

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 6, 2026
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, OIC Copp, DPW Superintendent Smith and Clerk Names.

ABSENT: Trustee Elsey, Trustee Yama, Fire Chief Button

MINUTES: of the March 9, 2026 meeting was approved with a motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded Trustee Lecher and carried

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

Traffic: Total of 18
7 Tickets, 11 Warnings, 0 MV Accident, 0 Bicycle Accidents, 0 Pedestrian Accidents.

Complaints: Total of 12
0 Felony, 3 Misdemeanors, 2 Violations, 0 Vehicle & Traffic, 1CPPMS, 1 Animal, 1 Domestic, 0 Local Law Violation, 0 Drug Case, 0 Found Property Cases, 0 Miscellaneous, 0 Warrant.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 57
9 Citizen/Motorist, 9 AMR., 1 PP Fire Dept., 1 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health, 5 Check the Welfare, 9 Property Checks, 9 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 7 NY State Police, 1 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Pubic/Works, 0 US Government, 1 Other agencies, 5 Used Needles.

Parking: Total of: 26
26 Overnight Violations, 0 All Other, 0 Parking Complaints.

Total Calls for Service: 87

5N01 MILEAGE: 589 Miles
5N02 MILEAGE: 673 Miles

Alex Hevey was hired as a part time officer to replace Tod Kimmey and there was a mini bike towed after driving on the bike path.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT: March report submitted by Fire Chief Smith as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 20

0 False Alarms, 2 MVA/Rescues, 4 Service Calls, 1 Vehicle Fires, 0 Searches, 0 Chimney Fires, 1 Structure Fires, 0 Grass/Brush/Wood Fires, 0 Hazardous

Conditions, 0 Vehicles Leaking Gas, 0 Hazmat, 0 Storm/Flooding, 1 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 10 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 2 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 236

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 12

Training Certifications: 0

In Service Hours to Date: 821.5

Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 60

No major repairs to the Fire equipment

Injuries – no injury

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 60% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 100% of the calls for the month.

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

Fuel Usage: Gas – 109.3 gallons Diesel – 45 gallons

Department monthly training Search and Rescue operations.

Department monthly training also consisted of mandatory OSHA safety training.

Department held its annual fire department banquet.

Department annual fire extinguisher inspection was completed.

DPW REPORT: March 2026 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, 145 and 149 Fairview turned off as requested by owner.

Water service @ 577 W. High turned off. Owner making inside repairs.

Continued attending weekly progress meetings for Siemens Energy water system improvement project.

Crew read water meters for quarterly billing.

Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System

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

Crew continued sludge pressing operations at the WWTP.

Covid-19 sampling at the WWTP has been discontinued.

Construction of the disinfection project at the WWTP is substantially complete.

Repaired recirculation pump at the WWTP.

Annual RPZ backflow preventer testing completed

Village Streets and Walkways

Crew plowed and/or sanded streets on one occasion.

Crew replaced No Parking signs throughout the Village.

Crew swept streets and parking lots on several occasions. (Spring cleanup)

Crew filled pot holes throughout the Village on several occasions.

Crew installed additional Wrong Way signs along W. Chemung St.

Buildings and Grounds

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.
Crew picked up brush and leaves.
Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.
Crew completed monthly playground equipment inspections.
Water at Dog Park turned on.
Crew extended driveway at the Craig Park Diesel pump
Crew cleaned out flower beds at the Village Hall
Crew completed phase 1 light replacement project at the DPW garage.
Annual RPZ backflow preventer testing completed at the Village Hall Facility

Equipment Maintenance

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.
Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.
Service mowers and trimmers.
Annual Fire Extinguisher inspections completed the DPW, Water and Sewer Department.

Bucket Truck failed boom inspection. Repair parts are not available

Village Cemeteries

Two burials for the month.
Water turned off at both cemeteries.
Crew began spring cleanup in both cemeteries.

Village DPW

Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.
Continued weekly safety meetings.
Crew completed Annual Confined Space refresher training.

FINANCIAL/

BUDGET REPORT: No Changes

CLERKS REORT: All accounting for March 2026 is current, balanced and the monthly reports have been reconciled with the bank statement. Reports have been provided to the mayor, board members and department heads.

Mayor Foster and I worked on the budget numbers throughout the month. One budget workshop was held on Monday, March 23th at 4:30 pm. A public hearing was scheduled for April 6, 2026 at 6:00 to present the budget and review the amended Vehicle& Traffic law of 2024 before the regular board meeting at 7:00pm.

I attended the March planning board meeting.

Both the NYS and Federal tax reports for the 1st quarter of 2026 were completed and submitted as well as the 1st quarter PERMA-WC and the US Census Bureau quarterly reports.

I presided over the March 18th Village election.

I gathered information for the Income survey and for the new water project. Pam & I also gathered additional information for our website.

I worked with Harris Beach and USDA for the upcoming arrival of the new - Pumper/Rescue. The pre-closing is scheduled for April 20 and the closing will be on April 22, 2026.

I attended an hour webinar with regards to the Constitutional Tax Limit. I completed and submitted the “Pre-budget Constitutional Tax Limit” report.

Multiple tax searches for properties sold or selling in the Village were completed

PLANNING

Date: March 4, 2026

Time: 5:20 PM – 6:19 PM

Chair Tom Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed minutes from the November meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Vicki and seconded by Scott. The motion carried unanimously. The Board also reviewed the January meeting minutes previously distributed by Travis. After noting a minor correction, a motion to approve the January minutes was made by Vicki and seconded by Anna. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The Board discussed annual training requirements for Planning Board members. Members must complete four hours of relevant training annually. Available training opportunities include programs offered through the New York State Department of State and the STC Regional Leadership Conference scheduled for June 11. Liv noted that additional training sessions can be coordinated locally if the Board identifies topics of interest.

CORNELL CLIMATE STEWARDS PROGRAM

Tom introduced information regarding the Cornell Climate Stewards Program, which offers virtual training focused on climate resilience, extreme weather preparedness, and environmental best practices. Informational materials will be distributed to members by email.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Liv presented a packet containing recommendations drawn from the Village’s 2017 Comprehensive Plan. Board members were asked to review the recommendations and identify their top three priorities for future Planning Board work. These priorities will help guide future discussions and potential policy updates.

ZONING USE TABLE REVIEW

The Board discussed reviewing and potentially updating the zoning use regulations table. Members were encouraged to examine permitted uses, special permit uses, and prohibited uses within each zoning district. Particular attention will be given to the I-2 district associated with the West Water Street site. Members were asked to review the table and note suggested changes for discussion at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ZONING CONSIDERATIONS

Several zoning-related topics were discussed including:

- The potential need to define and regulate data centers due to their large energy and water demands.
- The possibility of clarifying definitions and regulations for short-term rentals such as Airbnb or VRBO.
- Consideration of allowing additional small-scale or low-profile businesses in residential areas.
- Evaluating land use decisions to balance economic development, job creation, and neighborhood character.

WEST WATER STREET DEVELOPMENT

The Board discussed how zoning regulations may affect future development at the West Water Street site. Members noted the importance of carefully defining permitted uses and thresholds for certain types of development to ensure the site contributes positively to the village while minimizing potential impacts such as excessive traffic or incompatible land uses.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Planning Board members were asked to:

1. Review the zoning use regulations table, with particular focus on the I-2 district.
2. Identify suggested changes or comments regarding permitted and special permit uses.
3. Select their top three recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan packet.

These items will be reviewed collectively at a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board briefly discussed development scenarios such as potential warehouse or distribution facilities and the need to weigh economic benefits against traffic and infrastructure impacts.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Travis and seconded by Scott. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Village Board of Trustees passed Local Law #1, 2026 to reapprove the Vehicle and Traffic law of September 2024

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The Village Board to adopt Local Law #1-2026:

Mayor Foster	<u> X </u>	
Deputy Mayor Manning	<u> X </u>	Trustee Lecher <u> X </u>
Trustee Elsey	<u> A </u>	Trustee Yama <u> A </u>

2. Village Board of Trustees passed the 2026– 2027 village budget. The tax levy will be \$1,850,303 resulting in an approximate tax rate of 14.664449 per \$1,000.

Motion to pass the budget was made by: Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded by Trustee Lecher and passed._

All in favor: 3 Against 0 and Carried

3. Village Board to adopt a Resolution allowing the Clerk-Treasurer to add any unpaid water/sewer bills as a re-levy on the 2026-2027 Village Taxes.

I, Deputy Mayor Manning, move the adoption for the re-levy of unpaid water/sewer bills and property clean-up charges on the 2026-2027 Village Taxes.

All in favor 3 Against 0 and Carried

4. The Village Board of Trustees voted to approve the Loan Resolution for 2026 authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring a 2025 Pumper/Rescue fire truck.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Village of Painted Post to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bond in the principal amount of \$985,000 pursuant to the provisions of NYS Local Finance Law.

	<u> AYE </u>	<u> NAY </u>	<u> ABSENT </u>
Ralph Foster, Mayor	X		
Robert Manning, Deputy Mayor	X		
Robert Lecher, Trustee	X		
Britany Elsey, Trustee			X
Venu Yama, Trustee			X

5. Village Board of Trustee approved the following resolution:
Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pained Post voted to accept delivery of the Pierce Pumper/Rescue fire truck and to authorize the receiving of final payment from USDA RD.

	<u> AYE </u>	<u> NAY </u>	<u> ABSENT </u>
Ralph Foster, Mayor	X		
Robert Manning, Deputy Mayor	X		
Robert Lecher, Trustee	X		
Britany Elsey, Trustee			X
Venu Yama, Trustee			X

6. Village Board approved the purchase of a used bucket truck for the DPW. The approximate amount of \$61,000 plus additional warranty costs and will be paid for out of current DPW Reserve account A230.

Motion to approve was made by Trustee Lecher, 2nd by Deputy Mayor Manning and Carried.

SUSPEND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC

COMMENTS:

Hannah Waschezyn of 121 W Hill Tr., spoke on the Repair Café that is being held on 4/25/26 at the Lutheran Church @ 149 W William St., Corning. She commented that the planning board was looking into setting one up also.

Joseph Goodman of 539 W High St., stated that his neighbor has a tree branch approximately 10” in diameter that broke off and is now hung up in the tree waiting to fall and he asked if the DPW could take it down. He also asked if there was anyone actually in charge of overseeing the dog park.

RESUME ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning and 2nd by Trustee Elsey and carried.

TRUSTEE

COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Manning thanked the fire department for the banquet.

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

	<u>Abstract #17 (Feb.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>	<u>Abstract #18 (Mar.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>
General Fund:	\$ 3,112.85	447 - 452	\$ 17,617.24	453 - 484
Water Fund:	\$ 970.54	216 - 219	\$ 9,262.09	220 - 241
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 2,120.44</u>	215 - 216	<u>\$ 13,853.55</u>	220 - 241
TOTALS:	\$ 6,213.83		\$ 40,732.88	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 46,946.71

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Manning and seconded by Trustee Lecher at 7:52 pm and carried.