

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2025
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 and Clerk Names.

ABSENT: None

MINUTES: of the May 12 & 29, 2025 meetings were approved with a motion made by Trustee Elsey, seconded by Trustee Yama and carried

BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Budget, Finance & Insurance	Ralph Foster* Anne Names – Treasurer
Deputy Mayor	Robert Manning
Public Works	Robert Manning* Robert Lecher
Fire Department	Venu Yama* Britany Elsey
Planning Board Liaison	Britany Elsey* Venu Yama
Police Department	Ralph Foster* Robert Lecher
Liaison to Colonial Day Parade	Robert Manning

* = Organizational Chair

2025-2026
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

Building Inspectors	Bryan Hallgren – Town of Erwin Rick Miller – Town of Erwin One (1) year
Official Newspaper	The Leader
Official Depositories	M & T Bank, Chemung Canal Trust

And NY CLASS

Village Attorney Christopher H. Feldman
Harris Beach Murtha

Planning Board Term to expire (5yrs)
Vicki Button March 2026
Thomas Chapman- Chair March 2028
Hannah Waschezyn March 2028
Scott Swimley March 2028

Alternates
Travis Gasa August 2029
Christine Adamo February 2030

Zoning Board of Appeals Term to expire (5yrs)
Elton Harris March 2029 (Resigning 6/30/25)
Dave Togni March 2027
Peter Reif June 2030

Priscilla Tallman March 2029 – Alternate
Sam Gullo March 2029 – Alternate

Fire Department
Engineer/Purchasing Officer Brian J. McCarthy March 2026

Motion to accept assignments: Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded by: Trustee Lecher all in favor: YES 4 NO 0

POLICE REPORT: May 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 51
1 Felony, 7 Misdemeanors, 2 Violations, 13 Vehicle & Traffic, 1 CPPMS, 2 Animal, 1 Domestic, 6 Local Law Violation, 2 Stolen Property Cases, 0 Found Property Cases, 16 Miscellaneous, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 78
30 Citizen/Motorist, 5 AMR., 3 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 1 Mental Health Transports, 2 Check the Welfare, 4 Vacation Property Checks, 18 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 11 NY State Police, 0 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Public/Works, 1 US Government, 3 Other agencies.

Parking Tickets: Total of: 0

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

Cases Adopted/Closed: Total of – 11

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

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

Total Calls for Service: 140

5N01 MILEAGE: 1350 Miles

5N02 MILEAGE: 183 Miles

Red Dot Instructor Course. Assisted with Memorial Day Parade.

FIRE DEPT.

REPORT:

May submitted by Fire Chief Button as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 15

0 False Alarms, 5 MVA/Rescues, 3 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, 3 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 3 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 1 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 164

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 13

Training Certifications: 0

In Service Hours to Date: 1,768.5

Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 96

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

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 73% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 93% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2802 –D. Smith responded to 8% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 130.8 gallons Diesel – 94.4 gallons

1. Department monthly training consisted of initial fire attack, rescue and fire ground operations.
2. Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.
3. Department held the annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony.
4. Department began preplan updates for commercial and industrial locations.

DPW REPORT:

May 2025 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

Water Treatment and Distribution System

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 2 – 43, Well # 3 – 28' & Well # 4 – 44'** of water above the pump.

Water service at 340 E. High St, 244 E. High and 149 Fairview turned off as requested by owner.

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

Crew repaired leaking water service @ 409 and 439 West High Street.

Contractor repaired leaking water service @ 119 Keefe BLVD.

Crew replaced and repaired several water meters.

Annual water distribution system leak survey completed.

Crew completed spring hydrant flushing throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside

Crew performed water system operations for the Village of Riverside.

Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System

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

Crew jet cleaned sanitary sewers throughout the Village.

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 is substantially complete.

Two employees continue WWTP Operator training under the NYS Rural Water apprenticeship program.

Village Streets and Walkways

Crew filled pot holes throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside on several occasions.

Crew swept streets on several occasions throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.

Buildings and Grounds

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.

Crew continued weekly brush and leaf pickup.

Crew continued trimming and mowing of Village property.

Crew cleaned and weeded flower beds and planters.

Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.

Crew continued lighting replacement project at Village Hall. (Second Grant Project).

Crew completed spring cleanup of Village Parks and walking trail..

Crew continued construction of changing room area at DPW Garage.

Crew continued monthly playground equipment inspections.

Crew cleaned pavilion for rentals.

Equipment Maintenance

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

Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.

Purchased and placed in service used asphalt roller

Contractor replaced gas pump at the gasoline facility at the DPW.

Village Cemeteries

Four burials for the month.

Crew completed spring cleaning in both cemeteries.
Crew continued trimming and mowing in both cemeteries.
Water turned on at both cemeteries.

Village DPW

Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.
Annual DPW physicals and fit test completed.

FINANCIAL/

BUDGET REPORT: No Changes

CLERKS REPORT: All accounting is current and in balance with our accounting system and have been reconciled with our bank statements. Tentative year end has been completed.

The final meeting to close the fiscal year 2024-2025 was held on Thursday, May 29, 2025. Any final adjustments and transfers will need to be completed before the fiscal year can be closed.

The water and sewer penalties were assessed and over 160 letters were sent out.

The village tax bills for 2025- 2026 were processed by Steuben County Real Property and mailed out to all tax payers who required bills by a third-party vendor. All escrowed tax bills were pulled and sent to the individual financial institutions.

Several tax searches were completed on property being sold in the Village.

I attended the May Planning Board meeting.

PLANNING BOARD: Meeting of May 7, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Members Present: Thomas Chapman, Travis Gasa, Scott Swimley, Hannah Waschezyn, Christine Adamo (alternate)

Members Absent: Vickie Button

Public Present: James Gensel (Fagan Engineers), Liv Lovejoy (STC Planning), Anne Names (Clerk)

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:22 PM

II. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Minutes: MOTION to approve the minutes from 4/9/2025 made by Scott Swimley, seconded by Travis Gasa, all in favor, motion carried.

b. Revised draft West Water Street Project scoping document review led by James Gensel.

i. Public will be able to access the scoping document at stcplanning.org during the comment period

ii. MOTION to pass resolution attached, read by Tom Chapman, seconded by Scott Swimley

Roll call: Adamo _Y_, Gasa _Y_, Waschezyn _Y_, Swimley _Y_, Chapman _Y_.
Result: all in favor, carried unanimously.

- c. MOTION to open public comment period for the draft scoping document made by Scott Swimley, seconded by Tom Chapman, discussion below, vote: carried unanimously.
 - i. the public comment is on the adequacy of the scoping document

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion on Pro-Housing Communities program introduced by Liv Lovejoy
 - i. Becoming a requirement for some NYS programs and is highly recommended for others.
 - ii. More information available at: <https://hcr.ny.gov/phc>

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 5:15 PM at the Village Hall
- b. MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 PM made by Hannah Waschezyn, seconded by Tom Chapman, all in favor, vote carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Village Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Peter Reif as a permanent member of the Zoning Board of Approval.

Motion to approve made by: Trustee Elsey, 2nd by Trustee Lecher and carried by all.

- 2. James Kuhl spoke about his accomplishments as County Legislator such as supporting the hiring of additional sheriff officers and for the proposed increase in pay for the Steuben Co. sheriff's deputies. He led the effort for new communications for First Responders. James informed our village about the upcoming Republican primary on 6/24/25.

He hosted a veteran's luncheon to make veterans aware of the benefits that are available at the local, state and federal levels and with Steuben Co. IDA "round table" sessions were held with small business owners and with those looking to start a business discussing their experiences and where to begin or what to do first.

- 3. The Village Board approved the "Contractor's Application for Payment #12" to Vacri Construction in the amount of \$7,312.50 for work done on the WWTP Disinfection Improvements project.

Motion approved by: Trustee Elsey, 2nd by Trustee Lecher

All in favor: 5 Ayes 0 Nays and carried.

SUSPEND ORDER

OF BUSINESS: Motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning, 2nd by Trustee Elsey and carried by all.

PUBLIC

COMMENTS:

Wally Marribitt of 440 W High St. thanked the DPW for their dedication and hard work. He also stated how good all the parks looked.

RESUME ORDER

OF BUSINESS: Motion made by Trustee Elsey and 2nd by Trustee Yama and carried.

TRUSTEE

COMMENTS: Trustee Yama thanked Elton Harris for his 20 plus years of service on the ZBA board. He also thanked James Kuhl for attending and sharing his information and he thanked all the chiefs and village clerk.

Trustee Elsey stated she was looking forward to Colonial Days.

Trustee Lecher thanked James Kuhl for attending our meeting and sharing his information and thanked all departments for what they do.

Deputy Mayor Manning thanked James Kuhl for his information and spoke on the upcoming Colonial Day festivities. He also thanked the Kiwanis Club and the Trustees who have helped with the event.

Mayor Foster thanked James Kuhl for the updates at the County level.

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

Abstract #1(June) Voucher No.

General Fund:	\$ 130,299.94	01 - 30
Water Fund:	\$ 23,800.56	01 - 10
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 19,417.12</u>	01 - 10
TOTALS:	\$ 173,517.62	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 173,517.65

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Manning and seconded by Trustee Yama at 8:04 pm and carried.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Names, Clerk-Treasurer