

Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2020

Regular meeting

Village of Mohawk Board of Trustees

Meeting called to order by Mayor Baron at 6pm, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending on roll call: Mayor Baron, Trustees: Cryer, Tubia, & Watkins, & Eisenhut, Joni LaBarge, Attorney Manne, Codes Officer Rob Phillips, Mike Shedd, & Larry Bellstedt

Codes:

Rob Phillips reported: Things are slowing down. Things have been going well. Has taken care of a few complaints.

MFD:

Chief Larry Bellstedt reported: Training is going well, everyone is at a 75% for training. Had a National Grid training recently. Ladies Auxiliary is having their annual Chicken BBQ in the Fire garage on December 8th from 4-8PM, curbside pickup. Santa will be in riding around the village in the fire truck on Thanksgiving Day from around 8:30AM – Noon. They will be stopping on the streets to allow for social distance pictures with children/families as Santa will not be coming back to the station to see kids this year.

Two resignations received: Cassandra Lake and Matthew Cotton, Motion for the board to approve: Tubia, Second: Eisenhut.

Attorney Manne:

Working on the easements needed for the sanitary sewer project. State wants us to certify that we hold valid easements, and Karl cannot do this without seeing this, so he cannot sign the document. However, the Board can approve to have the Mayor or Mike Shedd sign if they wish to keep the project moving at this time. Motion to approve the Mayor to sign the Certification: Watkins, Second: Tubia

Library:

Trustee Watkins reported: Library Board met last week. They are in the process of getting new security system quotes. They have decided to put a hold on hiring a Library Manager right now in case there is another shut down mandated by the Governor. They will be sending a letter out to all the applicants that have applied to notify them.

They would like to change their hours to Monday – Friday 12-5 starting on November 30th. Village Board pushed back on that and stated there should be at least one night with evening hours. Trustee Watkins stated he would relay that to the board to have the library open one evening of the week.

Library Board is planning an event for Saturday, December 12th from 10-12 with Santa, they would like to have The Happy Hags, Carolers from Jarvis, cookies, hot cocoa, and candy canes. They are still working out details for this event.

They will also be implementing a sign in sheet at the library to keep track of the number of people coming in and for potential covid tracking.

Planning/ZBA:

Trustee Eisenhut: nothing to report

Safety/Rec Commission:

Trustee Tubia: nothing to report

MMC:

Trustee Cryer reported: Breaking ground soon for sewer lines as long as weather permits. Casey Field – MVHC still plans on building a rink there, they are working with Herkimer County Sewer. Looks like a softball field may also be in the works to be placed down there. AYSO may be looking to come back as well. Current work being done down there for the Canal Trail – not much else can get in there at this time. George stated he would like to see a tennis court at the Mohican Wetlands Park someday as well.

Mike Shedd:

Has had a padlock installed at the library upstairs room per Mary Haefele request. Crews are finishing up Center Street, supposed to be paved soon; crew was delayed due to covid. Still waiting on permits to dig into Columbia Street/Route 28. Federal Audit is ongoing, accountants were pulled from the office due to covid, but still working. Working on water main on Newton/Pettingil Streets, they always have freezing issues in that area. Paving Columbia/Route 28 to start in the spring – this is a state project. Substation work is on-going, April end date. DPW is still collecting leaves throughout the village.

Tax question regarding taxes in sick pay check – Mike will reach out to BST to see how to handle.

Cemetery – too wet at this time for burials, will push off any burials till spring at this point.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

Minnowbrook grant in the works for a 90/10 grant. Michele Palmer currently working on this.

Previous meeting minutes of November 9, 2020 approved. Motion: Watkins, Second: Tubia

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed.

Approval & signed of General Fund, Capital Projects, & Cemetery Abstracts dated November 23, 2020.

Motion: Trustee Tubia - Second: Trustee Eisenhut

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

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