

Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Poland Board January 8, 2019

Town Supervisor Snow called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. In attendance were Town Council members Corey Swanson, Stevan Hatfield, Norman Gustafson and Terry Walker. Also present were Highway Superintendent Larry Mee, Code Officer Alan Gustafson, Legislator John Davis and Post-Journal stringer Rose Mary Carver.

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

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

****First Privilege of Floor**** - no response

LEGISLATOR (John Davis)

The tax rate on the property taxes shows an increase of 4.5%, due to the way the taxes are divided into three different segments: Medicaid rate is \$4.17, county rate is \$3.59 and community college rate is \$.62. For a total tax rate of \$8.38/per thousand, this is a decrease of \$.06/per thousand over last year's rate. After review a Town of Poland resident's bill that had different rate on it, Legislator Davis decided to look into this situation further and report his finding back to the town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Supervisor Snow call an Executive Session to review personnel matters.

Executive Session is closed.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Town Hall - nothing new to report
- 2) Memorial Day Parade - nothing new to report
- 3) Asset/Tag List - nothing new to report
- 4) NY Street Lighting LED Project - Supervisor Snow will be getting in touch with a contact from National Grid regarding this topic.
- 5) Railroad Crossing Reconstruction - nothing new to report

NEWBUSINESS

- 1) Training Dates - The town has state mandated training for Sexual Harassment and Violence in the Workplace that needs to be implemented this year. Supervisor Snow would like to plan this training for a Tuesday evening in April. Town Clerk Wallace will add this to the next agenda.

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

SUPERVISOR

- 1) *Supervisor Snow made a motion, Seconded by Councilman Walker to pay the membership of \$150 and website maintenance of \$150, which totals \$300 to Southern Tier West.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK

- 1) Southern Tier West is hosting "Powers and Duties of Newly Elected or Incumbent Local Officials" on February 19th. Anyone interested please register in the Town Clerk's Office.
- 2) Association of Towns - 2019 Training School and Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Martquis, New York City, February 17-20, 2019.

ASSESSOR

- 1) The Town-wide Revaluation is moving along well, data collection and inspections taking place on Friday afternoons.
- 2) The Agricultural exemption renewals have been delayed. A printing error has been occurring on the database for printing the labels. This problem has been remedied and renewals will be mailed ASAP.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- 1) Waiting for snow
- 2) Mark Cobb is retiring this year. His last day of work will be the first of March and he will be taking his vacation until the first of April. An ad will be placed in the paper to hire for this position.

CODE OFFICER

- 1) Working on year end to report to Assessor.
- 2) Adding a summary of violations to the monthly report.
- 3) Highlights on Violations were read.

MONTHLY & ANNUAL REPORTS

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS - reported 50 Vehicle & Traffic, 3 Penal (Criminal) and 1 DEC with \$6,820.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS ANNUAL REPORT - reported 595 total cases disposed, with \$53,929.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

CEMETERY- ALAN SHORT- 12/13/18-1/8/19: Doing clean up in the calm weather; tractor is being serviced and almost ready for pick up @ Land Pro; muddy and wet; and all is well.

DOG CONTROL BRIAN KING - no report

LIBRARY - January 8, 2019. The "bumps" that switching to Koha has created are getting smaller. I'm not saying the bumps are gone - just that it's getting easier to work around the limitations that are still imposed on member libraries. I am still optimistic that these issues will be remedied soon, and the new System Director will be a source of competent leadership.

We FINALLY received our new book releases on December 18th through our standing Brodart ordering system. That was a major issue caused by Koha. All the libraries throughout the system gave a shout of joy when those at Prendergast were finally able to work through that bump. Let's hope that it was a real fix and not just a fast patch to appease the rioting crowd.

Our attendance this month is down a bit - but we were closed for a significant number of days throughout the holidays. The circulation numbers that we are able to generate through the "new" reports tab in Koha seem off to me. I have noticed that the system

generates reports differently from the old system. I am going to address these observations/concerns with the appropriate people at Prendergast and ask why they differ so much.

The library will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 21st.

Diane Carey, Kennedy Free Library

PLANNING BOARD - met on 12/4

ZONING BOARD - no report

RECREATION (REBECCA LINDQUIST) - Year End Report (2018): This year's October, December events didn't come without their challenges, but we managed to host two successful annual events. The Halloween party was held on October 31st at the Kennedy Fire Hall with 100 Kids in attendance. Everyone enjoyed games and refreshments, until the grand march was held. Prizes were handed out for the different categories for each age group. Our Christmas Party with our visit with Santa was held the first Saturday in December with 60 kids in attendance. Tom Ormond held the hay rides and Calvert Baker showed off his miniature horse. The Recreation committee served chili, cocoa and cookies donated by volunteers from our community.

HISTORIAN - REBECCA LINDQUIST- no report

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE reported \$328.63 paid to Supervisor with \$355.80 total disbursed.

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE ANNUAL REPORT- reported \$7,210.90 paid to Supervisor with \$13,569.35 Total Receipt & \$13,569.35 Total Disbursements.

ZONING OFFICER GEORGE GUSTAFSON - (ZONING REPORT) reported three (3) Complaints received , four (4) Notices of Violation issued and \$1,510.00 in fees forwarded to Town Clerk.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ALAN GUSTAFSON - (BUILDING CODE REPORT) five (5) Inspections Performed, and four (4) 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 bills. *Councilman Hatfield made a motion, seconded by Councilman Swanson to pay General Vouchers (1-36) totaling \$22,686.07, Highway Vouchers (1-19) totaling \$28,599.40, Light District #1 Voucher (1) in the amount of \$935.47, Light District #2 Voucher (1) in the amount of \$255.94 and Justice Court Voucher (1) in the amount of \$5,049.00.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Other meetings: January 29th - Annual Audit at 6:30 p.m.

At 8:10 p.m. Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hatfield to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita R Wallace

Town Clerk