

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**March 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, Fire Chief Button, DPW Superintendent Smith and Clerk Names.

**ABSENT:**

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

**POLICE REPORT:** February report submitted by OIC Copp as follows:

Traffic: Total of 15  
0 Tickets, 11 Warnings, 4 MV Accident, 0 Bicycle Accidents, 0 Pedestrian Accidents.

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

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 43  
5 Citizen/Motorist, 3 AMR., 1 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health, 3 Check the Welfare, 23 Property Checks, 6 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 2 NY State Police, 0 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Pubic/Works, 0 US Government, 2 Other agencies,

Parking: Total of: 4  
4 Overnight Violations, 0 All Other, 0 Parking Complaints.

Total Calls for Service: 70

5N01 MILEAGE: 512 Miles Fixed 1 Tire  
5N02 MILEAGE: 463 Miles

**FIRE DEPT.  
REPORT:**

February report submitted by Fire Chief Smith as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 15

0 False Alarms, 3 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, 4 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 3 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 0 Mutual Aid AMR  
Total in Service Hours: 290.5

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 12  
 Training Certifications: 0  
 In Service Hours to Date: 585.5  
 Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 40

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

Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 80% 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 80% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 183.6 gallons Diesel – 115.3 gallons

Department monthly training mandatory AED/CPR recertification.  
 Department Hosted and attended Confined Space Awareness training.  
 Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.  
 Quarterly truck maintenance completed.

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

### **Water Treatment and Distribution System**

Water levels at wells are at: **Well # 2 – 42, Well # 3 – 27' & 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.

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

New flow based chlorination system installed at the WTP.

New chlorine gas leak detection system installed at the WTP.

Crew attended water operations training in Hornell.

Annual flow meter calibration completed at the WTP.

### **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.

Replaced sanitary sewer pump at Craig Park lift station.

Removed ice from inside the trickling filter.

Preventive maintenance on the generator located at the WWTP completed.

Annual flow meter calibration completed at the WWTP.

### **Village Streets and Walkways**

Crew plowed and/or sanded streets on 4 occasions.

Crew plowed and/or salted walkways on 4 occasions.

Crew removed ice flow and installed temporary drainage pipe on W. Hill Road.

Crew installed Replacement Street light on Hamilton St.

Crew replaced No Parking signs throughout the Village.  
Crew filled pot holes 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 discontinued monthly playground equipment inspections.  
Water at Dog Park turned off until spring.  
Crew began light replacement project at the DPW garage.

### **Equipment Maintenance**

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.  
Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.  
Completed repairs to sweeper and backhoe.

**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.  
Crew completed AED/CPR recertification training.

### FINANCIAL/

BUDGET REPORT: No Changes

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

Over 100 water and sewer late notices were prepared and mailed out.

I began working of the 2026-27 Village budget with Mayor Foster.

Pam and I worked with IB Design with regards to our new up and coming .gov website.

Completed changes to the 2024-25 AFR per the State Comptrollers request.

Worked with NYS Retirement system to make adjustments to the January retirement report.

Pam and I attended the CPR refresher course.

Gathered information needed by the fire department for a grant they are working on.

Gathered and prepared information for the new WIIA Water project.

Multiple tax searches were completed for properties selling in the village.

**PLANNING BOARD:**

There was no planning board meeting in February 2026

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Village Board of Trustee approved Cathy Halm’s request to continue the Painted Post Farmers Market which would begin on May 23, 2026 and end on Nov. 7, 2026.

Approved by Trustee Lecher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Yama and carried by all.

2. Village Board to approved Maxa Whitford as our Republican Election Inspector for the Village election that will be held on March 18, 2026. She will replace Nancy Larsen who no longer available on that date.

Approved by Deputy Mayor Manning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Elsey and carried by all.

3. Village Board of Trustees approved a budget transfer from A1990.4, Contingent Account to A1620.41 for web design of \$1,407.35 and A1325.2 for new server, laptop and docking station in the amount of \$6,676.50.

Approve by Trustee Elsey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lecher and Carried by all.

4. The Village will be undertaking an “Income Survey” with the help of Hunt Engineering and G&G Municipal Consulting for the purpose of additional grant funding opportunities which will be funded by previously received COVID funds.

5. Re-review the updated Vehicle & Traffic Law as we are resubmitting to NYS due to no confirmation of the last update. A public hearing will need to be held at the April meeting.

6. The Village has set a date and time for a budget workshop for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The workshop will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026, Time: 4:30 pm

7. The Village to hold a public hearing with regards to the possible override of the NYS tax cap after the proposed 2026-27 budget is presented.

8. The Village Board of Trustees approved the “Resolution Supporting Increased Aid To Municipalities And Strengthening New York’s State-Local Partnership”

ADOPTED THIS 9th day of March 2026 by Deputy Mayor Manning,

Mayor Foster

  x  

Trustee Lecher

  x

Deputy Mayor Manning   x    
Trustee Elsey   x  

Trustee Yama   x  

SUSPEND ORDER  
OF BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Elsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Yama and carried by all.

PUBLIC

COMMENTS:

Elton Harris 106 Fairview Ave. asked what the approximate cost might be to repair the Fairview Ave. sanitary sewer joint. Superintendent Smith stated the cost could be around 10,555.00 if there were no complications. It has been a year since the last backup occurred and in April the pipe will again be checked out.

Emily Northrup of 582 W High St. what the homeowners are responsible for maintaining with regards to the sewer lines. Superintendent Smith stated that it was from the house to the main sewer line.

RESUME ORDER  
OF BUSINESS:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Elsey and carried.

TRUSTEE

COMMENTS:

Trustee Yama thanked the fire department for invitation to the firemen’s banquet and stated that he thought it was a great location.

Trustee Elsey spoke on the local & regional municipal electric rates.

Deputy Mayor Manning thanked the fire department for the banquet and spoke on the Corning Veterans Association and how they would be placing markers on all veterans grave sites located in the W. High cemetery.

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

	<u>Abstract #15 (Feb.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>	<u>Abstract #16 (Mar.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>
General Fund:	\$ 9,915.36	408 - 412	\$ 42,490.89	413 - 446
Water Fund:	\$ 240.75	194 – 195	\$ 10,350.34	196 - 214
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 129.22</u>	193 – 194	<u>\$ 95,424.90</u>	197 - 214
TOTALS:	\$10,285.33		\$146,266.13	

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 156,551.46**

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elsey and seconded by Deputy Mayor Manning at 8:17 pm and carried.