

Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Poland Board September 9, 2020

Town Supervisor Snow called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. In attendance were Town Council members Corey Swanson, Stevan Hatfield, Norm Gustafson, and Terry Walker. Also present were Highway Superintendent Larry Mee, and town resident Barb Czerniak and Post-Journal Stringer Rose Mary Carver.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the August 11th Regular Town Board Meeting. Councilman Hatfield had a grammar correction, under First Privilege of the Floor, the sentence should read: The Town Board thanked Garrett for this wonderful gesture. Councilman Swanson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gustafson to accept the minutes with the correction.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

****First Privilege of Floor****- a town resident approached the board about a rodent problem in the town. Apparently rats and squirrels are invading people's property and homes. The resident told the board there are too many empty and run-down houses everywhere in town and it's possible the rats are thriving in these abandon homes. Supervisor Snow told the resident to fill out an official complaint form with Code Enforcement Officer Eric Yeager. The next step is a phone call to the Health Department. Until this problem is solved all residents should not fill their bird feeders. The feeders could be attracting the rodents.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Town Hall - none
- 2) Spring Clean-up - filled a full dumper and well attended.
- 3) Court update - none
- 4) DFT Security Renewal - After board discussion, the board decided to renew the DFT contract for the Town Hall in the amount of \$35.95. The town will not be renewing the highway building DFT contract at this time.
- 5) Access Chautauqua County TV - on hold
- 6) Celebrate CHQ Grant opportunity - on hold
- 7) NY Street Lighting LED Project - heard from Southern Tier West and the Town of Poland will be the first ones to participate in this program.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Worksheets - all Budget Worksheets were distributed and need to be turned in by September 20th. The Budget Workshop will be scheduled at the next meeting.

COUNCILMAN WALKER

Asked if Don McCord would be at the next Planning Board Workshop/Training Session. Zoning Officer Gustafson is working on this for the next session.

ASSESSOR

- 1) The sales verification process for 1010 is complete and final reports have been submitted to the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services.

2) There have been several property owners questioning the removal of their STAR exemption from this year's school tax bills. This is the first year that NYS has taken advantage of the past legislation that enables them to remove STAR exemptions from properties that have past due taxes owed. Here, in the Town of Poland, this effected 10 property owners. While this is the discretion of the NYS Tax and Finance Department, the local Assessor's hear the majority of complaints as we, historically, have administered this exemption.

HIGHWAY

- 1) Finished black top on Hartson Road.
- 2) Out cutting shoulders
- 3) Using the tar buggy, oiling and stoning over patching from this summer
- 4) Basketball court and parking lot at Hallquist Park have been patched and sealed.

MONTHLY REPORTS

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS - JULY: reported 26 Vehicle & Traffic with \$2,530.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

CEMETERY- ALAN SHORT- 8/12/2020 - 9/8/2020: Continuing to mow and trim both cemeteries; tractors and trimmer are running well; having Bush Tree Service do much needed tree work at Tucker Burial Grounds. There are four trees that if blown over would do damage to the largest stone in the Cemetery; and waiting for 84 Lumber to restock on concrete mix so I can finish 3 foundations.

DOG CONTROL Rebecca Capitano - August Report - no report

LIBRARY - The summer reading program went very well despite the current situation. We had a total of 20 children sign up for this year's program. In the 6-week time period the summer reading program ran, 751 books were checked out and read by participants. That is an average of 125 books per week checked out and read by children. Fantastic numbers during a crazy time. Our theme focus was teaching children how to understand their emotions and how to control their emotions during this emotionally charged atmosphere we are all experiencing. I also purchased books that focused on educational outdoor activities children could try themselves as well as some just good old funny stories to read and laugh with. From the feedback I received, most everyone enjoyed the summer reading program we presented this year.

The grant I wrote for computer shields was awarded to us by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. \$500 in total. The shields were ordered and arrived last week. They were installed on Thursday. They look great, and I hope they help keep the community safe while they use the computers in our library. We were also awarded \$375 dollars through the CCLS Summer Reading Mini-Grant for the summer reading program. Funds for that grant were granted from the Southern Chautauqua Community Foundation. I used those funds to purchase reading incentive prizes and reading materials that focused on emotions.

Still no word from the state regarding the grant I applied for last year and seeing that we are now in September I am not hopeful that we will be hearing anything from the state this year. The last Director's meeting, held on August 28, addressed the lack of information from the state regarding last year's grant applications. Still no word. Attendance, although low, was higher than the month prior. 281 visits and circulation still

rising with 1133 total circulation. Really not bad considering the in-house numbers and inter-library loans are not being counted.

If you have any questions at all, please call me, or use my new e-mail address:

director@kennedyfreelibrary.org.

PLANNING BOARD - no report

ZONING BOARD - no report

RECREATION (REBECCA LINDQUIST) - no report

HISTORIAN - REBECCA LINDQUIST- no report

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE reported \$1,104.05 paid to Supervisor with \$2,530.47 total disbursed.

ZONING OFFICER GEORGE GUSTAFSON - (ZONING REPORT) reported one (1) Complaint received and zero (0) Notices of Violation issued.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ERIC YAGER - (BUILDING CODE REPORT) zero (0) Inspections Performed, and zero (0) Certificates of Occupancy were reported with \$590.20 in fees forwarded to Town Clerk.

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 Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Swanson to pay General Vouchers (296-334) totaling \$18,609.88, Highway Vouchers (124-138) totaling \$48,007.94, Light District #1 Voucher (9) in the amount of \$719.23, Light District #2 Voucher (9) in the amount of \$198.44 and Justice Court Voucher (6-7) in the amount of \$2,253.00.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Gustafson, Walker

Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Other meetings: none

At 7:31 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,

Darla Rissel

Deputy Town Clerk