

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 8, 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 Yama, Trustee Elsey, OIC Copp, Fire Chief Button, DPW Superintendent Smith and Clerk Names.

ABSENT: Trustee Lecher

MINUTES: of the November 10, 2025 meeting was approved with a motion made by Trustee Elsey, seconded Deputy Mayor Manning and carried

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

Traffic: Total of 4
0 Tickets, 3 Warnings, 1 MV Accident, 0 Bicycle Accidents, 0 Pedestrian Accidents.

Complaints: Total of 33
0 Felony, 5 Misdemeanors, 4 Violations, 5 Vehicle & Traffic, 2 CPPMS, 2 Animal, 4 Domestic, 1 Local Law Violation, 0 Drug Case, 0 Found Property Cases, 10 Miscellaneous, 0 Warrant, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 54
18 Citizen/Motorist, 6 AMR., 0 Foot Patrol, 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health, 6 Check the Welfare, 4 Vacation 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, 2 Other agencies, , 1 PP Fire Dept.,

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

Accidents: Total of 1 - 0 Personal Injury, 1 Property Damage, 0 Other.

Total Calls for Service: 91

5N01 MILEAGE: 730 Miles
5N02 MILEAGE: 673 Miles

Tyler RMS System is now Live, we received Officer Kimmey’s resignation as he has moved out of state.

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:** November report submitted by Fire Chief Button as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 21

0 False Alarms, 6 MVA/Rescues, 1 Service Calls, 0 Vehicle Fires, 0 Searches, 0 Chimney Fires, 2 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, 7 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 1 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 320.5
 Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 12
 Training Certifications: 0
 In Service Hours to Date: 3,507.5
 Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 216

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

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 71% of the calls for the month.
 Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 81% of the calls for the month.
 Chief 2802 –D. Smith responded to 90% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 152.5 gallons Diesel – 36.4 gallons

Department monthly training consisted of High Hazard tour at Corning Sullivan Park and Annual PPE Inspection.
 Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.
 Department provided several fire prevention tours and programs.
 Mandatory annual SCBA inspections completed.

DPW REPORT: November 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, 145 and 149 Fairview turned off as requested by owner.
 Water service @ 577 W. High turned off. Leak on owner's side.
 Crew flushed water service at 145 Charles Street.
 Continued attending weekly progress meetings for Siemens Energy water system improvement project.

Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System

Crew completed monthly jet cleaning of problem areas of the sanitary sewer collection system.
 Crew jet cleaned and ran root cutter in sanitary sewer in front of 106/107 Fairview Ave on two occasions
 Crew from City of Corning DPW televised the sanitary sewer in front of 106/107 Fairview Ave.
 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 completed WWTP apprenticeship program.
 Trickling Filter treatment unit in need of repairs.

Village Streets and Walkways

Crew swept streets on several occasions throughout the Village.
Crew hot patched streets and parking lots
Attended bid opening for Walking Trail TAP Project.
Crew plowed and salted streets on one occasion.
Crew plowed and salted walkways on one occasion.

Buildings and Grounds

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.
Crew continued daily brush and leaf pickup.
Crew continued trimming and mowing of Village property.
Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.
Crew continued monthly playground equipment inspections.
Turned water off at Dog Park.
Crew removed Pickle Ball and Volley Ball nets at Craig Park.

Equipment Maintenance

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.
Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.
Replaced starter on 20212 Tahoe.
Serviced plows and sanders.
Repaired leaf machine.
Annual Bucket Truck Boom inspection completed. **Boom Inspection Failed**

Village Cemeteries

Seven burials for the month.
Water turned off at both cemeteries.

Village DPW

Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.
Mandatory annual inspection completed on SCBA unit
Continued weekly safety meetings.

FINANCIAL/

BUDGET REPORT: No Changes

CLERKS REORT: All accounting is current and balanced between checkbooks, accounting software and have been reconciled with our bank statements. Monthly reports for November have been provided to the mayor, board members and department heads.

The third quarter water/sewer penalty notices were printed and mailed out and we continued to process water and sewer payment as they came in.

I worked with Michael Broomes at USDA, Marlina Thornton at Harris Beach and Brian McCarthy with regards to putting together the final documents for the purchase of the new Aerial firetruck. The closing on our USDA loan is scheduled for December 10, 2025.

Several tax searches and final water/sewer bills were generated for properties that have sold here in the Village.

The 2024-2025 unpaid Village taxes were re-levied and sent to Steuben County to be added to the Town and County taxes that come out in January 2026.

- PLANNING BOARD:** Wednesday, November 5 Regular Meeting
- ATTENDANCE: ● Members Present: Thomas Chapman, Travis Gasa, Scott Swimley, Hannah Waschezyn, Vickie Button,
 Members Absent: Christine Adamo (alternate)
 Public Present: Liv Lovejoy (STC Planning), Anne Names (Clerk), Natalie Abruzzo (Reporter/Producer | WSKG)
- I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:17 PM
- II. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. Minutes: MOTION to approve the minutes from 10/1/2025 made by Hannah Waschezyn, seconded by Vickie Button, and vote carried unanimously.
- III. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Reviewed the Lead Agency Final Statement for the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (fGEIS) for the West Water Street predevelopment project. MOTION to approve the Lead Agency Findings Statement for the GEIS for the West Water Street Industrial Site Predevelopment Project with changes discussed--made by Vickie Button, seconded by Travis Gasa, and vote carried unanimously.
- b. Hakes Landfill has proposed another expansion to the Campbell Planning Board. Tom shared some thoughts and concerns that he is willing to share on behalf of the Planning Board if other members agree. Potential impacts to Painted Post such as downstream risks to clean water, emergency response resources (such as fire), and how these impacts will be monitored after the landfill stops taking waste.
 Public Hearing Nov. 13 at 1 PM and 6 PM (virtual); written comments accepted until November 24.
 MOTION to authorize Tom Chapman to submit his letter as Planning Board Chairperson with support from the Planning Board--made by Hannah Waschezyn, seconded by Travis Gasa, vote carried unanimously.
- c. Secretary role--it would be best for another Planning Board member to take minutes because Hannah has concerns about arriving on time to the meetings. Alternatives proposed included changing the start time to 5:30pm or utilizing a meeting recorder and transcript service to create a rough draft of the meeting to be edited afterward.
- IV. ADJOURNMENT
- a. Next meeting: Wednesday, December 3th, 2025, 5:15 PM at the Village Hall
 b. MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM made by Hannah Waschezyn

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Village of Painted Post Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor Ralph Foster, to appoint Eve Fisher, of the Town of Erwin, as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Village of Painted Post.

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

2. Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pained Post vote to accept delivery of the Pierce Aerial 100’ LSL fire truck and to authorize the receiving of final payment from USDA RD.

Mayor Foster	Yea
Deputy Mayor Manning	Yea
Trustee Elsey	Yea
Trustee Lecher	Absent
Trustee Yama	Yea

3. The Village of Painted Post will be holding Village Elections on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 12pm – 9 pm here at the Village Hall, 261 Steuben St. There will be three positions on the ballot which are the, Mayor and two trustees.

SUSPEND ORDER

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

PUBLIC

COMMENTS: Thomas Chapman of 128 W Hill Tr. commented on the general concerns of Hakes landfill. He stated that risk assessment was requested by the E. Campbell district and the of the concerns of radon levels and should they be taking samples of the creek. In the event that the landfill is closed or the company goes bankrupt who will be responsible for any and all testing. Tom also stated that the W Water St Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) has been completed and was wondering how we, the village, can try to market this property.

TRUSTEE

COMMENTS: Trustee Yama thanked Tom Chapman for his concerns with regard to the Hakes landfill property. He also stated that an “Action Log” should be developed in order to keep track of items or ongoing concerns/issues that arise and are discussed at board meetings.

Trustee Elsey said she was excited about the W Water St. Project and stated that the project streamlines the process for the purchase of the property. She also stated how excited she was with regards of the aerial fire truck and can’t wait to see it.

Deputy Mayor Manning thanked the fire department and everyone else for all the help in the setting up and cleaning up for the Christmas party. We had a fabulous turn out and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mayor Foster wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

RESUME ORDER

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

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

	<u>Abstract #10 (Dec.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>
General Fund:	\$ 275,044.88	271 - 320
Water Fund:	\$ 23,188.24	119 - 140
Sewer Fund:	\$ <u>35,043.84</u>	120 - 140
TOTALS:	\$ 333,276.96	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 333,276.96

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Manning and seconded by Trustee Elsey at 7:55 pm and carried.