

Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Poland Board January 14, 2020

Town Supervisor Snow called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:03 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 Town Attorney Paul Webb, Jr., Highway Superintendent Larry Mee, Deputy Town Clerk Stacy Curtis, Zoning Officer George Gustafson, Legislator John Davis and town residents Gerrit Cain, Cindy Parsons, Mike & Marti Telford, Mary Jane Griffith, Kathleen Cooper and Post-Journal stringer Rose Mary Carver.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the December 10th 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**-**

1) Town resident Gerrit Cain wanted to follow up on the status of the board's decision regarding the 421F NYS Real Property Tax Law. After a brief description of the law to Attorney Webb, the board decided to table this topic until next meeting so the Assessor is present.

2) Mary Jane Griffith (along with other members) approached the board on the behalf of the Kennedy Free Methodist Church. The church is interested in conducting a memorial Project in memory of Donna Dort. This project is the Carolyn Bell System, which contains bells for the church tower that chimes and plays hymns. Due to the Town's noise ordinance, the church members met with the Zoning Officer and wanted approval from the Town Board before starting the project. This will be a digital system that will play at noon, Mondays thru Saturdays (12 chimes then a hymn) and 11am on Sundays. The church will have complete control of the volume of the system. The bells will never be played before 7am or after 9 pm. After asking the Town Attorney, the board gave approval to the church to proceed with the project.

LEGAL

1) On January 7th the briefs and formal argument were scheduled in Rochester regarding the Dollar General Litigation. The town should receive a decision on this case in 30 to 60 days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Supervisor Snow called an Executive Session to review highway payment plans.

Executive Session is closed.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Town Hall - nothing new to report

2) Employee Training - Supervisor Snow and Town Clerk Wallace have been working on this and will address the training at the next meeting.

3) NY Street Lighting LED Project - contacted Jonathon Meyer at Southern Tier West and the Town is one of the first towns that he will be working with on the Clean Energy Communities Program. After his training is complete in February, the program should

begin.

4) Prorated HAS - the Motion from last month's meeting was brought up to the table: *motion to pay a proration for Tim Putts for last years (2019) HAS.*

Kelly Snow: No

Corey Swanson: Yes

Steve Hatfield: Yes

Norm Gustafson: No

Terry Walker: Yes

Motion Carried.

Tim Putts is now eligible for a prorated HSA in the amount of \$2,158.00 for 2019.

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

SUPERVISOR

Distributed a handout regarding the Sales Tax Revenues for the Town of Poland for 2012-2019.

TOWN CLERK

1) Tax Collection is going well.

2) Reminder to appointed officials to stop in to the Town Clerk Office to sign your Oath of Offices for the year.

3) Association of Towns - 2020 Training School and Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Martquis, New York City, February 16-19, 2020.

4) Southern Tier West is hosting "Powers and Duties of Newly Elected or Incumbent Local Officials" on February 20th. Anyone interested please register in the Town Clerk's Office.

5) Court Clerk Carolyn Shields turned in Her Certificate of Completion for continuing Clerk education to the Town Clerk's office.

ASSESSOR

1) The 2020 Agricultural Exemption renewal applications have been mailed to property owners that currently have the exemption. The AGED exemption renewals have also been mailed to seniors that currently have this exemption. The deadline for renewing these exemptions is March 1, 2020.

2) The finalization and data entry of all new values for the 2020 Assessment Roll is ongoing through February.

3) Inspection and valuation of all new construction and demolition will begin March 1st.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

1) Hauling in sand

2) Busy Brush Hogging

3) Hauling in stone for spring

4) Ready for snow

ZONING OFFICER

1) Permits have slowed down

2) Violations have increased

LEGISLATOR

- 1) The County's Organizational Meeting was held on January 2, 2020.
- 2) Appointed to the Administrative Services and Public Service Committees
- 3) PJ Wendel was appointed as County Executive thru the next election cycle.

MONTHLY & ANNUAL REPORTS

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS - reported 47 Vehicle & Traffic with \$3,898.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS ANNUAL REPORT - reported 659 total cases disposed, with \$62,260.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

CEMETERY- ALAN SHORT- 12/11/19-1/14/20: Doing spring clean-up! All is well.

DOG CONTROL BRIAN KING - December Report - Went to Walmart and got a phone case for the new phone and took a call about 2 dogs missing on Page Road; they ended up being found.

LIBRARY - January 14, 2020. We have purchased 3'-4' reflectors to screw into the rubber parking abutments so the plow drivers can see where they are. We are waiting for someone from the town to come and pick up/install the reflectors.

I have requested a time frame in which we will know whether or not we have received the grant for the construction of a bathroom and elevator. I have been informed that we may not hear from the state until June! I will communicate this with the contractors.

Story hour has started back up.

The library will be switching our phone lines from Windstream to Spectrum in the hopes of saving money. The library system has worked out a deal with Spectrum for lower costs with the switch over of 10 other libraries as well as ours. We are hoping to see savings of around \$50 a month.

December attendance was 481 and our circulation was 1060 in total. The low numbers are due to the library being closed for the last two weeks of the month.

We will be closing for Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 20th.

Diane Carey, Kennedy Free Library

PLANNING BOARD - no report

ZONING BOARD - no report

RECREATION (REBECCA LINDQUIST) - Year End Report (2019): The Halloween Party was held on Thursday, 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. Thanks to all who participated in this event. Sue Arrance has years of hard work and dedication into making this event happen, and special thanks to the Holmberg Family for their decorations and help.

Our visit with Santa was held Saturday, December 7th at the Kennedy Fire Hall from 4-6. Hayrides were conducted by Tom Ormond while we served chili, hot coca and cookies.

About 60 kids and their families came out to visit Santa. We also had Calvert Baker and his miniature horse return this year, a favorite with the kids.

Summer Recreation (2020) Report: Summer recreation ran from July 2nd through July 30th. Due to the construction at Temple school we moved the program's meeting place to the Kennedy Free Library. This year pre-registrations were collected. Families could pick

up registrations and an information letter from the Library or Town Hall. We had 55 registrations this year with lots of new faces.

We meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Tuesdays - the 2nd and 9th, we had games and crafts at the Library. Tuesday, July 16th the Library hosted the Checkers Show.

Wednesdays we took a bus over the hill to Randolph's Weeden Park. Park days were for all outdoor games; we played kick ball, capture the flag, frisbee golf and others.

Fridays we met at Hallquist Park. We split up in groups and had different activities planned for each. We did some crafts but mostly held water games and enjoyed cold treats.

Tuesday, July 23rd, we had our picnic and Mark Rust Show at Hallquist Park. Mark Rust preformed his family show and talked about all his instruments and music of Americans for the last 200 years. The kids learned to play the spoons as well as traditional dance moves.

Jenifer Daite was with us again this year along with three young ladies from our community. Our last day ended July 30th with our trip to Waldemeer Park. Thank you! We had a great year!

HISTORIAN - REBECCA LINDQUIST- Activities in 2020: Clipped and saved Post Journal articles pertaining to the Town of Poland for the year 2019.

Typed up obituaries and put them on file.

Compiled articles and photos for the past Library functions, given to us by Kathleen Cooper.

Compiled articles on the American Legion and our town building.

Researched early settler Edward Shillito. A couple from Washington State visited my office over the summer the wife was a decedent to Edward.

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE reported \$1,731.60 paid to Supervisor with \$1,752.77 total disbursed.

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE ANNUAL REPORT- reported \$13,532.13 paid to Supervisor with \$19,870.61 Total Receipt & \$19,870.61 Total Disbursements.

ZONING OFFICER GEORGE GUSTAFSON - (ZONING REPORT) reported zero (0) Complaints received, zero (0) Notices of Violation issued and \$25.00 in fees forwarded to Town Clerk.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ALAN GUSTAFSON - (BUILDING CODE REPORT) zero (0) Inspections Performed, and zero (0) 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 (1-34) totaling \$22,346.24, Highway Vouchers (1-20) totaling \$34,296.66, Light District #1 Voucher (1) in the amount of \$993.44, Light District #2 Voucher (1) in the amount of \$271.56 and Justice Court Voucher (1) in the amount of \$1,669.00.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

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

At 8:08 p.m. Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gustafson to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnita R Wallace
Town Clerk