

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 12, 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, DPW Superintendent Smith and Clerk Names.

ABSENT: Trustee Elsey, Trustee Yama, Fire Chief Button and OIC Copp

MINUTES: of the December 8, 2025 meeting was approved with a motion made by Trustee Elsey, seconded Deputy Mayor Manning and carried

POLICE REPORT: December report submitted by Deputy Mayor Manning as follows:

Traffic: Total of 12
0 Tickets, 9 Warnings, 3 MV Accident, 0 Bicycle Accidents, 0 Pedestrian Accidents.

Complaints: Total of 32
0 Felony, 9 Misdemeanors, 6 Violations, 2 Vehicle & Traffic, 2 CPPMS, 0 Animal, 4 Domestic, 0 Local Law Violation, 0 Drug Case, 5 Found Property Cases, 4 Miscellaneous, 0 Warrant, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 54
6 Citizen/Motorist, 8 AMR., 2 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 2 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health, 8 Check the Welfare, 15 Vacation Property Checks, 8 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 5 NY State Police, 0 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Pubic/Works, 0 US Government, 0 Other agencies,

Parking: Total of: 41
41 Overnight Violations, 0 All Other, 0 Parking Complaints.

Total Calls for Service: 98

5N01 MILEAGE: 983 Miles
5N02 MILEAGE: 429 Miles

**FIRE DEPT.
REPORT:**

December report submitted by Fire Chief Smith as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was

0 False Alarms, 2 MVA/Rescues, 4 Service Calls, 0 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, 5 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 3 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 1 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 310

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 14
Training Certifications: 0
In Service Hours to Date: 3,817.5
Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 232

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

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 94% 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 88% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 161.3 gallons Diesel – 70.60gallons

Department monthly training consisted of driver training and equipment placement for the Quint.
Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.
Department held its annual family Christmas party.

DPW REPORT: December 2025 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

Water Treatment and Distribution System

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 2 – 42.5, Well # 3 – 26.5’ & 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. Leak on owner’s side.

Crew flushed water service at 456 West High Street.

Crew replaced water service @ 320 West High Street.

Crew prepared and submitted annual Lead & Copper Service inventory for Painted Post and Riverside.

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

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 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.

Trickling Filter treatment unit repairs will begin in January 2026.

Village Streets and Walkways

Crew plowed and salted streets on 12 occasions.

Crew plowed and salted walkways on 12 occasions.

Buildings and Grounds

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.

Crew picked up brush and leaves.
 Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.
 Crew continued monthly playground equipment inspections.
 Turned water off at Dog Park.
 Crew resumed work on new changing area and restroom at DPW garage.
 Crew setup Nativity scene for the Christmas Holiday.
 Crew replaced exterior wall mounted lighting at the Village Square Mall.

Equipment Maintenance

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.
 Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.
 Replaced brakes and rear springs of F250 Pickup (#12).
 Serviced plows and sanders.

Bucket Truck failed boom inspection. Repair parts are not available

Village Cemeteries

No 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.
 Mandatary annual OSHA/PESH hearing screening completed.

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 December have been provided to the mayor, board members and department heads.

Several tax searches including final water/sewer bill were generated.

Back in May 2025 I signed the Village up for Solar Credits that many of our electric accounts qualify for. In the month of December, we received \$246.83 in credits on our qualifying NYSEG bills.

I started preparation for end of year payroll.

Due to Christmas and New Year and a death in the family I was out of the office for nearly 2 weeks.

PLANNING BOARD: No Planning Board meeting was held in December 2025

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Republican Caucus for the 2026 Village Election will be held this month on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. The positions up for re-election are the Mayor and two (2) Trustees, currently held by Ralph Foster, Mayor and Robert Manning & Britany

Else as Trustees. The caucus is from 7pm to 8pm at the Village Hall, 261 Steuben St., Painted Post, NY 14870

2. The Village Board to appoint the following as our Election Inspectors for our election on March 18, 2026.

Republican Party: Nancy Larson
Democratic Party: Emily Northrup

Carried: 3 Ayes 2 Absent

3. Village Board to comment on the tentative schedule for sewer line maintenance on Fairview Ave.

Superintendent Smith stated that the 1st scheduled maintenance would take place either in late March or early April 2026 and then at least 2 more times in 2026. The village has to rely on the availability of the camera system from the City of Corning. The jet cleaning is done by the village.

This will be considered “Old Business” moving forward.

SUSPEND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Elton Harris 106 Fairview Ave. on his wife’s behalf informed the board that there were both ATV’s and E-bikes on the bike path. It was stated that OIC Copp has been looking into the e-bike issues.

Wally Marribitt 440 W High St. thanked the Village for our public service and stated that the fire department’s Christmas party was very nice.

Tom Chapman of 128 W Hill Tr. Asked about the letter he received with regard to the pipes in his house. He also asked on behalf of the Planning Board how we could now market the old Foundry site on W Water St.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Lecher stated that we simply need to follow up on the Fairview sewer issue.

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

Mayor Foster stated that all department head needed to have their tentative budgets in by the second week in February.

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 Lecher and passed.

	<u>Abstract #11 (Dec.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>	<u>Abstract #12 (Jan)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>
General Fund:	\$ 2,363.92	321 - 325	\$ 79,489.85	326 -369
Water Fund:	\$ 1,060.63	141 – 143	\$ 26,564.70	144 -163
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 1,045.44</u>	141 – 143	<u>\$ 22,667.62</u>	146 –163
TOTALS:	\$ 4,469.99		\$128,722.17	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 133,192.16

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lecher and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manning at 8:02 pm and carried.