

Village of Painted Post – Regular Village Board Meeting

Meeting Information

- Date: May 11, 2026
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: Village of Painted Post

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Foster.

Attendance

Present

- Mayor Foster
- Deputy Mayor Manning
- Trustee Elsey
- Trustee Lecher
- OIC Copp
- Fire Chief Button
- DPW Superintendent Smith
- Clerk (Name not specified)

Absent

- Trustee Yama

Approval of Minutes

- April 6, 2026 meeting minutes was approved with a motion made by Trustee Elsey, seconded Deputy Mayor Manning and carried.

Police Report (April 2026)

- April report submitted by OIC Copp as follows:
- Traffic: Total of 21
- 2 Tickets, 14 Warnings, 5 MV Accident, 0 Bicycle Accidents, 0 Pedestrian Accidents.
- Complaints: Total of 18
- 0 Felony, 3 Misdemeanors, 3 Violations, 4 Vehicle & Traffic, 0 CPPMS, 2 Animal, 2 Domestic, 3 Local Law Violation, 0 Drug Case, 0 Found Property Cases, 1 Miscellaneous, 0 Warrant.
- Assistance/Services Rendered: Total of 60
- 7 Citizen/Motorist, 4 AMR., 5 PP Fire Dept., 1 E.I.D. Alarms, 0 Missing Persons, 0 Open Door, 0 Mental Health, 4 Check the Welfare, 21 Property Checks, 14 Steuben Co. Sheriff, 3 NY State Police, 1 Corning Police, 0 Other Agencies, 0 DA Office, 0 Dept. of Pubic/Works, 0 US Government, 1 Other agencies, 0 Used Needles.
- Parking: Total of: 15
- 15 Overnight Violations, 0 All Other, 0 Parking Complaints.
- Total Calls for Service: 99
- Mileage: 5N01 1061 Miles, 5N02 675 Miles
- 2 Officers have completed the updated Rifle Instructor course

Fire Department Report April report submitted by Fire Chief Smith as follows:

- Total number of calls for the month: 21

- 0 False Alarms, 3 MVA/Rescues, 8 Service Calls, 0 Vehicle Fires, 0 Searches, 0 Chimney Fires, 2 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, 2 Mutual Aid Fire, 0 Mutual Aid MVA, 2 Mutual Aid AMR
- Total in-service hours: 366
- Average firefighters per call: 14
- Training Certification: 0
- In Service Hours to Date: 1187.5
- Total Number of Calls to date for the Year – 60
- No major repairs to the Fire equipment
- Injuries – no injury
- Chief 2800 –J. Button responded to 60% 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 95% of the calls for the month.
- Fuel Usage: Gas – 109.3 gallons Diesel – 45 gallons
- Department monthly training Search and Rescue operations.
- Department monthly training also consisted of mandatory OSHA safety training.
- Department held its annual fire department banquet.
- Department annual fire extinguisher inspection was completed.

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

Water Treatment and Distribution System

- Water levels at wells are at: Well # 2 – 45, Well # 3 – 30' & Well # 4 – 46' of water above the pump.
- Water service at 340 E. High St, 145 and 149 Fairview turned off as requested by owner.
- Water service at 577 W. High turned off. Owner making inside repairs.
- Continued attending weekly progress meetings for Siemens Energy water system improvement project.
- Crew read water meters for quarterly billing.
- Crew assisted contractor on a 12" watermain repair.
- Crew located village utilities for upcoming water project.
- Crew flowed hydrant because of dirty water complaints caused by Siemens Energy flow testing.
- Prepared and submitted for approval the 2025 Annual Water Quality Report.

Sanitary Sewer Treatment and 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.
- Resumed chlorine disinfection at the WWTP as required by the NYSDEC.
- Conducted annual grease trap inspection for the Village of Painted Post and Riverside.
- On April 9th the sanitary sewer main in front of 106/107 was televised by Corning DPW.

Village Streets and Walkways

- Crew swept streets and parking lots on several occasions. (Spring cleanup)
- 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 picked up brush and leaves.
- Crew performed weekly equipment safety checks.
- Crew completed monthly playground equipment inspections.

- Water at Dog Park turned on.
- Crew cleaned out parking lots.
- Crew began mowing and trimming operations
- Crew cleaned inside and outside for pavilion rental.
- Crew repaired and replaced downspouts at the Pavilion.

Equipment Maintenance

- Performed maintenance and repairs on DPW, FD and PD equipment.
- Serviced, repaired and cleaned equipment.
- Replaced motor on zero turn mower
- Bucket Truck failed boom inspection. Repair parts are not available

Village Cemeteries

- Eight burials for the month.
- Water turned off at both cemeteries.
- Crew continued spring cleanup in both cemeteries.
- Crew began mowing and trimming operations

Village DPW

- Crew continues additional services for the Village of Riverside.
- Crew read water meters for the Village of Riverside
- Continued weekly safety meetings.

Financial/Budget Report

- No changes

Clerk's Report

- All accounting for April is current and balanced to date. Monthly reports for all accounts have been reconciled with the bank statement and have been provided to the mayor, board members and department heads.
- I completed the Laser tax information form for Steuben County Real Property for our upcoming village taxes. Also completed was the list of our water/sewer re-levy in the amount of \$21,816.08. There were 46 properties on the list.
- The water/sewer bills were processed, run and mailed out.
- The PERMA WC year-end report was completed.
- I finalized and signed all the loan documents with USDA for the Pumper/Rescue truck.
- I attended the April planning board meeting, worked with SCT getting my new computer set-up and completed the financial information for the SRF application for the water grant
- Pam and I worked on getting the postcards ready to be sent out to all the Painted Post residents with regards to the Annual Water Quality report.
- Several tax searches were completed for properties selling in the Village.

Planning Board

- Date: April 1, 2026
- Time: 5:17 PM – 6:21 PM
- Location: Village of Painted Post

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 5:17 PM

Attendance

Present

- Tom Chapman

- Hannah Waschezyn
- Travis Gasa
- Scott Swimley

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made by Tom to approve the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes.
- Seconded by Scott and approved unanimously.
- Minor corrections noted:
 - Clarification of a name (“Anna” to “Hannah”).
 - Recommendation to include roll call in future meetings.

Business

A. Comprehensive Plan (2017) – Priority Review

Board members discussed and identified priority areas from the Comprehensive Plan:

- Flood Mitigation: Improve drainage and stormwater management.
- Energy Planning: Inventory potential sites for solar, geothermal, and district energy systems.
- Economic Development: Promote redevelopment opportunities, including the Foundry site.
- Land Use & Zoning: Focus on West Water Street and Village Square redevelopment.
- Communication & Outreach: Improve website, business engagement, and public awareness.
- Capital Planning: Support long-term municipal investment planning.

Discussion emphasized aligning redevelopment with community character, encouraging mixed-use development, and improving economic vitality.

B. Village Square Redevelopment Discussion

- Interest in mixed-use redevelopment (commercial with residential above).
- Challenges noted due to multiple property owners.
- Potential to leverage “Pro-Housing Community” funding.
- Consideration of utilizing or repurposing village-owned parking areas.

C. Infrastructure & Recreation

- Discussion of regional trail development (Chemung Greenway).
- Interest in improving local bike connectivity and infrastructure.

D. Village Website Update

- New municipal website approximately 90–95% complete.
- Transition to “.gov” domain underway.
- Ongoing effort to upload historical documents and meeting minutes.

E. Zoning Review – I-2 District (Foundry Site)

- Initial review of permitted and special uses.
- Discussion included:
 - Flexibility beyond existing deed restrictions.
 - Potential for mixed-use and planned development.
 - Consideration of special use permits for certain commercial activities.
- Further review to continue at future meetings.

F. Community Initiatives

- Interest in community beautification (e.g., adopt-a-planter program).
- Discussion of organizing community events and partnerships.
- Potential formation of a small task group to coordinate initiatives.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Travis and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

New Business

- Village Board gave their approval for the children to ride on the fire trucks in the Memorial Day Parade.
- Motion to approve was made by: Trustee Elsey, 2nd by Deputy Mayor Manning and Carried.

- Resolution: That all year end budget adjustments be made by the clerk-treasurer in order to close out the current budget year and
- Resolution: That the final meeting be set to close the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 4:00pm.
- I, Deputy Mayor Manning, move to adopt the above resolutions.
- Mayor Foster – Aye
- Deputy Mayor Manning – Aye
- Trustee Elsey – Aye
- Trustee Lecher – Aye
- Trustee Yama – Absent
- Village Board of Trustees approved Colonial Days for 2026. Events will be held beginning Thursday, June 11 through Saturday, June 13, 2026.
- The Village, also by resolution, approved the “Undertaking” for the benefit of the Department of Transportation in connection of the Colonial Day parade.
- I, Trustee Elsey, move to adopt the above resolution.
- Mayor Foster – Aye
- Deputy Mayor Manning – Aye
- Trustee Elsey – Aye
- Trustee Lecher – Aye
- Trustee Yama – Absent
- Resolution from Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES to participate in the upcoming Cooperative Natural Gas Bid for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. This resolution to be approved, signed and returned in conjunction with the participant information form.
- Approved by Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded by Trustee Lecher
- All in favor 4 Against 0 and Carried
- Village Board of Trustees approved the Annual Election Results for the Painted Post Fire Department Officers / Chiefs.
- Motion made by Trustee Elsey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Manning.
- All in favor 4 Against 0 and Carried
- The Village Board of Trustees approved the membership application for Jacob Hogan that was submitted by the fire department.
- Motion was approved made by: Deputy Mayor Manning and 2nd by Trustee Lecher.

Suspend order of business

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

Public comments

- Chelsea Roberson from Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development
- Asked that two board members be assigned to a committee to go over the Operating Agreement (By-Laws) of the Painted Post Development LLC and zoning changes for the W. Water St. property. She also asked that all trustees and the mayor complete the survey they received with regards to the W. Water St. property.
- Emily Northrup of 582 W. High St. asked when the work would be done and N. Hamilton would reopen. Superintendent Smith stated it should be completed before the Memorial Day weekend.
- Alisa Troccia introduced herself as she is running for Town Council for the Town of Erwin. She is also the director of the Miss Colonial Days Pageant.

Resume order of business

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

Trustee comments

- Trustee Elsey just commented that there was a lot going on.
- Deputy Mayor Manning reminded everyone of Colonial Days to be held June 11 – June 13, 2026. The Miss Colonial Days Pageant is on Thursday 6/11, Rock the Block is Friday, 6/12 and Saturday, 6/13 is the parade, chicken barbeque and fireworks with a rain date of Sunday, the 14th.
- AUTHORIZATION: To pay audited bills for the Village on a motion made by Deputy Mayor Manning, seconded by Trustee Lecher and passed.

General fund

- Abstract #19 (Apr.) \$70,884.32 Voucher No. 485 – 493 Abstract #20 (May.) \$61,041.34 Voucher No. 494 – 535

Water fund

- Abstract #19 (Apr.) \$1,451.86 Voucher No. 242 – 247 Abstract #20 (May.) \$17,943.16 Voucher No. 248 – 268

Sewer fund

- Abstract #19 (Apr.) \$445.42 Voucher No. 244 – 247 Abstract #20 (May.) \$20,887.67 Voucher No. 250 – 270
- TOTALS: Abstract #19 (Apr.) \$72,741.60 Abstract #20 (May.) \$99,872.17
- GRAND TOTAL: \$172,741.60

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Manning and seconded by Trustee Lecher at 7:52 pm and carried.