

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 9, 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, Trustee Elsey, Trustee Yama, OIC Copp, DPW Superintendent Smith and Clerk Names.

ABSENT: Fire Chief Button

MINUTES: of the January 12, 2026 meeting was approved with a motion made by Trustee Lecher, seconded Deputy Mayor Manning and carried

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

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

Complaints: Total of 28
0 Felony, 7 Misdemeanors, 9 Violations, 0 Vehicle & Traffic, 0 CPPMS, 1 Animal, 1 Domestic, 4 Local Law Violation, 0 Drug Case, 4 Found Property Cases, 2 Miscellaneous, 0 Warrant, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 68
7 Citizen/Motorist, 11 AMR., 2 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health, 5 Check the Welfare, 21 Property Checks, 9 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 6 NY State Police, 4 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 1 Dept. of Pubic/Works, 0 US Government, 2 Other agencies,

Parking: Total of: 8
8 Overnight Violations, 0 All Other, 0 Parking Complaints.

Total Calls for Service: 108

5N01 MILEAGE: 1,324 Miles
5N02 MILEAGE: 242 Miles

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

Total number of calls for the month was 25

0 False Alarms, 2 MVA/Rescues, 4 Service Calls, 0 Vehicle Fires, 0 Searches, 0 Chimney Fires, 2 Structure Fires, 1 Grass/Brush/Wood Fires, 0 Hazardous Conditions, 0 Vehicles Leaking Gas, 0 Hazmat, 0 Storm/Flooding, 6 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 6 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 4 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 295

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 12
Training Certifications: 0
In Service Hours to Date: 295
Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 25

No major repairs to the Fire equipment
Injuries - 1 reported injury - ankle

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 76% of the calls for the month.
Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 88% of the calls for the month.
Chief 2802 –D. Smith responded to 80% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 130.2 gallons Diesel – 29.2 gallons

Department monthly training consisted of table top discussions and emergency responses.

Department training also consisted of pump operations and forcible entry.

Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.

Department attended Corning Area Chief's meeting held at E. Corning Fire Station

DPW REPORT: January 2026 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

Water Treatment and Distribution System

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 2 – 43, Well # 3 – 27' & Well # 4 – 42'** 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 114 Parkview Drive.

Crew repaired six inch water main break in front of 115 W. Hill Terrace.

Crew read water meters for Quarterly Painted Post and Riverside water billings.

Prepared and submitted annual Lead & Copper Service Notice Certification for Painted Post and Riverside.

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

Prepared and submitted NYSDEC Annual Water Withdrawal report for 2025

Prepared and submitted quarterly water production report to SRBC

The Village was awarded a grant for up to 5 million dollars for water system improvements.

Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System

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

Crew discontinued 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.

Trickling Filter treatment unit repairs have been completed.

Village Streets and Walkways

Crew plowed and salted streets on 7 occasions.

Crew plowed and salted walkways on 6 occasions.
Crew plowed sidewalks throughout the Village.

Buildings and Grounds

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.
Crew picked up Christmas trees, brush and leaves.
Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.
Crew continued monthly playground equipment inspections.
Crew brush hogged West Water Street site.
Water at Dog Park turned off until spring.
Crew resumed work on new changing area and restroom at DPW garage.

Equipment Maintenance

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.
Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.
Serviced plows and sanders.

Bucket Truck failed boom inspection. Repair parts are not available

Village Cemeteries

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

Village DPW

Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.
Continued weekly safety meetings.

FINANCIAL/

BUDGET REPORT: No Changes

CLERKS REORT: All accounting for January is current and balanced with our accounting system and bank statements. Monthly reports have been provided to the board members and department heads.

January has been busy as usual with many monthly, quarterly and yearly reports, such as, the quarterly federal and state reports, the US Census Bureau quarterly property tax collection report and PERMA's quarterly report for workers compensation were all completed and submitted.

All W-2's were processed and distributed on January 15, 2026. The W-3 report and a copy of all W-2's were sent to the Social Security Administration.

Pam & I worked with William Law Book Co to get the 2026 payroll software installed.

All 1099's were processed and mailed on January 29, 2026 to all vendors who required them.

Preparation for the Republican caucus was completed and the caucus was held on January 21, 2026.

The water/sewer bills were printed and mailed out for their 4th quarter billing.

Adjustments to the Constitutional Tax Limit were made at OCS request and the report was resubmitted.

Updates for all DPW employees regarding seniority, wages and increases were sent to the Teamsters and all insurance deduction for the DPW & Clerk were updated in payroll.

Several tax searches were completed for home selling here in the Village.

A FOIL request for the Police union contract was completed for an organization called “See Through NY”.

PLANNING BOARD:

Date: January 7, 2026

Attendance & Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:14 pm

Members Present: Tom Chapman, Travis Gasa, Hannah Waschezyn, Vickie Button, Christine Adamo (alternate)

Members Absent: Scott Swimley

Public Present: Liv Lovejoy (STC Planning), Anne Names (Clerk), Britany Elsey (Liaison to Planning Board)

Meeting recorded using an AI transcription tool (Read.ai) as a trial.

Administrative Items

Approval of previous meeting notes was discussed and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Site Status, Ownership & Governance

The West Water Street GEIS project is complete; focus now shifts to marketing the site.

The property is owned by an LLC managed by three former village officials, not directly by the village or trustees.

The LLC is responsible for property management and eventual sale, while trustees appoint LLC board members and seek funding.

Interest was expressed in modifying or removing restrictive deed covenants to allow broader development options.

Zoning, Permitted Uses & Design Guidelines

The site is not fully “pre-permitted”; most uses still require special use permits.

Only a few uses, such as communication towers, are permitted outright.

Zoning changes would be required to expand permitted uses.

The board discussed drafting recommendations for uses that could be allowed without additional review, provided they meet specific criteria (e.g., traffic thresholds, hours, connectivity).

The board considered developing design guidelines for the site, reflecting community preferences for aesthetics, connectivity (e.g., trails linking to parks and schools), and use restrictions.

Marketing, Promotion & Development Interest

The need to publicly list the property was discussed, possibly through a broker or with support from the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

Recommendations included gathering basic site information for public listings, updating signage, and considering outreach to local brokers and the Steuben County IDA.

Early interest from Verizon in leasing a small portion of the site for a cell tower was noted, which could provide significant annual revenue for VPP.

No current developer interest for larger projects was reported.

Next Steps & Action Items

Board members to gather information on listing options and brokers.

Outreach to the Steuben County IDA for guidance and collaboration.

Drafting of a recommendations document to guide future zoning and design decisions.

Preparation of public-facing materials about the site.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. The Village Board approved payment to Municipal Solution for the WWTP Fiscal Services in the amount of \$403.20.

Motion made by: Trustee Elsey, 2nd by Trustee Yama

Carried: _4_ Ayes _0_ Nays

- 2. Update on the continuation of the water line work that Siemens Energy is doing. On March 1, 2026 Siemens will resume their work on the water lines on N. Hamilton St. The project manager should be letting all the business know of the time frame for the street closures.

SUSPEND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC

COMMENTS: Elton Harris 106 Fairview Ave. asked for clarification on the work being done on Fairview Ave. Superintendent Smith stated that they would be running the camera and jet cleaning in April.

Edward Franklin of 411 N Hamilton St. commented as Republican Chair on how important it was to come out and vote on March 18, 2026.

TRUSTEE

COMMENTS: Trustee Yama spoke about the action tracker that was discussed at the December meeting and that the work on Fairview should be an action item.

Trustee Lecher praised the water department and the DPW department for the work done on Parkview Dr. and at Buffalo St intersection.

Trustee Elsey stated that an action item for how to contact the Code Enforcement office should be addressed.

Deputy Mayor Manning stated everyone needs to stay warm out there.

Mayor Foster asked about Absentee Ballots.

RESUME ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Elsey and 2nd by Trustee Lecher 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 #13 (Jan.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>	<u>Abstract #13 (Feb)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>
General Fund:	\$ 2,169.69	370 - 374	\$ 39,430.02	375 - 406
Water Fund:	\$ 700.66	164 - 168	\$ 18,167.74	169 - 192
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 204.23</u>	166 - 167	<u>\$ 12,779.98</u>	171 - 192
TOTALS:	\$ 3,074.58		\$70,377.74	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 73,452.32

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