

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**July 12, 2021**  
**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 Francis, Trustee Ferree, Trustee Manning, OIC Copp, DPW Superintendent Smith, and Clerk Names.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Kenny and Attorney Patrick

**MINUTES:** of the June 14, 2021 meeting were approved with a motion made by Trustee Manning, seconded by Deputy Mayor Francis

**POLICE REPORT:** June report submitted by OIC Copp as follows:

Traffic Arrests: Total of 18 - 0 Radar, 4 Moving Violations, 1 DWI Violations, 3 Suspensions/Revocations, 10 All Other.

Complaints: Total of 29 - 0 Felony, 7 Misdemeanors, 6 Violations, 1 Vehicle & Traffic, 1 CPPMS, 0 Animal, Domestic, 1 Local Law Violation, 3 Stolen Property Cases, 4 Found Property Cases, 7 Miscellaneous and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 26  
2 Citizen/Motorist, 6 AMR., 2 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 1 Open Door, 0 Mental Health Transports, 2 Check the Welfare, 4 Vacation Property Checks, 4 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 3 NY State Police, 1 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 1 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Public/Works, 0 US Government, 0 Other agencies.

Parking Tickets: Total of 0 –12am to 6am Parking Enforcement, 0 Other.

Cases Adopted/Closed: Total of 17 – 0 Felony, 7 Misdemeanors, 2 Drug Interdiction, 5 Violations, 0 Mental Health, 3 Warrant/FOA.

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

5N01 REPAIRS: None

N01 MILEAGE: 567 Miles

5N02 REPAIRS: None

5N02 MILEAGE: 623 MILES

Following trainings completed in June: Copp/Hardy at Bike School, Hoffman at IDC/FTO, Hardy at Aride (Drug/drunk driving class), Firearms training.

FIRE DEPT.

REPORT:

June report submitted by Chief Smith as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 10 – 3 MVA/Rescues, 4 Service Calls, 0 Vehicle Fires, 0 Searches, 0 Chimney Fires, 0 Structure Fires, 0 Grass/Brush/Wood Fires, 0 Hazardous Conditions, 0 Vehicles Leaking Gas, 2 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 1 Mutual Aid Fire and 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 0 Mutual Aid Medical, 0 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 39.5  
Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 11  
Training Hours - In House: 0  
Training Certifications: 0  
In Service Hours to Date: 548  
Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 60.

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

Chief 2800 – Button responded to 60% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2801 – Smith responded to 70% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2802 – McCarthy responded to 40% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage – 60.7 gallons Diesel – 0 gallons

Department Activities/Community Services:

1. Monthly department training consisted of hand tool and UTV driver operations.
2. Monthly equipment operation and safety checks continue.

DPW REPORT:

June 2021 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

**Water Treatment and Distribution System**

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 4 – 42'**, **Well # 3 – 26'** & **Well # 2 – 40'** of water above the pump.

Trans-loading Facility operations. Hauled ZERO Gallons for the month.

Water service @ 349 N. Hamilton turned back on. New owners repaired water leak.

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

Water Service @ 10237 Oak Wood turned off. Leak on Owners side.

Crew performed water system operations for the Village of Riverside.

Crew replaced leaking water service @ 224 E. High St.

Crew completed quarterly water meters readings for the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.

**Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System**

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

Crew performed sewer system operations for the Village of Riverside.

Sludge pressing operations at the WWTP continues.

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

Crew jet cleaned sanitary sewers throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.

Repairs to recirculation pump supports and pump installation completed @ WWTP.

### **Village Streets and Walkways**

Crew continued weekly pickup of leaves and brush.

Crew swept streets throughout the Village on several occasions.

Crew mowed grass shoulders and hot patched roadway along West Hill Road.

Crew replaced and revised No Parking Signs throughout the Village. NO PARKING 12 AM to 6 AM

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.

Crew continued cleaning/sanitation operations at Village Hall & DPW to address COVID 19 Virus.

Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.

Crew cleaned pavilion interior and exterior of 8 occasions for rentals.

Crew continued mowing and trimming of Village Property throughout the Village.

NYSEG tree contractor removed tree @ 219 Steuben St.

Repaired and replaced interior lights at the Pavilion.

Crew replaced cooking grill @ Craig Park.

Crew hauled and leveled gravel and asphalt milling fill in new play area at Craig Park.

P & J Contracting replace condensate pump on AC unit located in FD training/Board Room.

With the assistance of Mayor Foster all flower beds have been weeded and cleaned

### **Equipment Maintenance**

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.

2012 Tahoe and 08 dump truck passed NYS Inspection.

New York State inspection failed on Water Department Van. Borrowing pickup from Riverside.

### **Village Cemeteries**

Five burials for the month.

Crew continued mowing and trimming operations in both Cemeteries.

Crew repaired and cleaned grave lots in Fairview Cemetery.

**FINANCIAL/  
BUDGET REPORT:** No Changes

**CLERKS REORT:** June checkbooks have been reconciled and balance to our accounting program. The bank statements for general fund, water/sewer and trust & agency have also been reconciled to both the checkbook and accounting program.

As of June 30, 2021 taxes have been paid on all but 63 properties. The Village taxes that have been paid total \$1,029,069.86. The remaining taxes of \$ 86,271.35, if paid by July 31, 2021 will have a five percent (5%) penalty added to the original amount.

On June 4, I contacted Williamson Law Book Co. and worked with Ted Jones to close out our accounting for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. I am currently working on the AUD for the State Comptroller's Office. Once it is complete, I will electronically transmit it to them.

We continued to collect water and sewer payments throughout the month. The payroll certification report for Steuben County Civil Service was completed.

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**PLANNING BOARD**

**REPORT:** There was no meeting held in June 2021

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Mayor Foster to appoint Trustee Manning to the DPW and Fire Dept. committees.

2. Village Board of Trustee to approved the Resolution of Support & Authorization for the Village of Painted Post 2021 New York State Consolidated Funding Application for Wastewater Quality Improvement Program.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Painted Post's Wastewater Treatment Plant is required to disinfect its effluent as part of its permit renewal from the NYSDEC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Painted Post began the design of the disinfection by hiring an engineer (HUNT Engineers) to evaluate the different technologies and identify the preferred alternative and cost estimates for the necessary improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Painted Post has caused to be prepared application(s) for Water Quality Improvement Program Grant – a competitive statewide reimbursement grant program open to local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the program includes funding for Wastewater Effluent Disinfection projects to add effluent disinfection and associated backup power to facilities that do not currently disinfect, and will fund up to \$1,000,000 with a local match of 25% of award amount; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved** that the Village of Painted Post Board of Trustees hereby does support and authorize the submission of a Water Quality Improvement Grant Application(s) for the Village of Painted Post.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved** that the Village of Painted Post does commit a local match of 25% of the Wastewater Effluent Disinfection award amount and 60% of Other Wastewater Treatment Improvement award amounts.

I, Deputy Mayor Francis, approve this resolution.

Affirmative: # 4    Negative: # 0    Absent: # 1

3. Village Board of Trustees to vote on the SEQRA Resolution Regarding Village of Painted Post Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Project.

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT  
RESOLUTION REGARDING  
VILLAGE OF PAINTED POST  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DISINFECTION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Painted Post (hereinafter the “Village”) maintains municipal wastewater treatment plant and collection system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is proposing wastewater treatment plant disinfection and sewer collection system inflow and infiltration improvements to comply with NYS DEC SPDES permit requirement to disinfect effluent, to reduce inflow and infiltration and to improve other critical items identified by plant personnel in maintaining proper uninterrupted operation of the treatment process as presented in the engineering reports prepared by Hunt Engineers. The improvements include the addition of liquid chlorine system, addition of dechlorination system, new contact tank, chemical building extension, adding a cover to the existing trickling filter to alleviate freezing issues and enhance nutrient removal, adding a mechanical influent screen, replacing some facility pumps that are failing, replacing weirs that are leaking and corroding, and replacing exterior metals such as grating, stair, railings that are peeling and corroding due to proximity to the highway causing salt to transfer onto the property and equipment, and associated site piping and system appurtenances thereof. Collection system improvements include replacement of selected piping, manholes, lining selected sewers, raising/replacing select manholes (collectively, the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is obligated under SEQRA and corresponding regulations to review the Project, and if necessary, undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project before undertaking the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake the project review under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon an examination of 6 NYCRR § 617.4 and § 617.5, the Village classified the Project as an Unlisted Action given § 617.2(al). A Full Environmental Assessment Form was prepared for the Project, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.6(b)(3), coordinated review was undertaken by the Village and no objections were received regarding the Village serving as lead agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby makes the following findings:

The Project consists of wastewater treatment plant disinfection and sewer collection system inflow and infiltration improvements to comply with NYS DEC SPDES permit requirement to disinfect effluent, to reduce inflow and infiltration and to improve other critical items identified by plant personnel in maintaining proper uninterrupted operation of the treatment process as presented in the engineering reports prepared by Hunt Engineers. The improvements include the addition of liquid chlorine system, addition of dechlorination system, new contact tank, chemical building extension, adding a cover to the existing trickling filter to alleviate freezing issues and enhance nutrient removal, adding a mechanical influent screen, replacing some facility pumps that are failing, replacing weirs that are leaking and corroding, and replacing exterior metals such as grating, stair, railings that are peeling and corroding due to proximity to the highway causing salt to transfer onto the property and equipment, and associated site piping and system appurtenances thereof. Collection system improvements include replacement of selected piping, manholes, lining selected sewers, raising/replacing select manholes.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that:

The Village Board hereby designates itself lead agency pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.6(b)(2) and § 617.6(b)(3) with respect to the Project.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that:

Based upon an examination of the components of the Project, the Full Environmental Assessment Form, and the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and based upon its knowledge of the areas including and surrounding the Project site, and discussions with professionals retained by the Village, the Village Board, as lead agency, hereby makes the following determinations with respect to the Project pursuant to SEQRA:

- A. The Project constitutes an “Unlisted Action.”

B. Based upon review by the Village Board of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, any input provided by other involved agencies, and other necessary criteria set forth in SEQRA, the Village Board hereby finds and determines that the Project will result in no significant impacts and, therefore, (a) the action is not one which “may include the potential for at least one significant adverse environmental impact,” (b) “there will be no significant adverse environmental impacts,” and (c) no “environmental impact statement” need be prepared, as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA. This determination constitutes a negative declaration for purposes of SEQRA and it has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

C. A copy of this resolution, together with notice of negative declaration, shall be placed on file in the office of the Village Clerk where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours and such notice of negative declaration shall be filed in such offices, posted in such places and published in such manner as shall be necessary to conform to the requirements of SEQRA.

4. Authorization to pay the invoice from Harris Beach Bond Council in the amount of \$3,144.00 from Capital Project and to transfer the balance back into DPW Reserve.

Motion to approve: Trustee Ferree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Manning and carried.

**SUSPEND ORDER  
OF BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Ferree and seconded by Deputy Mayor Francis and carried.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS:**

Brian Schilberger of 319 Imperial, Scott Pitcher of 324 Imperial, Jim & Kimberly Johnson of 329 Imperial, Tina Hargrave of 318 Imperial all had complaints on 147 E High St. with regards to safety & property values.

OIC Copp stated that all law enforcement agencies are doing everything they can within the law and the best course of action is to continue to call 911 and inform the Village police of things they witness.

The residents thanked our police department for everything that they are doing and stated if there was any else they could do to help to please let them know.

Dr. Wylie of 119 Grace Blvd. asked if larger drains could be used to help with the flooding issues and that we should push our government officials to help in this matter as a upgrade to our infrastructure.

**RESUME ORDER**

**OF BUSINESS:** Motion made by Trustee Manning and seconded by Deputy Mayor Francis and carried.

**TRUSTEE**

**COMMENTS:** Trustee Ferree state that there are also some issues with the property located at 335 E. High St.

Deputy Mayor Francis sympathizes with all the residents with regard to the issues with 147 E High St.

**AUTHORIZATION:** to pay audited bills for the Village on a motion made by Deputy Mayor Francis and seconded by Trustee Ferree and passed as follows:

	<u>Abstract #2 (May)</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Abstract #2 (May)</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>
General Fund:	\$ 22,518.38	36 - 40	\$ 25,077.58	41 - 72
Water:	\$ 94.11	18 - 19	\$ 4,570.29	20 - 34
Sewer:	\$ 596.40	18	\$ 7,786.64	21 - 33
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 23,208.89</b>		<b>\$ 37,434.51</b>	

**GRAND TOTAL:** **\$60,643.40**

**MOTION TO**

**ADJOURN:** made by Deputy Mayor Francis and seconded by Trustee Ferree and carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted by

Anne Names

Clerk-Treasurer