

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 10, 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 Lecher, Trustee Elsey, Trustee Yama, OIC Copp, Fire Chief Button, DPW Superintendent Smith and Clerk Names.

ABSENT:

MINUTES: of the February 10, 2025 meetings were approved with a motion made by Trustee Lecher and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manning.

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

Traffic Arrests: Total of 1

0 Radar, 0 Moving Violations, 1 DWI Violations, 0 Suspensions/Revocations, 10 All Other.

Complaints: Total of 35

0 Felony, 2 Misdemeanors, 1 Violations, 8 Vehicle & Traffic, 1 CPPMS, 1 Animal, 2 Domestic, 3 Local Law Violation, 0 Stolen Property Cases, 1 Found Property Cases, 16 Miscellaneous, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 39

9 Citizen/Motorist, 4 AMR., 3 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 1 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health Transports, 8 Check the Welfare, 4 Vacation Property Checks, 3 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 4 NY State Police, 0 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Public/Works, 0 US Government, 3 Other agencies.

Parking Tickets: Total of: 8

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

Cases Adopted/Closed: Total of – 4

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

Accidents: Total of 2 - 0 Personal Injury, 2 Property Damage, 0 Other.

Total Calls for Service: 79

5N01 - MILEAGE: 720 Miles

5N02 - MILEAGE: 405 Miles

FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:

February submitted by Fire Chief Button as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 19

0 False Alarms, 4 MVA/Rescues, 1 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, 4 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 8 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 2 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 287.5

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 12

Training Certifications: 0

In Service Hours to Date: 903

Total Number of Calls to date for the Year –45

No major repairs to the Fire equipment

No injury/exposure reported.

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 63% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 84% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2802 –D. Smith responded to 95% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 128.6 gallons Diesel – 81.4 gallons

DPW REPORT: February 2025 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

Water Treatment and Distribution System

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 2 – 42'**, **Well # 3 – 26.5'** & **Well # 4 – 43'** 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 continued leak survey around the Storflex facility.

Crew performed water system operations for the Village of Riverside.

Crew attended training in Hornell.

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 called in to jet clean sanitary sewer on upper Fairview during storm event.

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 filled pot holes throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.
Crew sanded streets and parking lots on 7 occasions for the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.
Crew salted walkways on 7 occasions throughout the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.

Buildings and Grounds

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.
Crew completed repairs and repainting of picnic tables
Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.
Crew continued lighting replacement project at Craig Park Pavilion. (Grant Project).
Crew replaced two wall mounted lights at Village Square Mall.
Crew began construction of changing room area at DPW Garage.

Equipment Maintenance

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.
Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.
Repaired and adjusted walkway salt spreader.
Replaced fuel hose and nozzle at gas storage facility.

Village Cemeteries

No burials for the month.
Water turned off at both cemeteries.
Eagle Scout project completed at both cemeteries.

Village DPW

Crew attended first day of confined space training held at the Village Hall (3-day class)
Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.
Submitted annual NYSDOT Highway work permit application for the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.

FINANCIAL/

BUDGET REPORT: There was a decrease in the General Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$375.00.
Three vouchers were submitted in error and were deleted from the March abstract.

CLERKS REPORT: All accounting is current and balanced with our accounting system and bank statements.
The February monthly reports have been provided to the board members and department heads.

Over 170 water and sewer late notices were prepared and mailed out.

I began working of the 2025-26 Village budget with Mayor Foster.

I have been working with USDA and Harris Beach with regards to the documentation for the purchase of the Quint and Rescue/Pumper.

Multiple tax searches were completed for properties selling in the village.

PLANNING BOARD

REPORT: No Planning Board was held in February.

Old Business: None**New Business**

1. Elton Harris & Steve Hazlett discussed a long-time sewer issue that they have been dealing with for several years. Elton supplied the Village Board with documentation of these issues. The Water Dept./DPW has been trying to maintain a monthly jet cleaning schedule to help with these issues.

Superintendent Smith confirmed their concerns and stated that he, along with help from the City of Corning DPW department, would be inspecting the sewer pipe using a specialized camera to try to figure out what the Village can do to correct this long-standing issue. The Village will also be using a root cutter once again to try and clear any obstructions they may find.

Superintendent Smith will keep the Village Board updated on this matter.

2. The Village Board approved payment to Municipal Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$1,716.00 for work done on the WWTP Disinfection Improvements capital project.

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

All in favor 4 Ayes 0 Nays

3. The Village Board will hold a budget workshop on Tuesday, March 25 at 4:30 pm and is open to the public.

4. The Village Board approved the “Resolution of Commitment” letter for the Hazard Mitigation Program for the Painted Post Well House #2 Generator. The current local matching fund requirement of up to 28% of the cost, not to exceed \$32,375 is required.

AYE NAY

Ralph Foster, Mayor	X
Robert Manning, Deputy Mayor	X
Britany Elsey, Trustee	X
Robert Lecher, Trustee	X
Venu Yama, Trustee	X

5. Phyllis Draper spoke on the Painted Post Food Pantry that has been operation since 1975 and has had an increase of over 42%. She asked for the continued support of the village and stated that the Painted Post Food Bank does partner with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

SUSPEND ORDER

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

PUBLIC

COMMENTS: Emily Northrup of 582 W High asked about the hole by the School Board building & if there was a chance that the sidewalks in the village might be replaced.

RESUME ORDER

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

TRUSTEE

COMMENTS: Trustee Yama spoke on the status of the two fire trucks and how this years assessed value will greatly help this year's budget.

Deputy Mayor Manning spoke about the issue with several pieces of mail that took over 6 weeks for the village to receive.

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

Abstract #12 (Mar.) Voucher #

General Fund:	\$ 50,618.66	439 - 479
Water Fund:	\$ 8,201.94	193 - 211
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 15,277.95</u>	194 - 210
TOTALS:	\$ 74,098.55	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 74,098.55

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lecher and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manning at 7:57 pm and carried.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Names, Clerk-Treasurer