

Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2026

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: Watkins, Tubia, & Eisenhut, Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge, and Sue Harrod – public.

Trustee Cryer and Attorney Manne absent

Sue Harrod:

Came to board meeting to get an update on the warming center. Mayor Baron stated that he has been in contact with Christine Lawrence of Loaves & Fishes and they have decided that Mohawk is not the right location for them, they are no longer looking to place the warming center here. Sue also provided positive feedback on the county workers we had this summer who painted all of the fire hydrants – they did a great job. She also asked that a stump be removed on E Center Street, Mayor Baron said it will be added to the list if it is not already on there and that the Street Dept has been working on stump removal this summer/fall.

Library:

Trustee Watkins reported: They are having issues with patrons and cell phones at the library.

MMC:

Mayor Baron reported: Street Dept and MMC have been removing dead ash trees throughout the village. Playground equipment is being installed. Company SLIC Network Solutions who want to use our poles to bring in a broadband & internet provider; Ken has been in discussion with them, this looks to be a revenue source for the MMC. It was discovered that Verizon placed booster boxes on some of our poles years ago and MMC was supposed to be billing them, however does not appear that they have been billed since 2021, Ken is looking into this as well.

Planning/ZBA:

Trustee Eisenhut reported: nothing to report.

Safety/Rec Commission:

Trustee Tubia reported: nothing to report.

Business discussed by Mayor and Board:

- Minutes from previous meeting approved, Motion: Trustee Watkins, Second: Trustee Tubia.
- Change/cancel of meeting dates; Oct 12th (Columbus Day) changed to Tuesday, Oct 13th, December 28nd meeting will be canceled due to the holidays. Clerk will post changes and submit to the paper. Motion: Trustee Eisenhut, Second Trustee Watkins.
- Part time Codes Officer position – Three applications were received and reviewed for the open position. A motion was made to hire Michael Steele, as he is nearing the completion of his New York State Code Enforcement Certification. Wage \$16 per hour with a max of

10 hours per week. Increase in pay to be discussed once certification received. Mayor will advise other two applicants of the decision.

- Mohawk Valley Kiwanis Club wants permission to put up a Free Little Library at the Harold Ray Park/playground. Board approved this, they would like to see it outside of the fence and on the Catherine Street side, Clerk will contact the Club and have them get together with Ken to decide on a location.
- New medical insurance proposal provided to the board. There will be a 10% increase in the current premium on the renewal.
- Notice of claim received from Richmond\Vona for a personal injury claim that happened in the Town of Stark – this does not involve the village in any way as the location in question is 10 miles outside of the village. Per Attorney Mannes direction the claim was submitted to our insurance carrier to hire a defense attorney to handle. 50-h hearing has been scheduled for October 19th.
- Noted that Route 28 South from the bottom of Vickerman Hill will be closed for about a week while the state replaces a culvert.
- OHSWA held pre-bid meeting last Thursday, four waste hauling companies showed up.
- Board discussion on recent long term loan and upcoming Water Wells BAN and debt.

Financials:

Permission given to Clerk to wire 1st interest payment on long-term loan, they do not accept checks and we will need to make 2 wire payments per year. Payment is due on October 15th and will be listed on the abstract at the next meeting. Motion Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Eisenhut.

P&L reviewed and signed. Approval & signed of General Fund abstract dated September 28, 2026 motion: Trustee Tubia - Second: Trustee Eisenhut

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

JML