorney Webb, Jr.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- *Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Stanton to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.*

Ayes: Snow, Stanton, Hatfield, Gustafson

Supervisor Snow dismissed everyone.

Executive Session closed.

OLD BUSINESS

1) *Library* - Library ask permission for the town to continue printing the Newsletter. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to print the Newsletter. The month of August was another big month for the Library. Started a basket raffle last month that

will continue each month for \$1 a ticket. Sidewalk is completed, grass is seeded, and the flagpole is back up.

2) *Town Hall* - office moving is going well and will be painting the Historian's office in the near future. The Historian will be picking photos to display in the new offices and entryways. Supervisor Snow would like Historian Lindquist to present the photos at next month's meeting.

3) *Kennedy Pride* - the Concert in the Park was a success last week. Next meeting will be held next week. Flags will come down after 9/11 has passed.

4) *Accessibility Committee* - will contact members to have a meeting for the last quarter of the year to map out the plans for 2016.

5) *Comprehensive Plan* - the next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be held Monday, October 5th at 7 p.m. The committee voted on the cover of the Comprehensive Plan and Supervisor Snow presented the board with the winning cover.

NEW BUSINESS

Tobacco-Free Coalition - Ken Dahlgren (Community Engagement) and Jon Chaffee (Youth Engagement) approached the board to discuss the grant that was awarded to Roswell Park for Tobacco-Free Coalition for the next five years. Mr. Dahlgren has been working with municipalities over the issues of tobacco-free parks, playgrounds and workplaces. Making your outdoor areas tobacco-free keeps them beautiful and free of pollution, protects children and animals from ingesting toxic cigarette butts, prevents secondhand smoke exposure, and maintains positive role-modeling for youth. As a Coalition, we provide resources to municipalities, which include information on regulations, sample policies from other towns and example Local Law and/or resolutions. The Coalition also provides signage for the towns to display. The coalition can also work as a wellness incentive to provide help for employees trying to quit smoking. The logos in the pamphlet distributed can be used by the town to be displayed on the website. Supervisor Snow thanked Mr. Dahlgren and Mr. Chaffee for sharing the information with the board.

****Second Privilege of Floor**** - no response

SUPERVISOR SNOW

1) Budget worksheets were distributed and due on September 20th. The budget workshop will be scheduled sometime between the second week of October to the end of October.

2) Meet with the Highway Employees to discuss Health Insurance. The current plan the Town of Poland is carrying is increasing next year by 13.3%. In the Highway contract, the health insurance is up for negotiation for the 2nd and 3rd year of the contract.

TOWN CLERK WALLACE

1) Hunting License sales are going well.

2) One (1) applicant has turned in an application for the Deputy Town Clerk position. An interview was given and went well. I recommend appointment of Stacy Curtis for Deputy Town Clerk. After a brief discussion, the board gave approval.

3) Recommendation for appointment of Barb Czerniak for Cemetery Secretary for the term of 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016. The board agreed and will make a motion at the Organizational Meeting in January.

ASSESSOR

Time of the year for school taxes, address errors were found and corrected.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- 1) Purchased salt early for winter due to a price increase of 18% as of September 1st
- 2) Spent remainder of CHIPS money for oiling & stoning
- 3) Blacktop & patching around town
- 4) Over next month will start siding the shop

ZONING OFFICER

- 1) Several variances were approved
- 2) Permits have decreased

LEGISLATOR

- 1) Thank you to Kennedy Pride and the Town for inviting "The Micah Joel Revelation" to play for the Music in the Park.
- 2) Councilwoman Stanton asked if the Sales Tax increase was approved? Yes, at the state level, the Governor has not signed approval for Chautauqua County yet? The towns will get the same percentage of sales taxes revenue, which means an increase of revenues is expected.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Thank you letter was received from the Stockwell Family regarding the work that CHRIC has done on their home.

MONTHLY & ANNUAL REPORTS

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS - reported 39 Vehicle & Traffic, 3 CRIMINAL, and 1 CIVIL disbursed with \$4,020.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

CEMETERY CARETAKER ALAN SHORT- mowing & trimming as usual; will replace flag in Riverside Cemetery; and preparing for fall clean up.

DOG CONTROL BRIAN KING - 8/12/15-9/2/15: one (1) dog taken to holding center; two (2) dogs surrendered by owner to SPCA; one (1) property inspection for living conditions of four dogs - good; sixty (60) chickens killed by a dog; and fifteen (15) chickens killed by a dog. (The last two happened outside the light district - No Leash Law.)

PLANNING BOARD - no report

ZONING BOARD - met 8/18

RECREATION (ANN BLOOMQUIST/JONI THOMAS) - no report

HISTORIAN - REBECCA LINDQUIST - no report

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE reported \$1,787.06 paid to Supervisor with \$3,121.54 total disbursed.

ZONING OFFICER GEORGE GUSTAFSON - (BUILDING & ZONING CODE REPORT) reported \$185.00 in fees forwarded to Town Clerk. Three (3) Complaints received; five (5) Notices of Violation; eighteen (18) Inspections Performed; and two (2) 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 Monthly Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any questions on the bills. *Councilman Hatfield made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gustafson to pay General Vouchers (357-399) totaling \$40,236.66, Highway Vouchers (169-183) totaling \$45,010.40, Light District #1 Voucher (9) in the amount of \$680.94, Light District #2 Voucher (9) in the amount of \$187.73 and Justice Court Voucher (9) in the amount of \$2,240.00.*

Ayes: Snow, Stanton, Hatfield, Gustafson

The next Board Meeting will be October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Other meetings: September 16th - Kennedy Pride at 6:30 pm and October 5th - Comprehensive Steering Committee at 7 pm.

Councilwoman Stanton reported the property on Sprague Hill Road (old Weiler property) has improved. The tires have been gathered together for removal and the property's appearance looks better.

At 8:20 p.m. Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hatfield to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Snow, Stanton, Hatfield, Gustafson

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnita R. Wallace
Town Clerk