

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2020

Regular meeting

Village of Mohawk Board of Trustees

Meeting called to order by Mayor Baron at 6 pm, opened with the pledge.

Attending on roll call: Mayor Baron, Trustees: Cryer, Tubia, Watkins, & Eisenhut, Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge, Attorney Manne, Mike Shedd, Police Chief Malone, Codes Officer Rob Phillips, Fire Chief Bellstedt, Cemetery Clerk Mary Lou Greene, Scott Kinville of MVHC, Emily Procopio and Chris Lawton of B&L.

Scott Kinville of Mohawk Valley Hockey Club:

Scott is the president of the MVHC; he came to let the board know what the plan is for a rink in Mohawk. He has been working with the sewer board and DEC. The plan is to build an open dek rink at the old AYSO field down passed the Wetlands Pavilion. They are raising funds for this and it will be covered 100% by the MVHC, they are not asking for anything from the Village other than a power hook up when it is needed. The plan is to build the dek rink next year. It will require a 100x150 concrete or asphalt pad and then Matflex out of Utica, NY will install the rink which will be about 80x100. This outdoor rink will be able to be multi use; it can be used for street hockey, soccer, lacrosse, & volley ball. The dek can also be flooded in the winter for ice skating. Village agreed to provide the power hook up when needed.

B&L:

SSIMP bids were opened last Thursday. Low bidder was National Water Main Cleaning Co. who came in at \$3,199,911.25. This company did Frankfort's project and is in line to complete Ilion's as well. Noted that there was a bid protest received from Matt Kent – he has protested this company 5x throughout the state. Advised that they have gone through the protest and NWM has taken responsibility and handled all violation claims with NYS. NWM does have a Utica office. It is B&L's recommendation to accept the bid from NWM.

Motion to accept bid based on B&L's recommendation to the Board: Eisenhut, Second: Watkins. All in favor none opposed

Mayor Baron:	Aye
Trustee Cryer:	Aye
Trustee Eisenhut:	Aye
Trustee Watkins:	Aye
Trustee Tubia:	Aye

Timeline of the SSIMP is 9 months; estimated start date will be the end of August. Mike Shedd is working on getting right aways and will be getting them to Karl.

Chris Lawton noted that the water wells have been approved by FEMA for last scope change amendments. Ok to move forward, design has been approved by the health dept.
Substation: things in route and getting delivered, still on focus to be completed this year.

Cemetery: Mary Lou reported. 1 funeral last week and 2 this week. She met with Humphreyville Memorials, worked with them to place stones. There is a tree where a stone was shifted when a tree was taken down recently – will speak with Mike to have this take care of. Has several burials on hold due to travel restrictions in place right now.

Codes: Very busy. Getting after people for not mowing, a few people are due in court in the coming weeks. He has done 4.5 hours of online Codes training. A lot of permits issued for fences, decks, and pools.

Mike Shedd/MMC:

MMC met tonight as well. Projects are going good. Hubbell is working in crick. Re-paved two sections of Warren Road that were bad, fixing Brookside Drive, grinding stumps throughout village, took down a few trees, working in cemetery as needed for burials. Has 3 summer helpers, they are putting together picnic tables for the Wetlands pavilion and will be painting them soon. Trustee Eisenhut noted to Mike there is a pothole at the base of Columbia Circle that needs to be fixed. It was noted that the Library shed/garage roof needs to be replaced/repared and security light needs to be fixed/installed by the shed. Also, tree in front of library was taken down last year, library board would like to have replaced. Mike noted that we are getting trees this fall.

Attorney: Nothing to report

Police Dept: Chief Malone reported with his monthly report. Updated on a few bills that were submitted and request to send Ptlm Kane to Field Training in Little Falls at discounted rate at \$50.00 – approved.

Motion to enter into executive session at 6:48PM Tubia, Second Eisenhut to discuss personnel matters. Motion to close executive session at 6:53PM Tubia, Second: Cryer.

Library: Trustee Watkins reported, library board is meeting tonight. Did receive resignation of Ann Prior from the Library Board – Motion to accept resignation: Watkins, Second: Tubia. Joan McCumber to resume her position as acting president.

Trustee Watkins noted that they will be opening the doors tomorrow and no longer doing curbside pickup, will make it known that patrons must wear a mask while in the library. They will be closed on Thursday due to a funeral.

Rec Com: Nothing to report

Planning/ZBA: Nothing to report

Fire Dept: Annual inspection is next week; Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30PM. Mayor and Board all invited to attend. Hose testing was done. Did lose some hose, will give Mike an updated inventory list due to this. Training is on-going. Received a resignation from Derek Sweet who has moved out of the area, Motion to accept: Watkins, Second: Eisenhut. Received a new member request for Matthew Cotton, Motion to accept: Watkins, Second: Eisenhut.

Other Business:

Local Law #3 has been filed by the state. Motion to make Joni LaBarge the official Clerk-Treasurer of The Village of Mohawk: Tubia, Second: Eisenhut. All in favor none opposed.

Jarvis Middle school is holding a First Responders walk through of the entire building on July 28th at 5PM, the Board is welcome to attend. Noted that there is no update as of now on when or how school will be opening in the fall due to Covid-19. However the Village is being firm on bus route leaving Jarvis Middle School – they will be turning up W. Center to Columbia, and a few will turn down S. Richfield due to back up of traffic.

Motion to approve previous minutes: Cryer, Second: Watkins.

Mohican Wetlands Rec Park – presented to the board a sample copy of an information sheet for use of the pavilion. Ken Mead agreed to be the contact person for rentals of the pavilion. Does board want to charge a fee for the use of the pavilion? If so we will need to have the hold harmless agreement updated and forms/fee amount approved, possible come up with a list of rules for the pavilion as well. Gave samples to Attorney Manne to review and advise on, will put on agenda for discussion at next meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer reported:

Brian Keeler was unable to shut down the Mohawkct@hotmail.com email address. We do have an automatic reply set up to have emails come to labarge.joni@mohawk-ny.org email.

Asked to see if we can get all court documents transferred to the Town of German Flatts Court, they are taking up space and we no longer use or need as the Village Court has been gone for 10 years.

Attorney Manne advised he would look into to see if we are allowed to do this.

Found a closet that is filled with old obsolete supplies, requested permission to go through and get rid of things that no longer work, no longer needed, and can no longer be used, etc.

Received notification from Verizon that contract is up for the MFD fax line and MPD phone line. Motion to approve mitigation of new contract to keep current telecommunications services rate: Watkins, Second: Tubia.

Complaint call rcvd from Ron Schoere on Marshall Ave – Board acknowledge.

Annual Organizational Meeting 2020-2021. Please refer to attached packet for designations of official banks, newspaper, appointments, official meeting night, liaisons, resolutions and appointments to boards and commissions. No changes.

Resolutions 1-4; Motion: Eisenhut, second: Tubia. All in favor;

Mayor Baron	Aye
Trustee Cryer	Aye
Trustee Watkins	Aye
Trustee Eisenhut	Aye
Trustee Tubia	Aye

P&L reviewed and signed. Approval & signed of Abstracts (General, Cemetery, & Capital Projects) dated July 20, 2020 Motion: Trustee Tubia - Second: Trustee Eisenhut

Motion to have Cemetery bill for Hometown Tree Service \$500.00 pre-approved for next abstract: Tubia, Second: Eisenhut

Meeting was adjourned at 07:15 PM, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Cryer

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