

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**December 9, 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 Lecher, Trustee Yama, OIC Copp, Fire Chief Button, DPW Superintendent Smith, Attorney Patrick and Clerk Names.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Elsey

**MINUTES:** of the November 12, 2024 meetings were approved with a motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded by Trustee Lecher and carried

**POLICE REPORT:** November 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 43

0 Felony, 5 Misdemeanors, 5 Violations, 2 Vehicle & Traffic, 5 CPPMS, 1 Animal, 1 Domestic, 2 Local Law Violation, 1 Stolen Property Cases, 3 Found Property Cases, 18 Miscellaneous, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 43

12 Citizen/Motorist, 3 AMR., 0 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 1 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health Transports, 3 Check the Welfare, 4 Vacation Property Checks, 7 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 5 NY State Police, 3 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Public/Works, 0 US Government, 5 Other agencies.

Parking Tickets: Total of: 37

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

Cases Adopted/Closed: Total of – 10

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

Accidents: Total of 1- 0 Personal Injury, 1 Property Damage, 0 Other.

Total Calls for Service: 97

5N01 - MILEAGE: 136Miles Tire Swap, Oil Change

5N02 - MILEAGE: 776 Miles

Other Items of Note: 5N01 Service – Front suspension replaced and maintenance to engine / OIC Copp & Hoffman took Glock Armorer Course.

**FIRE DEPT.  
REPORT:**

November submitted by Fire Chief Button as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 16

0 False Alarms, 1 MVA/Rescues, 0 Service Calls, 0 Vehicle Fires, 0 Searches, 0 Chimney Fires, 1 Structure Fires, 0 Grass/Brush/Wood Fires, 0 Hazardous Conditions, 0 Vehicles Leaking Gas, 0 Hazmat, 0 Storm/Flooding, 8 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 5 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 1 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 276

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 14

Training Certifications: 0

In Service Hours to Date: 2,839

Total Number of Calls to date for the Year –185

No major repairs to the Fire equipment

No Reported Injuries.

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 50% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 100% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2802 –D. Smith responded to 75% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 112.1 gallons Diesel – 48.9 gallons

Department monthly training consisted of firefighter skills interior operations.

Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.

Quarterly truck maintenance and pump testing completed.

Placed in service new Firefighter turnout gear.

**DPW REPORT:**

November 2024 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

**Water Treatment and Distribution System**

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 2 – 42'**, **Well # 3 – 25.5'** & **Well # 4 – 42'** of water above the pump.

Water service at 340 E. High St turned off as requested by owner.

Crew repaired 6" water main break at 132 West Hill Terrace.

Water service @ 577 W. High turned off. Leak on owner's side.

Crew flushed water services @ 214 Charles, 104 Parkview and 461 West High St.

Crew read fourth quarter water meters throughout the Village.

Crew performed water system operations for the Village of Riverside.

Received notification that the Village was not selected for a water system improvement grant.

Crew turned water off @ 149 Fairview Ave. As requested by the owner.

**Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System**

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

Crew continued sludge pressing operations at the WWTP.

Covid-19 sampling for the state continues at the WWTP.

Construction of the disinfection project at the WWTP continues.  
Two employees continue WWTP Operator training under the NYS Rural Water apprenticeship program.

#### **Village Streets and Walkways**

Crew completed daily leaf and brush pick up until spring.  
Crew filled pot holes throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.  
Crew sanded and/or plowed streets and parking lots on 8 occasions for the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.  
Crew salted and/or plowed walkways throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.  
Crew removed downed trees on West Hill Terrace  
Crew began picking up Christmas Trees throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.

#### **Buildings and Grounds**

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.  
Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.  
Crew performed monthly playground equipment inspection in the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.  
Crew completed renovations to old radio room at the Village Hall facility.  
Crew began lighting replacement project at Craig Park Pavilion. (Grant Project).  
Crew setup the Nativity Scene at the intersection of N. Hamilton and W. Water Street.

#### **Equipment Maintenance**

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.  
Serviced and cleaned equipment.  
Crew continued repairs to dump box on the 08 dump truck.  
Replaced low air alarm on sewer jet truck.  
Replaced diesel fuel tank straps on 08 dump truck.  
NYS Annual inspection on 02 dump truck and 2011 pickup completed.

#### **Village Cemeteries**

Two burials for the month.  
Water turned off at both cemeteries.

#### **Village DPW**

Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.  
Crew completed mandatory annual hearing screening  
Submitted annual NYSDOT Highway work permit application for the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.

#### **FINANCIAL/**

**BUDGET REPORT:** No Changes

**CLERKS REPORT:** All accounting is current and balanced between checkbooks, accounting software and have been reconciled with our bank statements. Monthly reports for November have been provided to the mayor, board members and department heads.

The third quarter water/sewer penalty notices were printed and mailed out and we continued to process water and sewer payment as they came in.

Civil Service exceptions for our June payroll certification were completed and sent in.

Several tax searches and final water/sewer bills were generated for properties that have sold here in the Village.

The 2024-2025 unpaid Village taxes were re-levied and sent to Steuben County to be added to the Town and County taxes that come out in January 2025.

Pam and I worked with Retirement on-line with regards to additional training for our “gold” status.

## PLANNING BOARD

**REPORT:** There was no planning board meeting in November.

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**Old Business:** None

## **New Business**

1. The Village Board approved the “Contractor’s Application for Payment” to Vacri Construction in the amount of \$255,308.06 and \$10,412.50 to Hunt Engineers for work done on the WWTP Disinfection Improvements. Also, \$8,346.65 to Hunt Engineer for the Walking Trail project.

Motion to approve made by: Deputy Mayor Manning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lecher

All in favor 4 Ayes 0 Nayes

2. Resolution by the Village Board to approve a budget transfer from the Fire Department Turnout Gear Reserve Account (A236) to GF checking account (A200) for the purchase of 25 sets of turnout gear. The expense account to be used is A3410.41.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Painted Post authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to decrease the Fire Department Turnout Gear reserve account by \$80,477.13 for the above mention purchase.

I, Trustee Lecher, move to adopt the above resolution.

Aye Nay

Mayor Foster	<u>X</u>
Deputy Mayor Manning	<u>X</u>
Trustee Lecher	<u>X</u>
Trustee Yama	<u>X</u>

3. Village Board approved the Resolution from NYCOM for Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments.

## **VILLAGE OF PAINTED POST**

### **Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments**

**Whereas**, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

**Whereas**, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

**Whereas**, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

**Whereas**, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

**Whereas**, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

**Whereas**, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

**Whereas**, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Village of Painted Post calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Village of Painted Post urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

I, Deputy Mayor Manning, move to adopt the above resolution.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Foster	<u>X</u>	
Deputy Mayor Manning	<u>X</u>	

Trustee Lecher	<u>X</u>
Trustee Yama	<u>X</u>

**SUSPEND ORDER**

OF BUSINESS: Motion made by Trustee Lecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Manning, and carried by all.

PUBLIC

COMMENTS: Emily Northrup of 582 W High St. state that no matter what, the police and fire departments need to kept.

Wally Marribitt of 440 W High St. wished everyone “happy holidays”.

**RESUME ORDER**

OF BUSINESS: Motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Lecher and carried.

**TRUSTEE**

COMMENTS: Trustee Yama gave an update on the firetrucks. The Quint should be delivered to Firematic in New York sometime in November or December of 2025 and then within 6 to 8 weeks after add-ons are completed should be delivered to the Village. The Pumper-Rescue should be completed in January of 2026 and expected delivery to us by April 2026. He also stated that the Christmas party was awesome.

Trustee Lecher stated that the Christmas party was “great”.

Deputy Mayor Manning thanked the Union Hall for the “free” use of their hall and the donation of \$500 from them. The Christmas party was excellent the Santa was great and all enjoyed the crafts and face painting.

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

<u>Abstract #9 (Dec.)</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Abstract #</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>
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General Fund:	\$ 229,284.43	301 - 347
Water Fund:	\$ 21,281.46	129 - 150
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 30,218.80</u>	129 - 151
TOTALS:	\$ 280,784.69	

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 280,784.69**

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lecher and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manning at 7:37 pm and carried.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Names, Clerk-Treasurer