

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 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, Judy Bray, Attorney Manne, Fire Chief Larry Bellstedt, Joe Crisino, Cemetery Clerk Mary Lou Greene, Codes Officer Rob Phillips, Donna Thompson of the Times Telegram, Brookside Drive residents Molly Bonnell & Brad Roberts, Steele Street resident Catherine Amendolare

Molly Bonnell and Brad Roberts:

Came on behalf of themselves & their neighbors on Brookside Drive. Now that the creek project is basically done they are having issues with people walking down the creek bed and up onto their property. People with dogs and sometimes not wearing shoes and they climb on the rocks and are on their lawn and other private property, not village owned. They are concerned that someone could get hurt. They have been advised by someone to put up no trespassing signs and will be doing that. However, they wanted to make sure the Village was aware of people doing this and wondering if there were any plans to install fencing or signs? Mayor advised that project is wrapping up, there will be a fence installed on W. Main with signs. However, people have been doing this forever in the creek. Also, advised that there will be a formal trail way along the creek eventually.

Ms. Bonnell & Mr. Roberts also thanked the MFD for their help during their garage fire in October.

Catherine Amendolare:

She has been informed by codes that her chickens have not been approved by the Village, so she showed up to advise the board that she has had her chickens for 5 years and did speak to the codes officer at that time and was given approval at that time. She has no roosters, they are contained, they do not free roam, and food is kept in a tight container so there are no mice or rats, they are kept clean.

Board advised her that a complaint had been made in regards to the chickens and the Village does not allow without an approved permit. They require board approval and this requires all surrounding neighbors of the property to give their verbal/written approval as well prior to the board approving. She advised that yes, she would like to follow through and get the permit. Mrs. Amendolare stated that had she known she would have done this when she first got the chickens. We will put her on the agenda for the July 20th meeting with her request in writing and proof that she spoke and received approval of neighbors. If she does not show up to the next meeting, she will not be approved to have chickens.

Mary Lou Greene:

Have had a few burials this spring and a few more scheduled. Sold 2 plots at the annex. She has been going through the deeds and finding some possible empty plots in the lower cemetery, will try to contact people to see if they wish to sell back to the Village as she does have a waiting list of people that want plots in the John St. cemetery.

Chief Bellstedt and Joe Crisino:

They have been given a deal through Strategic Safety Dynamics for refurbished air packs, bottles, and masks. These would bring the MFD up to 2007 standards. They are NFPA compliant and all interchangeable. The Town of German Flatts Fire has already purchase 3 of these and if the village agrees this will give them a total of 6. Total cost is \$2000 for 3 PSS 7000 air packs, 14 masks, 3 SCBA bottles and demo equipment. Board approved purchase.

Attorney Manne:

Nothing to report.

Codes:

Rob Phillips reported: Very busy, 50 permits and notices handled. 24 have been done and 26 need to be checked on. A lot of high grass and trash notices. N. Washington home owner is due in court tomorrow regarding his property that burned and has been left vacant. Keeping an eye on Cary Ave, counted 13 unregistered vehicles on the property, they have 2 days left to get them taken care of, will be able to ticket up to \$200 per day per vehicle if owner does not have removed. 26 E. Main Street – condemned building is now for sale and getting cleaned up. Thomes at 9 Devendorf in bad shape; Attorney Manne advised that he is still working on this and ok to start looking into condemning it.

Rob asked Attorney Manne to look into Amish contractors and an insurance exemption that he was given.

Trustee Tubia noted that 12 North St, new owners have chickens and ducks, if Rob would please look into.

Carport construction on Church Street has been referred to the Planning Board for review due to not having enough space from property lines.

Has a meeting tomorrow with 68 E Main Street, due to complaint received from tenant, owner is Christine Corrigan. There is a laundry list of complaints that he will look into tomorrow.

Rob noted that he is running out of space in his filing cabinet that has a lot of old building permits and paperwork. Permission granted to box up and get rid of un-needed files.

Trustee Cryer asked if we had anything in our Code regarding fireworks. Advised there is a NYS Police Code, we have a noise code from 10PM-6AM.

Library:

Trustee Watkins: nothing to report

Planning/ZBA:

Trustee Eisenhut: Planning board received a request to review for a carport on Church Street.

Safety/Rec Commission:

Trustee Tubia: MFD has started training sessions again. All going well.

MMC:

Trustee Cryer: Substation is in progress. Stone color has been picked out. Small water building will be removed.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

Summer schedule: July 20th and August 17th Motion to approve Tubia, Second: Cryer.

Public hearing for Local Law # 3 set for July 6th at 6PM.

Judy Bray: This was her last meeting before she retires on June 25th, she thanked the board for 32 years of allowing her to work & serve this community. Also asked permission to come back at no charge to help get more organized with all the paperwork and files and even help Codes with his files. Board granted permission.

BST letter and AUD – update report. Would like permission to hire Judy back for a few days in July to assist with the AUD when BST comes here. Her rate would be time and a half. BST also provided a proposal to organize and prepare a more formal report of all accounts and files etc. This would be done closer to the BAN renewals. They would organize all projects with who is paying what and who is responsible.

Motion to accept the BST proposal and allow Judy to come back to assist BST: Cryer, Second: Tubia.

Previous meeting minutes of June 08, 2020 approved. Motion: Watkins, Second: Tubia

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed.

Approval & signed of Abstracts dated June 22, 2020

Motion: Trustee Tubia - Second: Trustee Eisenhut

Motion to enter into executive session for personnel discussion at 6:51pm Tubia, Second Eisenhut. Motion out of executive Tubia, Second Eisenhut @ 6:52 PM to handle financials.

Motion back into executive session at 6:52 Tubia, Second: Eisenhut

Motion to close executive after discussion at 7:08PM Tubia, Second: Cryer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

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