

Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Poland Board December 13, 2016

Town Supervisor Kelly Snow called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. In attendance were Town Council members Kathleen Stanton, Stevan Hatfield, Norm Gustafson and Terry Walker. Also present were Highway Superintendent Larry Mee, Assessor Dennis Stornes, Zoning Officer George Gustafson, Zoning Board Chairman Marty Ericsson, and town residents Tiffani Conti, Wayne Paulisick, Samuel Byler, Chuck Richard, Multiple Students from Falconer Central High School and Post-Journal stringer Rose Mary Carver.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the November 7th Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget. There being none, *Councilman Walker made a motion seconded by Councilman Gustafson to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing as written.*

Ayes: Snow, Stanton, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

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Ayes: Snow, Stanton, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

****First Privilege of Floor**** - No Response -

LEGAL - No Counsel present -

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Town Hall - the elevator is now fixed and running. They fixed the leak and cleaned up the excess oil from underneath the elevator. Superintendent Mee will be replacing light fixtures in the vault soon.
- 2) Kennedy Pride - The Santa Coming to town party was a success. Abers Acers donated a Christmas tree for the Town Park Gazebo. There will be no meeting in the month of December.
- 3) Personnel Handbook - Supervisor Snow and Town Clerk Wallace are still working on the handbook.
- 4) Accessibility Committee - nothing to report
- 5) Comprehensive Plan Steering committee - Supervisor Snow is still waiting for Don McCord to send the final draft.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Site Zoning- Councilwoman Stanton is researching how communities zone their main streets to fit into the strategic plans. Supervisor Snow will contact Attorney Webb seeking more information on the topic.
- 2) Organizational Meeting- Scheduled for Tuesday January 3rd 2017 at 7:00pm
- 3) Annual Audit- Scheduled Wednesday January 18th 2017 at 6:30pm

****Second Privilege of Floor**** -

- 1) Tiffani Conti approached the board for a status update of the Cobb Rd situation. Supervisor Snow will have the Code Enforcement Officer get in contact with her on this

matter. Mrs. Conti once again approached the board requesting updates on the prospective Dollar General property. The town has not been informed on any of the progress pertaining to this matter because the property is zoned commercial, which does not need town approval. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Snow reminded Mrs. Conti that the town cannot impede in this situation until variances are needed for setbacks. At that time the zoning board of appeals would have a public hearing to review the variance.

2) Town resident Wayne Palisick approached the board regarding a rat problem he has experienced due to the neighbors removing waist and reducing the amount of goats due to an earlier variance. The health department has been in contact with both Mr. Paulisick and Supervisor Snow. A recommendation on this matter will be sent from the Health Department to the Zoning board.

SUPERVISOR-

1) The town has switched insurance companies from Univera to Independent Health and members have received their insurance cards.

TOWN CLERK

1) Purchased refurbished copier from Ellington, and is working well.
2) Clerks office will start collecting property taxes on Monday January 9th 2017

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

1) Plowing
2) Side walk tractor needed maintenance, wondering how to split the bill with the cemetery since they both use it. Supervisor Snow will speak with Cemetery Caretaker Short about splitting the bill.

CODE OFFICER

1) Has received a few complaints
2) 5 violations
3) Received quite a few permits
4) Joint Planning/Zoning Board meeting on December 20th 2016

LEGISLATOR- emailed the following-

1) There is a report that the lawsuit against the empowering effort of NRG in Dunkirk has been halted and the effort to get it repowered will commence again early next year!
2) There is an up or down vote next Wednesday regarding the negotiated contract between the county and Deputy Sherriff's.

The important details are:

- 1) A Five (5) Year contract instead of three (3).
- 2) Raise progression as follows; Year 1=0% Year 2=1% Year 3=1% Year 4= 2%
Year 5=2%
- 3) The union has agreed to accept a High Deductible Health ins. plan.
- 4) The County would have to accept a move from 25 years to 20 years for retirement eligibility. This would be a great benefit to the Union and individuals. This is supposed to encourage retirements and lower costs to the county.
- 5) Over the span of the contract the cost to the county is still being debated. Originally it appeared that it was going to be a savings. Since then, Legislators Nazarro & Chagnon have met with the county negotiating team and found a couple oversights that make it seem as though it might actually be an increased expense.
- 6) Please contact your legislator and let them know if you would like to vote

in favor of this contract or against it.

7) Because of the Taylor Law we are not allowed to express our opinion on contract negotiation issues publicly.

CORRESPONDENCE

1) Christmas Card from Roland Swanson thanking the board for all their help through the years.

2) Christmas Card from G.L Olsen, INC which is the company that worked on the renovations of the Town Hall Building.

MONTHLY & ANNUAL REPORTS

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS - reported 20 Vehicle & Traffic, 2 Criminal, 1 Civil disbursed with \$1,825.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

CEMETERY CARETAKER ALAN SHORT- 11/8/16-12/13/16: All is well; One burial

DOG CONTROL BRIAN KING - 11/6/16-12/12/16 -one (1) call from health dept, about dog bite. One (1) call from lawyer of dog bites complaint. One (1) dog euthanized, cost \$80.00. One (1) call from sheriff about a dog in barn (dog is fine). Dog control census will be completed in a couple more days.

LIBRARY - 1) Iza Nowak has taken a position as Director of the Frewsburg Library; the Library Board has appointed assist librarian Maggie Ruth as new Director. An assistant will be hired shortly. 2) Library will be closed December 23rd- January 1st for annual inventory and other activities. Patrons may return items in outside bin; as usual no fines are assessed for late items. 3) The library, in conjunction with the Town Of Poland Recreation Committee, is sponsoring a "Sing for your Supper Caroling Event" on Saturday, December 17th. Ages 8-18 report to the library by 1:00pm; caroling will take place around the hamlet. Song books will be provided. Carolers will return to the library by 3:00pm for pizza, hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. **Area residents are asked to donate cookies by bringing them to the library by 1:00pm on the day of the event.** 4) The winner of the November raffle was Ruth Stanton. For December we are raffling off a Christmas throw donated by Nancy Arrance. All Raffle proceeds benefit our fund to improve our juvenile non-fiction section and purchase treats for our pre-school story house. 5) There will be no Pre-school story house on December 28th or January 4th. Story house will resume January 11th at 11:00am. 6) For November 2016 we had 779 visitors. 7) The library is proud to announce we have received a quilted legacy wall hanging hand made by Catherine Obert. It will be displayed in the library starting in January.

PLANNING BOARD - met on 11/29

ZONING BOARD - meeting on 12/20 this will be a joint meeting with the planning board.

RECREATION (ANN BLOOMQUIST/JONI THOMAS) - no report

HISTORIAN - REBECCA LINDQUIST - 12/13/16 - 1) Compiled articles and photos of Mr. Temple's teaching career and history of our schools. Temple Elementary held an 60th anniversary event on sat. October 29th, I attended and shared the compiled information. I also documented this new event by taking notes and photos, with the help from Rose Mary Carver who was willing to take pictures for us. These items will be added to the Temple scrapbook. 2) Working in the town's yearbook, winding down the end of the year if

anyone has pictures or articles, fliers, posters etc. Of any of the past years events let me know. 3) Hosted the Falconer Boy Scouts this past Monday the 5th of December, so they could earn a badge on local history. They learned about the changing of the towns name and many other changes its seen past and present. 4) Cathy Kimball and I are still working on our project for the towns wall display. This will include brief histories followed by pictures of the two hotels, train depot, early mill, and main St., views, dates - early 1900s, 1955, 1958, 1976 and somewhere in the 2000's. 5) The map project is on hold, still checking my references this will take some time to make sure all is right. 6) thank you for having me as your historian, great things to be expected in the New Year!

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE reported \$845.07 paid to Supervisor with \$1,211.06 total disbursed.

CODE & ZONING OFFICERS- (BUILDING & ZONING CODE REPORT) reported \$165.00 in fees forwarded to Town Clerk. Two (2) Complaints received; Five (5) Notices of Violation issued; nineteen (19) Inspections Performed; and fifteen (15) Certificates of Occupancy were reported.

SUPERVISOR KELLY 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 (463-515) totaling \$50'319.41, Highway Vouchers (238-262) totaling \$57'752.81, (with the exception of Independent Health bill until fully investigated) Light District #1 Voucher (12) in the amount of \$848.50, Light District #2 Voucher (12) in the amount of \$232.81 and Justice Court Vouchers (12) totaling \$569.00.

Ayes: Snow, Stanton, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Other meetings: Combined planning/zoning December 20th 7:00pm

Org meeting January 3rd 2017 7:00

Annual audit Wednesday January 18th 6:30pm

Kennedy pride January 18th 6:30pm

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

Ayes: Snow, Stanton, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy M. Curtis
Deputy Town Clerk