

Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Poland Board November 10, 2020

Town Supervisor Snow called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. In attendance were Town Council members Corey Swanson, Stevan Hatfield, and Terry Walker. Absent was Councilman Gustafson. Also present were Highway Superintendent Larry Mee, Zoning Officer George Gustafson and town residents Steve Stanton, Garrit Cain and Post-Journal Stringer Rose Mary Carver.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the September 8th Regular Town Board Meeting. *Councilman Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Swanson to accept the minutes as written.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Walker

Motion carried.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the October 13th Regular Town Board Meeting. *Councilman Hatfield made a motion, seconded by Councilman Swanson to accept the minutes as written.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Walker

Motion carried.

Supervisor Snow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the October 27th Public Hearing. *Councilman Swanson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hatfield to accept the minutes as written.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Walker

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Town Hall - none
- 2) Court update - permission was given for courts to suspend for failure to appear but still can not suspend for failure to pay. The court can handle all pre-COVID-19 evictions only, nothing after COVID-19 at this time.
- 3) Town Wide Rodent Problem - the expense town wide assessment for the rodent issue is too large for the town to pay.
- 4) EOP - The EOP Committee will meet on November 17th at 6:30 pm
- 5) Access Chautauqua County TV - 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) Local Law #1 - Override the Tax Levy Limit 2021

Supervisor Snow read the Local Law #1, 2020:

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Poland as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This local law is enacted pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c (the "Property Tax Cap Law"), which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this local law is to permit the town board to override the tax levy limit on the amount of property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Poland pursuant to the Property Tax Cap Law and to allow the town to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by the Property Tax Cap Law. Such override is necessary and in the best interest of the town.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

SECTION 4.

This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker to adopt Local Law #1 (2020) as read.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Walker

Motion carried.

2) Adopting the 2021 Budget - *Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hatfield to adopt the Town Budget for the Town of Poland for 2021 as present.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Walker

Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR SNOW

1) Don McCord will hold two Training Sessions for the Planning Board/Town Board on December 1st from 6pm-8pm and January 6th from 6pm-8pm.

2) Would like board approval to purchase (from the Supervisor's budget) a 50" smart television, webcam and a television cart for virtual meetings and training. *Councilman Hatfield made a motion, seconded by Councilman Swanson to spend up to \$500.00 on a 50" smart television, webcam and a television cart.*

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Walker

Motion carried.

3) Chautauqua County Planning & Community Development sent a letter regarding a Municipal Zoning Referral. Supervisor Snow read the letter to the board.

ASSESSOR

1) Exemption renewal applications have been mailed. The deadline for remittance of completed applications is March 1, 2021.

2) The Assessment database will be sent to the Chautauqua County Real Property Tax Office for processing of Town/County tax bills this week.

HIGHWAY

1) Brush hogging

2) Sand & salt barns are full

3) Employees using vacations

4) Truck is now fixed and ready for winter

ZONING

1) Permit numbers are down this month

2) Area & Use Variances will be discussed at this month's Zoning Board Meeting.

3) One complaint was received

MONTHLY REPORTS

JUSTICE JUDITH SHIELDS - OCTOBER: reported 62 Vehicle & Traffic and 17 Criminal with \$6,480.00 forwarded to Supervisor.

CEMETERY- ALAN SHORT- 10/14/2020-11/10/2020: Continued leaf mulching and collection; cleaning up old flowers, etc. thru out the cemeteries; put the benches in for the winter and scheduling painting each of them; preparing for winter weather; and 345 J Deere tractor and mower deck will be taken to Z&M for yearly maintenance soon.

DOG CONTROL Rebecca Capitano - October Report- found dog call, had help finding the owner from someone who knew the dog.

LIBRARY - We are now searching for a structural engineer and one additional quote from a contractor for our Handicapped Accessibility Project. Once the money from NYS is deposited, we will start moving forward with our project.

Attendance is continuing to grow. 362 visits in October and circulation still rising with 1466 in total circulation. These numbers are awesome despite school children not getting dropped off at the library after school at this time. I am seeing more and more school aged children coming to the library for books/computer research regarding class assignments. All positives in a very trying year.

Story hour has been fantastic since we started back up. We continue to keep story hour available to member of our community only. Halloween story hour was a blast with many of the children wearing their costumes - and incorporating a mask into their costumes. Very clever moms and dads.

Our election day dinner was a successful fundraiser. Despite COVID-19 and the changes we had to make, the numbers were very close to past election day dinner numbers. 3C's Catering was a wonderful addition and the food... the food was excellent! We are continuing the raffle aspect of that fundraiser throughout the month of November to get our 50/50 cash prize a little bit healthier. The raffle will conclude on November 30th and the winners announced December 1st.

PLANNING BOARD - met on November 9th.

ZONING BOARD - no report

RECREATION (REBECCA LINDQUIST) - no report. Supervisor Snow reported that the turnout for the Halloween Grab & Go was excellent.

HISTORIAN - REBECCA LINDQUIST- no report

TOWN CLERK BONNITA WALLACE reported \$594.54 paid to Supervisor with \$1,071.77 total disbursed.

ZONING OFFICER GEORGE GUSTAFSON - (ZONING REPORT) reported one (1) Complaint received and zero (0) Notices of Violation issued.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ERIC YAGER - (BUILDING CODE REPORT) zero (0) Inspections Performed, and zero (0) Certificates of Occupancy were reported with \$175.00 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 General Vouchers (369- 403) totaling \$18,842.84, Highway Vouchers (156-173) totaling \$35,430.90, Light District #1 Voucher (11) in the amount of \$907.58, Light District #2 Voucher (11) in the amount of \$248.88 and Justice Court Voucher (9) in the amount of \$1,377.00.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Walker

Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Other meetings: November 17th - EOP Committee Meeting at 6:30, December 1st & January 6th - Don McCord Virtual Training from 6pm - 8pm

At 7:44 p.m. Supervisor Snow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hatfield to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Snow, Swanson, Hatfield, Walker

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnita R. Wallace
Town Clerk