

Village of Painted Post

Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 8, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Painted Post was called to order by Mayor Foster at 7:00 PM.

Attendance

Present

- Mayor Foster
- Deputy Mayor Manning
- Trustee Elsey
- Trustee Lecher
- Trustee Yama
- OIC Copp
- Fire Chief Button
- DPW Superintendent Smith
- Clerk Names

Absent

- None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 11 and May 28, 2026 meetings were approved with a motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded by Trustee Elsey, and carried.

Department Reports

Police Report

May report submitted by OIC Copp as follows:

Traffic Arrests

Total: 3

- 1 Ticket
- 1 Warning
- 1 Bicycle
- 0 Pedestrian Accidents

Complaints

Total: 21

- 0 Felony
- 2 Misdemeanors
- 8 Violations
- 4 Vehicle & Traffic
- 1 CPPMS
- 2 Animal
- 0 Domestic
- 1 Local Law Violation
- 1 Stolen Property Cases

- 2 Found Property Cases
- 0 Miscellaneous
- 0 Warrant

Assistance / Services Rendered

Total: 67

- 1 Citizen/Motorist
- 9 AMR
- 2 PP Fire Dept.
- 2 E.I.D. Alarms
- 0 Missing Persons
- 0 Open Door
- 0 Mental Health Transports
- 4 Check the Welfare
- 27 Vacation Property Checks
- 9 Steuben Co. Sheriff
- 8 NY State Police
- 0 Corning Police
- 0 Other Agencies
- 2 DA Office

- 1 Dept. of Public Works
- 0 US Government
- 2 Other Agencies

Parking Tickets

Total: 0

- 0 for 12 AM to 6 AM Parking Enforcement
- 0 Other

Cases Adopted / Closed

Total: 11

- 1 Felony
- 7 Misdemeanors
- 0 Drug Interdiction
- 2 Violations
- 1 Mental Health
- 0 Warrant/FOA

Accidents

Total: 0

- 0 Personal Injury
- 0 Property Damage
- 0 Other

Additional Information

- Total Calls for Service: 91
- 5N01 Mileage: 1,350 Miles
- 5N02 Mileage: 183 Miles

Additional activities:

- Red Dot Instructor Course
 - Assisted with Memorial Day Parade
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Fire Department Report

May report submitted by Fire Chief Button as follows:

Monthly Calls

Total number of calls: 17

- 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
- 2 C.O./Fire Alarm Activation
- 7 Mutual Aid Fire
- 0 Mutual Aid MVA
- 1 Mutual Aid AMR

Department Statistics

- Total In Service Hours: 235.5
- Average Fire Fighters Per Call: 12
- Training Certifications: 0
- In Service Hours to Date: 1,423
- Total Calls Year to Date: 98

Equipment and Injuries

- No major repairs to fire equipment
- No reported injuries

Chief Response Rates

- Chief 2800 – J. Button responded to 82% of calls
- Chief 2801 – L. Smith responded to 94% of calls
- Chief 2802 – D. Smith responded to 81% of calls

Fuel Usage

- Gas: 110.6 gallons
- Diesel: 23.1 gallons

Department Activities

1. Department monthly training consisted of pump and aerial operations with the new T-3/Quint.
 2. Department apparatus drivers and officers attended mandatory aerial operations with the new T3/Quint.
 3. Department performed monthly apparatus and equipment checks.
 4. Department attended several Fire Department Appreciation Banquets.
 5. Department held the annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony.
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DPW Report

May 2026 report submitted by Superintendent Smith as follows:

Water Treatment and Distribution System

- Water levels at wells are:
 - o Well #2 – 43
 - o Well #3 – 29'
 - o Well #4 – 44' of water above the pump
- Water service turned off at:
 - o 340 E. High St.
 - o 145 Fairview
 - o 149 Fairview

- o 577 W. High (owner making inside repairs)
- Continued attending weekly progress meetings for Siemens Energy water system improvement project
- Crew flushed fire hydrants throughout the Village (Spring Flushing)
- Crew flushed water service at 329 N. Hamilton
- Crew turned water on at:
 - o 126 W. Hill Terrace
 - o 145 Fairview
- Crew attended NYSTWW water operator training held in Big Flats
- Published the Village of Painted Post 2025 Annual Water Quality Report

Sanitary Sewer Treatment and Collection System

- Crew continued sludge pressing operations at the WWTP
- Construction of the disinfection project at the WWTP is substantially complete
- Met with owners of 106 & 107 Fairview to establish a sanitary sewer maintenance schedule

Village Streets and Walkways

- Crew swept streets and parking lots on several occasions
- Crew repaired streetlight on N. Hamilton
- Crew filled potholes throughout the Village on several occasions
- Prepared and submitted for approval the NYSDOT Annual Highway Work Permit

Buildings and Grounds

- Crew hauled weekly trash from Village facilities
- Crew continued weekly pickup of yard waste
- Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks
- Crew completed monthly playground equipment inspections
- Water at Dog Park turned on
- Crew continued mowing and trimming operations
- Crew cleaned pavilion for rental on one occasion
- Crew began landscaping improvements around the Indian monument
- Crew repaired Fire Department blue emergency lights

Equipment Maintenance

- Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD, and PD equipment
- Serviced, repaired, and cleaned equipment
- Placed new Bucket Truck into service

Village Cemeteries

- Five burials for the month
- Water turned on at both cemeteries
- Crew repaired graves throughout the cemetery
- Crew completed spring cleanup in both cemeteries
- Crew continued mowing and trimming operations

Village DPW

- Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside
 - Crew flushed fire hydrants for the Village of Riverside
 - Continued weekly safety meetings
 - Annual DPW physicals have been completed
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Financial / Budget Report

- No Changes
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Clerk's Report

- All May accounting is current and in balance with the accounting system and reconciled with bank statements
- Tentative year end has been completed

The final meeting to close fiscal year 2025–2026 was held on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

- All final adjustments and transfers must be completed before fiscal year closure
- Water and sewer penalties were assessed and over 150 letters were sent out
- Village tax bills for 2026–2027 were processed by Steuben County Real Property and mailed by a third-party vendor
- Escrowed tax bills were mailed to individual financial institutions
- Pam completed mailing postcards for the Annual Water Quality Report to residents

- Began searching for an accounting firm to complete the required federal audit related to purchase of the aerial fire truck
 - Attended the May Planning Board meeting
 - Several tax searches were completed on property being sold in the Village
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Planning Board Report

Meeting Date: May 6, 2026

Location: Painted Post Village Hall

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM by Tom Chapman.

2. Roll Call / Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Tom Chapman
- Vickie Button
- Scott Swimley
- Hannah Waschezyn
- Travis Gasa
- Christine Adamo

Others Present:

- Liv Lovejoy (STC Planning)
- Anne Names (Clerk)
- Britany Elsey (Village Trustee Liaison)

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve prior meeting minutes.

- Motion by: Vickie
- Second by: Scott
- Vote: All in favor – Motion carried

4. Public Hearings

- No formal public hearings were held

5. Business Discussed

Foundry Site / Industrial District 2 (I-2) Zoning Review

The Board discussed zoning recommendations for the Foundry Site on West Water Street.

General Discussion Topics

- Review of survey results identifying permitted, special use, and prohibited uses
- Need for clearer zoning code definitions and thresholds
- Economic viability, tax revenue generation, and job creation
- Environmental contamination concerns
- Recognition of Planning Board's limited role relative to Foundry Site LLC and Village Trustees

Foundry Site Status and Coordination

- Organizing Foundry Site LLC bylaws and operational structure
- Missing documentation affecting marketing efforts
- Reported interest from Verizon, NYSEG, and IDA

- Coordination discussion between LLC, Trustees, and Planning Board
- Survey to be shared with Trustees for additional input

Land Use Discussion Summary

Commercial Uses

- Support for flexibility to attract development
- Certain uses (gas stations, car washes) viewed as less optimal

Retail and Wholesale

- Smaller retail uses generally supported
- Larger retail uses may require special use review

Personal Service Establishments

- Generally acceptable if clearly defined

Restaurants

- Environmental safety concerns due to contamination
- Regulatory review expected to address concerns

Housing

General support for:

- Single-family housing
- Multi-family housing
- Cluster development
- Mixed-use concepts

Opposition to:

- Manufactured home parks
- Group homes

Mixed opinions on:

- Hotels
- Hostels
- Bed and breakfasts

Recreation and Community Uses

- Amphitheater and trails discussed as possible accessory or special uses
- Recreational uses should complement tax-generating development

Energy Uses

- Solar and battery storage generally supported with special use oversight

Other Considerations

- Mining identified as inappropriate use
- Need for additional zoning definitions

No formal motions or votes were taken.

6. Reports / Communications

- Recommendation to improve calibration of future surveys
- Trustee feedback expected to be incorporated into final zoning recommendations

7. Board Member Comments

- Need to balance flexibility with oversight
- Restrictive zoning may deter development
- Importance of alignment with Village goals

8. Public Comment

- No formal public comment period occurred

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting.

- Motion by: Scott Swimley
- Second by: Travis Gasa
- Vote: All in favor – Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

New Business

1. The Village Clerk is actively seeking an accounting firm to complete a Federal Audit required by USDA to comply with the Letter of Conditions for purchase of the Aerial Fire Truck.
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Suspend Order of Business

Motion made by Trustee Elsey, seconded by Trustee Lecher, and carried by all.

Public Comments

Edward Franklin, 411 N Hamilton St., commended the Village Board and Rob Manning for organizing the Colonial Days Parade and noted the amount of hard work involved.

Resume Order of Business

Motion made by Trustee Lecher, seconded by Trustee Yama, and carried.

Trustee Comments

- Trustee Yama asked when the fire trucks would go into service.
- Trustee Lecher appreciated the effort taken with Elton Harris and the work completed by DPW. He reminded everyone that the Town of Erwin meeting would be held at 4:00 PM on June 9.
- Trustee Elsey recognized the Planning Board and their efforts regarding the West Water Street project.

- Deputy Mayor Manning spoke about the solar company and Colonial Days events, including:
 - o Pageant
 - o Music in the Square
 - o Parade
 - o Chicken Barbeque
 - o Fireworks
 He noted the Town of Erwin was sponsoring the fireworks.
- Mayor Foster thanked those who organized the event, including:
 - o Rob Manning
 - o Chris Ibberson
 - o Alissa Troccia
 - o Other volunteers

Authorization to Pay Audited Bills

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded by Trustee Lecher, and passed.

Abstract #1 (June)

Fund	Amount	Voucher Numbers
General Fund	\$163,348.41	01-23
Water Fund	\$22,932.28	01-17
Sewer Fund	\$24,865.73	01-17

TOTALS: \$184,146.42

GRAND TOTAL: \$184,146.42

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elsey and seconded by Trustee Yama and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Names
Clerk-Treasurer