

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 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, North Street Residents Elizabeth Reel and Dennis Pierce.

Elizabeth Reel & Dennis Pierce:

Residents at 18 North Street, they have an 11 year old Autistic son who has chickens and ducks. They received permission from their bordering neighbors and provided the list of signatures. These are support animals and they have no roosters. Board stated that they have met all requirements of the village and permission has been approved.

Attorney Manne:

Nothing to report.

Codes:

Rob Phillips reported – Back in court with the Corrigan’s house regarding water line, he has an email in to the department of state. Has sent notice to Holleran’s on West Main Street regarding the bags of garbage on the sidewalk.

Library:

Trustee Watkins reported the library board met last week; Friends of the Library came to the meeting to be granted permission to go ahead with renovation plans on the garage for the History Center. The WLC agreed to allow the Friends to pursue their interests – they did not authorize anything at this point. Friend Mary Haeefe stated to the WLC the estimate they received in 2017 was \$30,000 and this did not include wages as they plan on all work to be done on a volunteer basis. The plan is to have a resource area with a display case that is climate controlled & secured. Attorney Manne advised that this does not appear to be anything that would violate the Weller will as it is basically upgrading the garage not changing the structure of the library. He also noted that we can accept volunteers and he will draft a hold harmless agreement for all volunteers for this project. The Friends advised the WLC that they want the permission to be in writing. Mayor Baron stated that the WLC and The Friends need to formally pitch this to the Village Board and it was agreed that the Library will not be incurring any costs related to this project as the Friends will be relying on fundraising and donations. WLC also agreed to allow Mrs. Haeefe to have a security code. It was noted that the Friends need to be aware that the space will not be considered theirs and they will not have sole control of the space.

Planning/ZBA:

Trustee Eisenhut: nothing to report

Safety/Rec Commission:

Trustee Tubia: nothing to report

MMC:

Trustee Cryer: Substation is in progress, new building is looking good. Completion date has been pushed to the spring. Sewer project is ongoing. Leaf pick up is ongoing.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

Letter received from 11th grade BOCES class requesting permission to volunteer in the cemetery pulling weeds and brushing off the headstones as part of their career awareness class. The intent is to walk over daily weather permitting and work for approximately 1 hour. Motion to approve request: Tubia, Second: Eisenhut.

Request via phone call was received from Kathleen Winter by the Clerk-Treasurer; Re her Aunt & Uncle Bill & Ellie Parslow who live on West Center Street – her Uncle recently passed away and she was wondering if she would be able to plant a tree and place a memory bench on the green plain just down from her Aunt & Uncles house. Mayor Baron stated that there is still work being done in that area, however once work is complete and Ms. Winter has the tree and bench and is ready to have them placed to let the village know. Motion to approve request: Tubia, Second: Cryer. Clerk will inform Ms. Winters of decision.

Halloween is Saturday from 5-7pm. Per Trustee Tubia the Fire Department is thinking about being open for the kids, however no decision finalized yet.

Previous meeting minutes of October 12, 2020 approved. Motion: Watkins, Second: Tubia

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed.

Approval & signed of General Fund and Cemetery Abstracts dated October 26, 2020

Motion: Trustee Eisenhut - Second: Trustee Cryer

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Cryer

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