

Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Poland Board December 8th, 2020

Town Supervisor Snow called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:57 pm with the pledge to the flag. In attendance were town council members Corey Swanson, Stevan Hatfield, Norm Gustafson. Absent was Councilman Walker. Also present Highway Superintendent Larry Mee, Zoning Officer George Gustafson, Code Enforcement Officer Eric Yager, Legislator John Davis, Falconer High School student, and Post-Journal Stringer Rose Mary Carver.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the November 10th regular Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Snow continued to address the **Local Law # 1- Override the Tax Levy** which was discussed at last month's board meeting stating that it was now null in void due to the supervisor not overriding the tax cap after all. Once that was discussed and explained Councilman Hatfield made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gustafson to accept the minutes with that revision.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Gustafson, Hatfield

Motion carried.

Old Business

- 1) Town Hall- none
- 2) Court update- Supervisor Snow passed along a update given by Justice Shields; "Things are changing on a daily basis, we are taking it day by day."
- 3) Town Wide Rodent Problem- Code enforcement Officer Yager had reached out to Orkin services and they would be willing to look at the town as a whole. The board decided to pass at this time but stated the private residences that have a problem are welcome to reach out on their own time to have their properties inspected by a service. Also Supervisor Snow received an email from a concerned Town resident about not filling bird feeders related to the rodent problem in the town. Supervisor Snow called the citizen and informed them that the town never placed a ban on filling bird feeders, and apologized for the miscommunication.
- 4) EOP- Postponed meeting until the new year
- 5) Access Chautauqua Grant opportunity- on hold
- 6) Celebrate CHQ Grant opportunity- on hold
- 7) NY Street Lighting LED Project- on hold

**** Privilege of floor****- no response

New Business

- 1) Organizational meeting will be held before next month's Town Board meeting, January 12th 2021 at 6:15 pm.

2) Annual Audit is scheduled for Tuesday January 26th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

SUPERVISOR SNOW

Handed out a report showing the tax revenue from 2016 vs. 2020. The board mentioned how pleased they were with the current numbers of the town, given the setbacks it faced with the pandemic, and to see it did not have much negative effect.

TOWN CLERK

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions it has been decided that the annual Christmas party at the Town Hall will not be held this year. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and healthy New Year.

ASSESSOR – “The assessment database has been sent to the Chautauqua county real property tax office for the processing of the town and county tax bills. Beginning in January I will begin processing the 2021 assessment rolls. Physical inspections of open permits will take place as weather permits. Personal contact with property owners will be extremely limited this year due to Covid-19 contact reasons, Thank you.”

HIGHWAY

- 1) Ready to Plow
- 2) Got everything stocked back up again
- 3) Did not go over budget for 2020
- 4) The guys had to go out one night to plow

Zoning-

- 1) Permit numbers are still down this month.
- 2) The officers have noticed a recurring issue of town citizens starting new projects without being issued permits.

CODE ENFORMENT OFFICER

Also stated the issue of work being started without the proper paperwork filed or permits being issued. CEO Yager addressed the board about updating the Fee Schedule that the town currently has and also adding jobs to the zoning book that would require permits. It was also mentioned the possibly of increasing the amount of the fine that gets administered for lacking a permit on work being started. Supervisor Snow along with the Board recommended CEO Yager and zoning officer Gustafson put together a written plan and present it to the planning board in February.

Legislator- John Davis – We are finding that sales Tax is doing well even though most businesses had to shut their doors due to Covid-19 restrictions, because of internet sales, which is what is driving offsets.

-will not support the large scale solar project in Ripley, he will not be supporting any payment in form of tax agreements from the county to support a project that is using county money to encourage a project like this.

- Business as usual, a lot of zoom meetings.

-Councilman Gustafson added remarks of unhappiness over the Transfer stations and garbage being dumped because of the hours and the lack of people covering their truck beds when arriving. Mr. Davis said he would look into it some more.

MONTHLY REPORTS

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS- NOVEMBER: Reported 57 Vehicle & Traffic with \$ 5,165.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

CEMETERY – ALAN SHORT- 11/11/2020 – 12/8/2020: I have been fall cleaning at the Cemeteries. The John Deere 345 needs motor and deck service but I am waiting until January. The shed roof is in need of repair. Please let me know who I should contact for quotes. Lastly Merry Christmas to all!!

DOG CONTROL Rebecca Capitano- NO REPORT

LIBRARY- Report to the Town of Poland from the Kennedy Free Library 12/8/2020

Happy and kind of warm Tuesday,

The library has found, and is now working with a structural engineer who is drawing up drawing for our construction contractors to follow regarding the handicapped accessibility project. The first grant funding deposit from NYS will be made this week. After the drawing are delivered, we can start moving forward with our project.

Attendance (318) and circulation (962) have dropped off this last month. This is a trend that happens every holiday season. Still, with Covid numbers sky rocketing, I am not disappointed by these numbers.

We have stopped our children's story hour. Our volunteer story hour reader Pam does not want to risk her health or the health of her husband to continue gathering at this time. I completely concur with her decision. It is getting to risky to gather in community events as the rapidly growing numbers are attending. There have been a number of libraries with in the CCLS system that have had to shut-down due to contact/possible exposure to CV_19. We can hopefully avoid the same through wise decisions now.

December 1st, we announced the winners of the Election Day raffles. The additional money generated through the raffle was very encouraging. I've listed the winners' names on the website and FB page. We also moved to our "winter hours" starting December 1st. We are now open Mondays 12-6pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10-6pm, Thursdays 1-6pm, and Saturdays 10-1pm. closed both Fridays and Sundays.

The library will be closed from December 24th through January 1st and re-opening Saturday January 2nd.

If you have any questions at all, please call me or use my new e-mail address:

director@kennedyfreelibrary.org

Stay safe-and have a great night, Diane Carey

PLANNING BOARD- Second round of training 1/6/2021 via zoom

ZONING BOARD- no report

RECREATION (REBECCA LINDQUIST) - NO REPORT

HISTORIAN (REBECCA LINDQUIST) – NO REPORT

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE- reported \$593.50 paid to Supervisor with \$988.47 total disbursed.

ZONING OFFICER GEORGE GUSTAFSON- (ZONING REPORT) reported two (2) complaints received and two (2) notices of violations issued.

CODE ENFORCMENT OFFICER ERIS YAGER- (BUILDING CODE REPORT) zero (0) inspections performed, and zero (0) certificates of Occupancy were reported with \$ 73.80 in fees forwarded to Town Clerk.

SUPERVISOR KELLY SNOW distributed prior to the meeting the agenda and Monthly Supervisor's Reports for General Fund, Highway Fund, Payroll Fund, Money Market accounts and General & Highway Budget Reports.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any questions on the bills. Councilman Swanson made a motion, seconded by councilman Hatfield to pay the General Vouchers (404-453) totaling \$45,715.34, Highway Vouchers (174-186) totaling \$40,957.53, Light district #1 voucher (12) in the amount of \$959.15, Light district #2 voucher (12) in the amount of \$262.25 and Justice Court Voucher (9) in the amount of \$2,752.00.

Ayes: Snow, Hatfield, Gustafson, Swanson

Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, January 12th 2021 at 7:00pm. In the Town Hall.

Other meetings: Planning zoom training via zoom with Don McCord 1/6/2021, Organizational meeting possible via zoom 1/12/2021 at 6:15pm before the Town Board Meeting, Annual audit 1/26/2021 @ 6:30pm

At 7:31pm. Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hatfield to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Gustafson, Hatfield

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy M. Curtis

Deputy Town Clerk