

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 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, Mike Shedd, Police Chief Malone, Kevin Joyce and Scout Troup 25 (8 scouts, 3 leaders, & 2 parents present). Laurie Landry & Gino Geruntino of the Weller Library Commission.

Attorney Manne, Codes Office Rob Phillips, & Cemetery Clerk Mary Lou Greene all excused.

Scout Troop#25:

Gave presentation on geocaching and asked permission to place a geocache in Weller Park. They showed the Board an example and explained what the purpose is. The Scouts noted they are working towards patches for geocaching. Board agreed to allow a Geocache in Weller Park as it is placed in hidden in an area, not buried or nor can it be placed over 6ft high. Board thanked the Scouts for their presentations. Trustee Watkins advised that he would let the Weller Library Commission know that this was going on and that the Village Board has approved.

Scout Leader Kevin Joyce & the Scouts also asked about the possibility of a community garden on the Fulmer Green Plain by the creek. This would be a good Eagle Scout project. Board made mention that this has come up before and that they are in agreement that this is a good idea and the Scouts are welcome to do it. Mr. Joyce advised that they will come up with a garden proposal and submit it to the board when ready. Also noted that Troop #26 that was sponsored by the AHC has disbanded and they were advised to let Troop 25 have their gear and supplies that is left. Trustee Tubia advised that he will speak to the person in charge of that for them.

Police Dept:

Chief Malone reported with his monthly report. Submitted 2 resumes with request to hire and train two part time officers; Miranda Maldonado and David Morrissey Jr. Cost will be \$500 for training per officer in Little Falls, they both have agreed to complete at least 18 months of work for the Village to recover the cost of training & uniforms etc. Motion to approve request: Tubia, Second: Eisenhut. Made note that Officer Jason Cooper will be resigning as he is moving to FL, Jarret Brown has placed #2 on the NYS Trooper exam so likely that he will be moving on as well.

Received the copy of complaint from Steve Billings regarding P/T hours. He advised that he has already called and spoke with Mr. Billings and has handled this

DOT & Carver Construction would like to have an Operation Hard Hat to catch speeders in the Canal Trail work zone along 5S Motion to approve this request: Tubia, Second: Watkins.

Briefly mentioned paperwork received from E. Marrero, advised that he will be speaking with Attorney Manne regarding the next steps.

Chief advised that he plans on having extra officers on hand during the first few days of school, with Jarvis back open. Want to make sure everything goes smoothly and that the buses are using the correct routes the Village has mapped out for them. Not sure if Fisher School plans on having parents use the front or back of the school for pickup yet, it was noted to them, they need to have 2 lines of vehicles in front of the school to minimize backup onto Columbia Street.

Chief received an email from Apple regarding a class action law suit on the I-phone, he advised that he has never had an issue and the payout would only be \$25 – board agreed no need to follow up or continue with it.

Mayor advised that he received great reviews on Officer Santana.

Mike Shedd/MMC:

MMC met tonight as well. Lead & Copper testing being done throughout Village, based on age of service in homes. The Sonoma cemetery vehicle no longer passes inspection, permission to send to auction to get rid of Motion: Tubia, Second: Cryer.

Substation is on schedule.

Unable to shut anyone off at this time, he has a list of things to be done for Public Service and a mailer will be going out per Governor Cuomo.

Fence is being installed this week at the Fulmer Creek Green Plain. The Street Department is out patching the streets and got the street garage painted.

He advised that he needs to shut off service to 9 Devendorf Street prior to tear down.

Mayor made note that he has heard from the State, FEMA, & DEC – they are not going to be able to move the berm on the Haefele property, but they are willing to repair the fence. Motion to reach out to Michele Palmer to have the fence bid go out: Tubia, Second: Cryer. Would like bids back by Sept 13th.

Library:

Trustee Watkins reported. Complaint had been received that things were being thrown out in the Library that should not be and missing some donated yearbooks, WLC was looking into this and moving some things back into the children's room that had been removed. It was noted that the Library manager Audra Holovitz is out on medical leave for a month and that Judy Glogowski is back covering her hours. Clerk Barb Korce going on vacation in September, may need to have Judy work extra hours until Audra comes back.

Laurie Landry and Gino Geruntino of the WLC showed up and advised that they did find boxes of yearbooks stored upstairs and are hoping these are the missing yearbooks. Would like to explore the possibility of hiring a 3 person for a substitute to help cover hours as needed. Still looking to sell books at the library, would like to change it to take and donate instead of a sale. Board noted to WLC members that nothing can be thrown out; Clerk and Manager need to ask permission before getting rid of any items in the library.

Rec Com: Nothing to report

Planning/ZBA: Nothing to report

Other Business:

Bank Of America requesting a letter signed by 2 board members and the Mayor to approve adding Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge to the account so they can send her, her own card; Motion Watkins, Second: Cryer. Letter signed by Trustee Eisenhut and Trustee Cryer.

Appraisal received from Todd Phillips on New York Street regarding a very small portion of land that he wishes to buy next to his property – Motion Cryer, Second Tubia to proceed with appraisal and offer, will refer to Attorney Manne to review and handle.

Resolution to declare property at Pettingill Street Extension no longer needed for municipal purposes and approve sale to Thomas Frank DBA Franks Mohawk Motors for \$2,000; Motion Watkins, Second Tubia. All in favor none opposed.

Closing documents received for 9 Devendorf Street – no bid process needed as this is included already within grant. Motion to approve closing documents and mayors signature: Watkins, Second Eisenhut. All in favor none opposed.

Insurance proposal received from Haylor, Freyer, & Coon. Clerk Joni and Mike Shedd had a conference call with Jim Stoddard with proposal packet, standard coverage we already have, did advised board that we currently do not have any cyber coverage on our policy and HFC provided 2

quotes for the board to look over. Board agreed to the Chubb Cyber Policy at a \$4,000 premium. This has higher coverage limits and will be more in line with limits for average claims for this area. Motion: Tubia, Second: Eisenhut. HFC also found a better Crime policy for us with a lower premium cost. Motion to accept: Watkins, Second: Tubia. Motion to accept HFC proposal: Tubia, Second: Eisenhut.

Public notice election resolution for September 15th election; to post dates, times, location of polling place, and nominations of all who are running, office, and term length. Motion Watkins, Second Tubia, All in favor none opposed. Election inspectors and alternates presented to the board Motion to accept Eisenhut second: Watkins. Republican inspector: Melissa Reed with alternate Sharon Palmer, Democratic inspector Amy Fahey with alternate Barb Wiers.

Discussed complaint call received from Patrick Roche – Cemetery Service kicked a rock through their window when they were mowing. Insurance company was put on notice, however have not heard any more regarding this.

Motion to approve previous minutes: Trustee Tubia, Second: Cryer

Complaint call rcvd from

P&L reviewed and signed. Approval & signed of Abstracts (General, Cemetery, & Capital Projects) dated August 17, 2020 Motion: Trustee Eisenhut - Second: Trustee Tubia
Meeting was adjourned at 07:27 PM, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

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