

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**July 8, 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, Trustee Elsey, Trustee Lecher, Trustee Yama, OIC Copp, Fire Chief Button, DPW Superintendent Smith, Attorney Patrick and Clerk Names.

**ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor Manning

**MINUTES:** of the June 10, 2024 meetings were approved with a motion made by Trustee Elsey, seconded by Trustee Lecher and carried

**POLICE REPORT:** June 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 54

1 Felony, 4 Misdemeanors, 7 Violations, 9 Vehicle & Traffic, 2 CPPMS, 2 Animal, 1 Domestic, 3 Local Law Violation, 1 Stolen Property Cases, 2 Found Property Cases, 20 Miscellaneous, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 53

23 Citizen/Motorist, 4 AMR., 3 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health Transports, 7 Check the Welfare, 4 Vacation Property Checks, 1 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 6 NY State Police, 1 Corning Police, 1 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Public/Works, 0 US Government, 3 Other agencies.

Parking Tickets: Total of: 0

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

Cases Adopted/Closed: Total of – 14

1 Felony, 4 Misdemeanors, 0 Drug Interdiction, 7 Violations, 2 Mental Health, 0 Warrant/FOA.

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

Total Calls for Service: 122

5N01 - MILEAGE: 151 Miles

5N02 - MILEAGE: 639 Miles

REPORT: June submitted by Fire Chief Button as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 17

0 False Alarms, 2 MVA/Rescues, 5 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, 0 Hazmat, 0 Storm/Flooding, 6 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 3 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 1 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 118.5

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 12

Training Certifications: 0

In Service Hours to Date: 970.5

Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 85

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

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 77% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 88% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2802 –D. Smith responded to 94% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 41 gallons Diesel – 86.7 gallons

Department monthly training consisted of pump operations and emergency vehicle operations.

Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.

Department participated in the funeral services for Caton Firefighter Robert Smith.

Department participated in the annual Colonial Days Fire Department Parade.

Department provided stand-by services during the Colonial Days Parade.

Department held our annual fire department picnic.

DPW REPORT: June 2024 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

#### **Water Treatment and Distribution System**

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 2 – 42'**, **Well # 3 – 27'** & **Well # 4 – 43'** of water above the pump.

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

Water service at 524/526 W. Chemung St turned on as requested by the new owner.

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

Crew performed water system operations for the Village of Riverside

Crew repaired leaking water service @ 340 E. High St.

Crew read water meters for quarterly billing.

Crew repaired broken fire hydrant at the intersection of Pulteney and Buffalo in Riverside.

#### **Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System**

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

Crew jet cleaned sewers along Nobriga Lane.

Crew continued sludge pressing operations at the WWTP.  
Covid-19 sampling for the state continues at the WWTP.  
Crew began replacement of valves on discharge side of raw influent pumps at the WWTP.  
Crew relocated existing electric service and chemical feed at the WWTP  
Construction of the disinfection project at the WWTP has begun.  
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 removed and poured sidewalk blocks on N. Hamilton.  
Crew hot asphalt patched parking lots and streets throughout the Colonial Days parade route and Village.  
Crew swept streets throughout the Village of Painted Post.  
Crew removed and trimmed trees throughout the Village.  
Crew provided assistance with road and parking lot closures during the Colonial Days events.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.  
Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.  
Crew continued trimming and mowing operations.  
Crew cleaned Pavilion for rentals on 8 occasions.  
Crew removed forms and top soiled areas around new concrete pads for picnic tables and park benches.  
Crew continued weeding and mulching flower beds and planters  
Crew assisted PD with trash removal from homeless encampments on the West Water Street property.  
Crew stained and set out three new picnic tables in Craig Park. **In memory of John Twist**  
NYSDEC assisted with mowing of the West Water Street site..

### **Equipment Maintenance**

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.  
Replaced dump cylinder on 2020 F550 Dump Truck.  
Repaired AC unit in 2012 Tahoe

### **Village Cemeteries**

Two burials for the month.  
Crew continued trimming and mowing operations.  
Water turned on at both cemeteries.

### **Village DPW**

Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.

FINANCIAL/  
BUDGET REPORT: No Changes

**CLERKS REORT:** All 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, 2023 taxes have been paid on all but 75 properties. The Village taxes that have been paid total \$1,196,335.37. The remaining taxes of \$169,332.01, if paid by July 31, 2024 will have a five percent (5%) penalty added to the original amount.

On June 9, I contacted Williamson Law Book Co. to get assistance in closing out our accounting for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. I am currently working on the year end AFR (annual financial report) for the State Comptroller's Office.

We continued to collect water and sewer payments throughout the month.

I completed the payroll certification report for Steuben County Civil Service.

Several tax searched were completed for properties selling in the Village.

I attended the Planning Board / CSC meeting.

Several pavilion rentals were booked in June.

## PLANNING BOARD

**REPORT:** A planning board meeting was held in June to discuss the area variance for property located at 448 Pine St. which needed to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals to then be reviewed and voted on.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** 1. Fred Arcuri gave a presentation for a possible project which would upgrade Rand Park to an “inclusive play” park.

2. Village Board approved the “Contractor’s Application for Payment” to Vacri Construction in the amount of \$84,312.50 for work done on the WWTP Disinfection Improvements.

Motion to approve was made by: Trustee Lecher<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> by Trustee Yama and carried.

3. Village Board approved the “Fire Loop Easement Agreement” for a water project that they will be undertaking by Siemens Energy.

Motion to approve was made by: Trustee Lecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Elsey and carried.

4. The Village Board approved the following membership applications for four new firefighters: Victoria Hogan, Maxwell Seymour, Patrick Kingston and Robert Smith.

Motion to approve was made by: Trustee Elsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Yama and carried.

**SUSPEND ORDER****OF BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Lecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Elsey, and carried by all.

**PUBLIC****COMMENTS:**

Dave Peris of 504 W High St. stated that Charles St., W. High St. and Maple St. are to narrow for parking to be allowed on both sides of the street.

Emily Nortrup of 582 W. High St. stated that 577 W High St. needs to have the property maintained, i.e. lawn needs to be mowed.

Tom Chapman of 128 W Hill Tr. Spoke about the two CEC grants. The CEC would like to target the \$5k toward the pavilion LED upgrades and \$10K for the study and upgrades to the village hall. A grant proposal will be prepared for the Village Board to approve at the board meeting on 8/12/24.

Wally Marribitt of 440 W. High St. stated that he was not impressed with the informational meeting, with regards to the old Foundry property, that was put on by STC.

**RESUME ORDER****OF BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Trustee Lecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Elsey and carried.

**TRUSTEE****COMMENTS:**

Trustee Yama commented on the “dumpster day” as well as the “repair shop and swap shop” that was held in Hector. He also stated that he had gone on to the State Comptrollers website and found that the fiscal score according to the State shows the Village to be very “healthy”. Trustee Yama spoke about the fire departments need to upgrade their trucks and that he has contacted a company in Texas that would finance \$2.5 million (for two new trucks) for 10 to 15 years with a 2 year differed payment plan. The cost now, 2024, would be approximately \$238,000/year beginning in 2026.

Trustee Elsey commented that she took her children to the library and in their listing of programs Painted Post Parks and Arts was represented.

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

	<u>Abstract #2 (July)</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>
General Fund:	\$ 73,345.15	33 - 71
Water Fund:	\$ 32,153.29	18 - 35
Sewer Fund:	\$ 24,668.89	19 - 39
TOTALS:	\$130,167.33	

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 130,167.33**

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lecher and seconded by Trustee Yama at 8:31 pm and carried.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Names, Clerk-Treasurer