

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 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, Attorney Manne, Fire Chief Larry Bellstedt, Joe Crisino & David Spencer of the MFD, Kelly Brown of MOVAC & Donna Thompson of the Times Telegram.

Motion to open public hearing at 6:00pm Tubia, Second Eisenhut for Local Law #1 for the purpose of designating West Main Street at the intersection of Washington Street a “through highway”

Motion to close public hearing at 6:38PM Eisenhut, Second Cryer

Motion to accept Local Law #1 Tubia, Second Cryer

All in favor:

Cryer Aye

Tubia Aye

Watkins Aye

Eisenhut Aye

Motion to enter into executive session at 6:02pm Tubia, Second Cryer to discuss MFD personnel matters. Motion to close executive session at 6:37pm Tubia, Second Watkins

Attorney Manne:

Scheduled Local Law #2 tax cap public hearing for March 9th 2020 Motion Tubia, Second Cryer. BOT received survey and letter from Todd Phillips regarding his property on New York Street. Attorney Manne noted that Mr. Phillips is being represented by Attorney Chris Bray and that he has already emailed Attorney Bray with no response. He will review survey and report back.

Kelly Brown of MOVAC:

Noted that their station in Salisbury burned down today and they lost 2 ambulances. He will be making a formal request for assistance as the Village enters into budget season. Noted that he is available at any time if anyone has questions for him, 315-867-3375 is his cell phone number.

Codes:

Rob Phillips excused due to codes training.

Library:

Trustee Watkins reported that things are going well. The computer grant was received and they will be ordering new computers. They will be looking into adding more security around exterior of the library during their budget review.

Trustee Cryer noted that he attended the Historical Society meeting and there is a group of retired teachers & other community members that are willing to help write grants and get the Mohawk History Center up and going. Trustee Watkins noted that no one from the History Center showed up at the WLC meeting to discuss. He stated that the WLC needs and requires

approval before anything gets done at the library ever. The Mohawk Historian Mary Haefele & anyone from the Historical Society need to meet with the WLC to discuss anything. It was noted that Mary Haefele has a lot of historical items that she has along with Lil Gaherty has that they would like to have stored upstairs in the library – again, they need to meet with the WLC and discuss and gain approval to do so. Trustee Watkins stated that Mary Haefele really needs to speak directly with acting WLC president Ann Prior. Everyone was in agreement that they do not want to see Mohawks history go away.

Planning/ZBA:

Trustee Eisenhut: Nothing to report.

Safety/Rec Commission:

Trustee Tubia: Noted that the sidewalks around MMC building have been icy, need to keep salted.

Trustee Cryer noted on Rec Commission that Mohawk Valley Youth Hockey Club is looking to put in a deck hockey surface at the AYSO field. He also noted that the AYSO shed is being given to the sewer district. He would also like us to reach out to the DEC again and try to get us the required additional space needed to make our new Mohican Wetlands football and baseball fields regulation size so that they could be utilized by all area sports teams.

MMC:

Trustee Cryer: MMC needs to purchase power from the power authority for \$29,000 to be divided over the next 2 years. They are in the process of buying the new bucket truck.

Ground breaking of the substation scheduled for 4/1/2020.

Broken window in Police Department is getting replaced; Trustee Cryer stated that Chief Malone is looking into grants for window replacement. Mayor Baron also noted that they are considering a possible re-do of the layout of the Police Department.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

Minnowbrook meeting scheduled for 02/26/2020 at 6PM with all property owners that border Minnowbrook. Michele Palmer to do presentation and see what the interest is like from the property owners.

Cemetery mowing bid packets & posting – same specifications as last year. BOT would like bids due back by March 23, 2020.

Motion Watkins, Second Eisenhut

BOT received appraisal from Franks Auto Body for small strip of land near their property that they would like to purchase from the Village. Board reviewed and are willing to sell it to them if they wish to pursue they can. Attorney Manne stated that he will draft them a resolution.

Nothing to take motion on; leaving up to Franks Auto Body to proceed if they wish to do so. Original letter of interest regarding this was discussed at the August 12, 2019 Board meeting.

Previous meeting minutes of February 10, 2020 approved. Motion: Tubia, Second: Watkins

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed.

Approval & signed of Abstracts dated February 24, 2020

Motion: Trustee Eisenhut - Second: Trustee Tubia

Motion to pre-approve payment to GFIM for \$590.40 Tubia, second Eisenhut.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Cryer

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