

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 1, 2024
7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Painted Post was called to order by Mayor Foster 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Foster, Deputy Mayor Manning, Trustee Elsey, Trustee Lecher, Trustee Yama, OIC Copp, Fire Chief Button, DPW Superintendent Smith, Attorney Patrick and Clerk Names.

ABSENT: None

OATHS OF OFFICE: The Village Clerk swore in the two newly elected Trustees: Robert Lecher and Venugopal Yama

MINUTES: of the March 11, 2024 meetings were approved with a motion made by Trustee Elsey, seconded by Trustee Lecher and carried

POLICE REPORT: March report submitted by OIC Copp as follows:

Traffic Arrests: Total of 0

0 Radar, 0 Moving Violations, 0 DWI Violations, 0 Suspensions/Revocations, 0 All Other.

Complaints: Total of 50

2 Felony, 8 Misdemeanors, 5 Violations, 1 Vehicle & Traffic, 4 CPPMS, 0 Animal, 2 Domestic, 1 Local Law Violation, 2 Stolen Property Cases, 3 Found Property Cases, 22 Miscellaneous, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 54

21 Citizen/Motorist, 5 AMR., 1 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 1 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health Transports, 6 Check the Welfare, 4 Vacation Property Checks, 2 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 4 NY State Police, 1 Corning Police, 1 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Pubic/Works, 1 US Government, 7 Other agencies.

Parking Tickets: Total of: 31

31 for 12am to 6am Parking Enforcement, 0 Other.

Cases Adopted/Closed: Total of – 15

2 Felony, 8 Misdemeanors, 0 Drug Interdiction, 5 Violations, 0 Mental Health, 0 Warrant/FOA.

Accidents: Total of 3 - 0 Personal Injury, 3 Property Damage, 0 Other.

Total Calls for Service: 122

5N01 MILEAGE: 619 Miles - with Oil Change

5N02 MILEAGE: 743 Miles – New Tires

Ram -MILEAGE: 160 Miles

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

March submitted by Fire Chief Button as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 13

0 False Alarms, 0 MVA/Rescues, 2 Service Calls, 0 Vehicle Fires, 0 Searches, 0 Chimney Fires, 2 Structure Fires, 0 Grass/Brush/Wood Fires, 0 Hazardous Conditions, 0 Vehicles Leaking Gas, 0 Hazmat, 0 Storm/Flooding, 2 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 6 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 1 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 237.5

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 13

Training Certifications: 0

In Service Hours to Date: 576

Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 39

No major repairs to the Fire equipment and no reported injuries.

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 69% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 92% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2802 –D. Smith responded to 77% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 66.1 gallons Diesel – 59.9 gallons

Monthly training consisted of forest and brush fire operations.

Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.

Department held its annual fire department banquet.

Annual fire extinguisher inspection completed.

Department attended training class on electric school buses held in Bath.

DPW REPORT:

March 2024 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

Water Treatment and Distribution System

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 2 – ??’, Well # 3 – ??’ & Well # 4 – ??’** of water above the pump.

Water service at 340 E. High St and 524/526 W. Chemung St turned off as requested by owner.

Water service @ 577 W. High and 308 W. Water turned off. Leak on owner’s side.

Crew performed water system operations for the Village of Riverside

Crew flushed water service at 129 West Hill Terrace and 369 W. High St.

Crew read water meters throughout the Village for quarterly billings.

Village was awarded a FEMA grant for the installation of a standby generator for Well #2.

Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System

Crew completed monthly jet cleaning of problem areas of the sanitary sewer collection system.

Existing generator failed at the WWTP. Rental unit in place until repairs are complete.

Crew jet cleaned sewers throughout the Village.
Annual backflow preventer testing at WWTP completed.
Crew continued sludge pressing operations at the WWTP.
Covid-19 sampling for the state continues at the WWTP.
Two employees continue WWTP Operator training under the NYS Rural Water apprenticeship program.

Village Streets and Walkways

Crew picked up of leaves and brush.
Crew sanded streets and salted walkways on several occasions.
Crew filled pot holes throughout the Village of Painted Post & Riverside.
Crew swept streets throughout the Village.
Crew repair lighting in the long bike path tunnel.

Buildings and Grounds

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.
Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.
Crew completed repairs and building trash containers.
Annual backflow preventer testing at Village Hall Facility completed.
Annual fire extinguisher inspection completed for all departments
Crew continued blowing out (cleaning) parks and bike path.
Crew trimmed and removed trees throughout the Village.

Equipment Maintenance

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.
Serviced and cleaned equipment.
Bucket truck has been placed back in service.
Serviced trimmers & mowers.
Replaced brakes on backhoe.

Village Cemeteries

One burial for the month.
Crew top soiled graves.
Crew began spring cleaning in both cemeteries.
Crew began roadway repairs throughout Fairview Cemetery
Water turned off at both cemeteries.

Village DPW

Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.

FINANCIAL/

BUDGET REPORT: No Changes

CLERKS REORT: For the month of March all accounting is current and balanced although monthly reports for all accounts have not been reconciled with the bank statement or provided to the mayor, board members or department heads.

I over saw the Village Elections that were held on March 19, 2024.

Mayor Foster and I worked on the budget numbers throughout the month. One budget workshop was held on Tuesday, March 19th at 4:30 pm. A public hearing was scheduled for April 1, 2023 at 6:00pm to present the budget to the public before the regular board meeting at 7:00pm.

Document were prepared on Local Law #1-2024 for the 2% tax cap over-ride on our village taxes if passed by the Village Board.

Over 30 water/sewer re-levy letters were processed and sent out. All water/sewer bill not paid in full by March 29, 2024 will be re-levied on the 2024-2025 Village taxes in June.

The US Census Quarterly report was completed.

I completed and submitted the “Pre-budget Constitutional Tax Limit” report.

Multiple tax searches for properties sold or selling in the Village were completed.

Multiple legal notices were submitted for our budget workshop and upcoming special meetings.

PLANNING BOARD

REPORT: No planning board meeting was held although a CSC (Climate Smart Communities) Task Force meeting was held instead.

Old Business:

A budget workshop was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 4:30pm. Mayor Foster, Deputy Mayor Manning, Trustee Lecher, Trustee Elsey and Clerk Names were in attendance along with one member of the public, Venu Yama. Information that was also discussed was the override of the 2% tax levy. The workshop ended at 5:30 pm.

New Business:

1. The Village Board of Trustees passed Local Law #1, 2024 to override the 2% tax levy limit.

Village of Painted Post, County of Steuben

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Painted Post to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing 2024 that required a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property

tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Painted Post, County of Steuben, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The Village Board to adopt Local Law #1-2024:

Mayor Foster	<u> x </u>	
Deputy Mayor Manning	<u> x </u>	Trustee Lecher <u> x </u>
Trustee Elsey	<u> x </u>	Trustee Yama <u> x </u>

2. Village Board passed the 2024– 2025 village budget. The tax levy will be \$1,348,055 resulting in a tax rate of 13.821811 per \$1,000, which is \$0.80 increase per \$1000 over last year.

Motion was made by: Deputy Mayor Manning and seconded Trustee Lecher
All in favor 5 Ayes 0 Nays and Carried:

3. Village Board adopted a Resolution allowing the Clerk-Treasurer to add any unpaid water/sewer bills as a re-levy on the 2024-2025 Village Taxes. There are approximately 31 bills that will be re-levied for an approximate total of \$12,608.

I, Trustee Elsey, move the adoption for the re-levy of unpaid water/sewer bills and property clean-up charges on the 2024-2025 Village Taxes.

All in favor 5 Ayes 0 Nays and Carried

4. Resolution from Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES to participate in the upcoming Cooperative Natural Gas Bid for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30,

2025. This resolution was approved and signed along with the participant information form.

Resolution was approved by Trustee Lecher, seconded by Trustee Elsey and carried
All in favor: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. The Village Board, for Well #2 standby generator project, has been awarded to Hunt Engineers.

Motion was approved by Trustee Yama, seconded by Trustee Lecher and carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. The fire department has submitted for approval a new application for James Townsend. The approval of the Village Board would be contingent on the fire departments final approval on April 2, 2024.

Motion to approve the new application contingent on the fire department was made by Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded by Trustee Elsey and carried.

7. The reorganization meeting will be held in May 2024.

**SUSPEND ORDER
OF BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Lecher, 2nd by Trustee Yama and carried by all.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS:**

Emily Nortrup of 582 W. High St. reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 for Primary that was being held.

Wally Marribitt 440 W High St congratulated the two newly elected trustees and also thanked the village board and the department heads for their leadership and commitment.

**RESUME ORDER
OF BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Elsey, 2nd Deputy Mayor Manning and carried.

**TRUSTEE
COMMENTS:**

Trustee Yama thanked everyone and stated that he wants to look into if and how revenue could be increased in the village and would also like to look into the fire department equipment needs.

Trustee Elsey also welcomed Venu as a new Trustee and thanked the police for their assistance at the FastTrack incident. She also thanked the DPW for getting the Village ready for spring.

Trustee Lecher welcomed Venu to the Village Board and noted that he was looking forward to the next four years.

Deputy Mayor Manning welcomed Venu to the Village Board. He also thanked the all departments for what they do and stated that the new theme for Colonial Days this year would be "Once Upon a Time" which will be held on Saturday, June 8. The Miss Colonial Days pageant will be returning this year along with a Chicken BBQ and music in the square.

AUTHORIZATION: to pay audited bills for the Village on a motion made by Trustee Ferree and seconded by Trustee Elsey and passed.

	<u>Abstract #15 (Apr)</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>
General Fund:	\$ 15,745.86	463 - 495
Water Fund:	\$ 6,516.73	225 - 248
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 52,598.08</u>	226 - 248
TOTALS:	\$ 74,860.67	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 74,860.67

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Yama and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manning at 7:36 pm and carried.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Names, Clerk-Treasurer