

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 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, Office Clerk Joni LaBarge, Judy Bray, Mike Shedd, Attorney Manne, Fire Chief Larry Bellstedt, & Police Chief Joe Malone. No public in attendance.

Attorney Manne:

Received purchase offer from Thomas Frank & DBA Franks Mohawk Motors to purchase parcel of land near his business at 125 West Main Street. This parcel was originally Paper Street, but was never developed. Appraisal obtained at Mr. Franks expense with an offer of \$2,000, including all closing costs. Village needs to make a decision that this vacant land is no longer needed for public purposes in order to proceed with sale. Motion: Cryer, Second: Watkins, all in favor, none opposed – determination that parcel of land is no longer needed for public purposes.

Thomes house at 9 Devendorf Street – keep hitting brick walls. Needing warranty deed at this time, mortgage was paid off when last owner obtained the property, however no satisfaction was filed. Slowly progressing with this property.

Chief Bellstedt:

Call list was received – 11 calls with an average of 11 members showing up per call. No training has been done due to Covid-19, Chief Bellstedt asked board how they should make up training; double up or just focus on the most important classes. Per Mayor, add in extra training during scheduled training to try and catch up, however they should follow OSHA guidelines for trainings.

MFD Inventory list given to Board and Mike Shedd.

MFD is building a hoist/pulley system for storage in the fire department. Asking permission to have Mike Shedd get the needed supplies on Lowes account and reimburse from MFD budget. Motion: Tubia, Second: Cryer. Mayor will review wants to discuss further with Mike to make sure that an inspection is not required on the storage/pulley system they want to install.

New Member application received and approved by the Alexander Hose Company – has board reviewed and approved? Board stated that we have yet to receive any paperwork on individual.

Cemetery:

Mike has been working with Mary Lou. Still very wet in the upper cemetery. Trustee Watkins noted that there is a tree that needs to come down in the lower cemetery at the south west entrance.

Chief Malone:

Provided board copy of monthly report. Tickets down due to COVID-19, for the health and safety of officers, this is statewide.

Bill for a new vest for Ptlwmn. Jones. She was injured on the job from where she carries her gear on her vest. Required this new vest to re-adjust where gear is carried to avoid re-injury.

Requested to have permission to send Ptlwmn. Jones to Child Passenger Safety Technician training in August 2020. This will allow residents to come to the station and have their child seats correctly installed. There is no charge for the course; however he will contact NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Council to see if they will cover any or part of costs. Permission granted.

Request for executive session to discuss personnel issues at 6:36PM Motion: Watkins, Second: Tubia. End executive session at 6:36PM Motion: Watkins, Second: Tubia.

Library:

Will put on agenda for next meeting as Library Commission was holding their meeting tonight as well. Did receive a letter from a person interested in being on the library board. Will discuss next meeting after we have received Library Commissions decision.

Mike Shedd:

Met with Sewer Board regarding sewer project – Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Would like permission to go out to bid and place advertisement. Motion: Tubia, Second: Cryer.

Street milling to be done from Henry to Center and W. Main from Washington St to Fastrac driveway. Paving to be done on Erie, Murphy Lane, E. Main to Elizabeth St, Newton, Hill View Dr, Michigan, E. Center to W. Center to John. To be reimbursed by CHIPS; Motion Cryer, Second Watkins to approve milling and paving.

Fence Bids for Fulmer Creek project on W. Main St: only 1 bid received at \$19,158. Mayor would like to table this and discuss with Michele Palmer to see if this is fully covered under the grant as this bid seems high. Mike also stated that there are a few things that still need to be done on this project and Hubbell will need to come back and fix.

Chamber Choir would like to use the new pavilion at the Mohican Wetlands on July 14, 2020 for an 18 member picnic. Form needed, Karl to send to have them sign prior to use.

Approval needed for Mike to be the voting delegate for the Village at the NYMPA meeting on May 20th; Motion: Tubia, Second: Cryer.

Tree Power Program: A lot of trees have been taken down in the village, would like permission to purchase flowering apple and cherry trees to be planted between curb and sidewalk. These trees stay small and should not interfere with lines. Program has a buy one get one free, so they will be around \$35 each. Ok to spend up to \$2500 on trees per board Motion Eisenhut, Second: Watkins. Trees will be delivered in October.

MMC abstracts to be approved by board as MMC meetings have been cancelled. Motion: Cryer, Second: Eisenhut.

Received call from Sean Hart – Asbestos guy for demoed properties. He provided a list of steps that would be helpful to get 9 Devendorf St (Thomes) demolished once the village owns. This will help keep cost down (\$22k-24k) to remove the asbestos and contaminated materials. This is 100% covered by the project.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

NYS Retirement standard workday for officials in retirement system (Matt, Karl, & Mike) part time appointed/elected officials. Permission for Judy to fill out form to be posted for 30 days to public; Motion Watkins, Second Cryer.

Tax Warrant for June 2020 dated May 11th tax collection notice & printing form. Mayor and 2 trustees must sign form; Motion Tubia, Second: Watkins.

Permission to pay delinquent water/sewer to MMC, this will be relevied to the village taxes; Motion: Watkins, Second: Cryer

Election 2020 update – election has been pushed to September 15, 2020.

General insurance renewal is coming up. If submitted early will receive 10% off.

Previous meeting minutes of April 20, 2020 approved. Motion: Cryer, Second: Tubia

Mayor stated that the County was having a call regarding Phase 1 re-opening tonight. He will fill us in with any details or changes after he gets the information. Hoping to have the Library re-open on June 1st. Will have Manager and clerk keep track of the amount of people coming in, will initiate safety precautions as needed if foot traffic is high. Also hope to have MMC & Village Office building open on June 1st as well.

Cleaning service has not been in since March. DPW is cleaning the MMC building for now.

MFD annual inspection has been postponed until further notice.

Judy Bray submitted her letter of retirement. Accepted by the Board tonight Motion: Cryer, Second: Tubia. Retirement date 06-26-2020, last day of work 06-25-2020.

Authorize BAN payment (455,000 original amount), principle \$91,200, interest \$10,299.81 total amount \$101,498.81 for 05/29/2020 Motion: Cryer, Second: Eisenhut.

Financials:

\$363,800 BAN closing on 015/29/20 @ 2% interest

P&L reviewed and signed.

Approval & signed of Abstracts dated May 18, 2020

Motion: Trustee Cryer - Second: Trustee Tubia

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

JML