

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 14, 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 Lecher, Trustee Elsey Trustee Yama, DPW Superintendent Smith and Clerk Names.

ABSENT: Fire Chief Button, OIC Copp

MINUTES: of the September 9, 2025 meeting was approved with a motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded Trustee Lecher and carried

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

Traffic Arrests: Total of 0

0 Radar, 0 Moving Violations, 0 DWI Violations, 0 Suspensions/Revocations, 0 All Other.

Complaints: Total of 40

1 Felony, 3 Misdemeanors, 3 Violations, 8 Vehicle & Traffic, 4 CPPMS, 1 Animal, 0 Domestic, 3 Local Law Violation, 0 Stolen Property Cases, 2 Found Property Cases, 14 Miscellaneous, 0 Syringes and 0 Pause Investigations.

Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 35

8 Citizen/Motorist, 2 AMR., 0 PP Fire Dept., 0 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 1 Mental Health Transports, 5 Check the Welfare, 4 Vacation Property Checks, 2 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 8 NY State Police, 1 Corning Police, 2 Other Agencies, 1 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Pubic/Works, 0 US Government, 1 Other agencies.

Parking Tickets: Total of: 0

0 for 12am to 6am Parking Enforcement, 0 Other.

Cases Adopted/Closed: Total of -8

1 Felony, 3 Misdemeanors, 0 Drug Interdiction, 3 Violations, 1 Mental Health, 0 Warrant/FOA.

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

Total Calls for Service: 84

5N01 MILEAGE: 500 Miles

5N02 MILEAGE: 563 Miles

FIRE DEPT.

REPORT: September report submitted by Fire Chief Smith as follows:

Total number of calls for the month was 15

0 False Alarms, 3 MVA/Rescues, 3 Service Calls, 0 Vehicle Fires, 0 Searches, 0 Chimney Fires, 0 Structure Fires, 0 Grass/Brush/Wood Fires, 0 Hazardous Conditions, 0 Vehicles Leaking Gas, 0 Hazmat, 0 Storm/Flooding, 3 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation, 4 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 2 Mutual Aid AMR

Total in Service Hours: 175.00

Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 12

Training Certifications: 0

In Service Hours to Date: 2,902

Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 176

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

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

Chief 2801 –L. Smith responded to 87% of the calls for the month.

Chief 2802 –D. Smith responded to 87% of the calls for the month.

Fuel Usage: Gas – 83.9 gallons Diesel – 103.0 gallons

Department monthly training consisted of AED refresher and driver training.

Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.

Department held its annual Firefighter appreciation dinner.

DPW REPORT: September 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' & well # 4 – 42'** of water above the pump.

Water service at 340 E. High St, and 149 Fairview turned off as requested by owner.

Water service @ 577 W. High turned off. Leak on owner's side.

Interior water storage tank inspection completed.

Crew attended operator training held in Hammondspport.

Crew flushed water service at 565 W. High.

Crew read water meters for quarterly billing.

Crew replaced water meters throughout the village.

Postler & Jaeckle repaired unit heater at well #2 (red flagged by CNG)

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

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 for the state continues at the WWTP.

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

Two employees continue 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 striped crosswalks on Steuben and W. High Street.

Buildings and Grounds

Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities.
Crew continued weekly brush and leaf pickup.
Crew continued trimming and mowing of Village property.
Crew installed landscaping bushes and trees in Central Park.
Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.
Crew began planting trees throughout the Village purchased under the tree grant. (47 trees purchased)
Crew continued monthly playground equipment inspections.
Crew cleaned pavilion for rentals on 2 occasions.
Crew trimmed and removed trees throughout the Village.

Equipment Maintenance

Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.
Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.
Monroe Tractor performed service work on backhoe.
Replaced rears tires on backhoe

Village Cemeteries

Two burials for the month.
Crew continued trimming and mowing in both cemeteries.
Crew replaced damaged military monument in Fairview Cemetery.
Water turned on at both cemeteries.

Village DPW

Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.
Crew assisted Corning DPW with several trees.

FINANCIAL/

BUDGET REPORT: No Changes

CLERKS REORT: All September accounting is current, balanced and reconciled. Monthly reports have been completed and given to the mayor, board members and department heads.

As of 9/30/2025, we have collected \$1,770,400.20 in taxes and penalties. We currently have 34 properties that remain outstanding which total \$70,752.17, which is approximately twice what it was last year. At the end of October, any tax bills that remain unpaid will be sent to Steuben County Finance Dept. to be relieved on the town and county tax bills in January.

I continue to work with Jennifer Kuznir, who is our "Clean Energy Community Coordinator and Jaden Beck of NYSERDA to submit all of the required invoices needed to receive the \$10,000 CEC grant reimbursement for the upgrades that were made to the lighting in this building.

The quarterly tax reports to the IRS, NYS and Perma/Workers Comp. have all been completed and submitted.

Employment documents for a past DPW employee were compiled and submitted to NYS Retirement.

The water/sewer information for the 3rd quarter 2025 have been downloaded and are currently being reviewed.

I attended the September planning board meeting.

I met with SCT Computers who we will contract with to get the Villages computers compliant with the new State mandates and we will be working with IB Design Studios, Inc. to upgrade our website and make it also compliant with NYS. Our website and our main emails will be upgraded to the .gov format.

Several tax searches were completed for properties selling in the Village.

PLANNING BOARD: Wednesday, September 3

Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Members: Christine Adamo, Vickie Button, Thomas Chapman, Travis Gasa, Hannah Waschezyn

Absent: Scott Swimley

Public: James Gensel (Fagan Engineers) Liv Lovejoy (STC Consultant), Anne Names (Village Clerk)

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:19 PM

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from 08/06/2025 with any changes proposed made by Christine Adamo, seconded by Vickie Button, and vote carried unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion about public engagement

B. Summary of updates from Fagan Engineers

C. Planning Board member feedback:

i. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

ii. Public engagement results

iii. Page 10-3 Visual and Aesthetic Resources public engagement results

D. Motion to open the public Hearing for the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for the West Water Street Industrial Site Predevelopment Project at 6:13 PM made by Hannah Waschezyn, seconded by Travis Gasa, and vote carried unanimously. No members of the public moved to speak, and the vote carried unanimously to close the public hearing at 6:14 PM.

IV. CLOSING

A. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at Village Hall

B. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 6:17 PM made by Vickie Button, seconded by Travis Gasa, and vote carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by PB Member Hannah Waschezyn

NEW BUSINESS

1. I, Mayor Foster move to approve the following Resolution to increase the Fire Department Vehicle Equipment line,

Resolution by the Village Board to approve a budget transfer from the Fire Department Vehicle Reserve Account (A233) and the General Fund account (A203) to GF checking account (A200) for the purchase of a new aerial fire vehicle, out of the equipment line item in the budget (A3410.2).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Painted Post authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to decrease the Fire vehicle reserve account by \$98,000 and our saving account by \$52,675 for a total of \$150,675 for the above mention purchase.

All in favor 5 Aye 0 Nay

2. I, Mayor Foster, move to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Painted Post authorize the Clerk-Treasurer budget modifications for account F1910.4 (water property & liability insurance) in the amount of \$898.87 from F8320.4 (water contractual) and the budget modification for account G1910.4 (sewer property & liability insurance) in the amount of \$681.25 from G8120.4 (sewer contractual)

All in favor 5 Aye 0 Nay

3. The Village Board to approve Change Order #3 for the WWTP Disinfection Improvements project in the amount of \$196,040.15.
This is contingent on final funding approval from EFC.

Motion approved made by: Trustee Elsey and 2nd by Trustee Yama

All in favor 5 Aye 0 Nay

4. Village Board to approve the Village Halloween parade on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 6:00 pm, any child wishing to participate in the parade should meet at the Indian statue by 6:00pm.

Also, Halloween “Trick or Treating” on Friday October 31, 2025 is from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Motion approved made by: Deputy Mayor Manning and 2nd by Trustee Elsey

All in favor 5 Aye 0 Nay

**SUSPEND ORDER
OF BUSINESS:**

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

PUBLIC

COMMENTS: Emily Northrup of 582 W High commented on how nice the new “Central Park” next to Siemens Energy looks.

James Kuhl Congratulated the Village on the new “Central Park” and he talked about things that are happening at the County level such as an increase in taxes but that they hope to still remain under the 2% tax cap. The replacement of one of the scales at the transfer station in Erwin as well as “CEATS” (Corning Erwin Area Transit System).

Mike Clark stated that he was waiting for the approval of a donation toward the Halloween parade.

Brian McCarthy stated that the new Quint/Aerial fire truck is now in Rochester.

TRUSTEE

COMMENTS: Trustee Yama thanked Legislator Kuhl for coming to our meeting and informing us of what is happening at the County level. He stated that we should try to double the events of “Parks & Arts” next year and he asked about getting information from NYEG for the past 3yrs to do a comparison of rates and usage.

Trustee Lecher said that he attended the round table session that was held in the Town of Erwin and stated that it was a good meeting.

Trustee Elsey stated that she had had several positive comments with regards to the tree grant.

Deputy Mayor Manning stated that there were approximately 65 people who attended the Parks & Arts movie night and he thanked the Kiwanis Club for donating the ice cream for the night, also stating that he was looking forward to the Halloween parade and wanted to give credit to the Kiwanis Club for their part in the inception of the Halloween parade several years ago.

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 Trustee Lecher, seconded by Trustee Yama and passed.

	<u>Abstract #7 (Sept.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>	<u>Abstract #8 (Oct.)</u>	<u>Voucher No.</u>
General Fund:	\$ 465.73	179 - 182	\$ 87,973.51	183 - 233
Water Fund:	52.51	81	\$ 17,721.48	82 -103
Sewer Fund:	<u>\$ 118.46</u>	80	<u>\$ 22,953.73</u>	82 - 102
TOTALS:	\$ 636.70		\$128,648.72	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 12,285.42

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Manning and seconded by Trustee Elsey at 8:20 pm and carried.