

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE**  
**January 5, 2026**

**\*\*\* This meeting was conducted live and streamed with live time posting to YouTube. Notice of the meeting date, time, and agenda were posted in advance, physically at the Town Hall, on the Town's Website, and on social media. Before the start of the meeting, it was confirmed that the public could view the meeting on YouTube.**

**Call to Order:**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Commissioners Paksima, Reed, Bupp and Hobbs were in attendance. Town Manager Yost and Assistant Manager Anderegg were also in attendance.

**Adjourn to Closed Session:**

Commissioner Bupp motioned adjourn into a closed session pursuant to State Government Article 3-305(b)1(i), to interview a candidate for the Board of zoning Appeals. Second by Commissioner Reed. Motion carried 5-0.

**Call to Order:**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners Paksima, Reed, Bupp and Hobbs were in attendance. Town Manager Yost and Assistant Manager Anderegg were also in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

President Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Holiday Lighting Winners:**

President Brown and Commissioner Reed presented the following winners: Matt Cooke/**GRISWOLD AWARD**, Patty Mitchel/**MISFIT TOY AWARD**, Geoff & Lindsay Hedrick/**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS AWARD** and Cathy Wyne/**CANDY CANE LANE AWARD**

**Commissioner Reports/Announcements:**

President Brown announced that the Commissioners had met in a closed session to interview for the Board of Zoning Appeals position. Neal Tiemann was appointed.

Commissioner Hobbs reported on the last meeting on December 3. He discussed four ongoing Eagle Scout projects, modular pump track, holiday lights, and the farm recognition sign.

Commissioner Bupp reported that the Planning Commission met on December 10 and discussed a variance and extended the Bricken Plan.

Commissioner Paksima discussed Fair Access and the Whites Ferry rally, video shorts and Plenty Magazine.

Commissioner Reed reported that Sustainable Poolesville will meet in January 15.

President Brown offered condolences for the passing of Kevin Karmack. He also discussed sidewalk clearing after ice events, the Whites Ferry rally, Upcounty Advisory board and the Fred Swick dedication.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Reed motioned to approve the December 8, 2025, minutes. Second, by Commissioner Paksima. Motion carried 5-0.

## **New Business**

Annexation Provisions Release Request – Manager Yost introduced the release request for 16410 Budd Rd. After a discussion, the Commissioners instructed staff to draft a partial release and schedule for a future agenda item.

2026 Electronic Displays – Manager Yost introduced the proposed annual list for monthly displays. After a short discussion and additions, Commissioner Bupp motioned to approve the annual display list as amended. Second by Commissioner Paksima. Motion carried 5-0.

2026 Initiatives Discussion – Commissioners and staff discussed the initiatives which include budget timelines, projects and other initiatives that will be addressed in the upcoming year.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Town Manager Report**

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Hobbs motioned to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Bupp. Motion carried 5-0.

**TOWN OF POOLESVILLE  
RECORD OF CLOSED MEETING**

**Location: Town Hall**

**Date: January 5, 2026**

**Motion By: Commissioner Bupp Seconded By: Commissioner Reed**

**Vote to Close Session:**

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Brown</b>	[ x ]	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Reed</b>	[ x ]	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Bupp</b>	[ x ]	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Hobbs</b>	[ x ]	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Paksima</b>	[ x ]	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION**

**State Government Article §3-305(b):**

- (1.) [ ] **To Discuss:**
  - [ X ] (i) **The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or**
  - [ ] (ii) **Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;**
- (2.) [ ] **To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business;**
- (3.) [ ] **To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;**
- (4.) [ ] **To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;**
- (5.) [ ] **To consider the investment of public funds;**
- (6.) [ ] **To consider the marketing of public securities;**
- (7.) [ ] **To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;**
- (8.) [ ] **To consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;**
- (9.) [ ] **To conduct collect bargaining negotiations or consider matters that related to the negotiations;**
- (10.) [ ] **To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:**
  - (i) **the deployment of fire and police services and staff**
  - (ii) **the development and implementation of emergency plans**
- (11.) [ ] **To prepare, administer or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations;**
- (12.) [ ] **To conduct or discuss and investigative proceeding on actual or possible**

**criminal conduct;**

- (13.) [ ] **To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;**
- (14.) [ ] **Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.**

**D. TOPICS DISCUSS:**

**E. PERSONS PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: (If listing an individual as present would thwart the purpose of closing the meeting, do not list the name but note that an individual was not listed for this reason).**

**Candidate Neal Tiemann, Town Manager Yost and Asst. Town Manager Anderegg.**

**F. ACTIONS TAKEN AT CLOSED SESSION:**

**The Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Neal Tiemann to the Board of Zoning Appeals.**