

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 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: Cryer, Tubia, & Watkins, Attorney Manne, Superintendent of Public Works Ken Mead, MFD Chief Crisino & Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge.

Trustee Eisenhut excused / Chief Morse excused

Chief Crisino:

Training report provided to the Board. He is getting quotes for annual hose testing. Trucks are running good. Annual inspection is scheduled for May 19th at 6PM, Board is invited to attend.

Attorney Manne:

He had a meeting with the EFC regarding the Minnowbrook money that will need to be paid back. They are willing to take payments over a span of 2 years without interest to make it easier on Villages to re-pay the grant. Mayor advised that he would like to see where we are financially after the next meeting to see if we can pay back all or a portion. Attorney Manne will need to give the EFC an answer on how we plan to pay it back.

MPD:

Chief Morse provided a letter to the Board requesting to hire US Army Veteran Brandon Martinez as a part time police officer. He is currently set to attend phase 2 portion of the police academy in Little Falls in June. The cost for training is \$2500. To protect the Villages investment, Chief Morse will draft an employment contract requiring a 3-year term of service. Mr. Martinez will be required to repay the Village if he leaves before the 3-year contract ends. Comprehensive background investigation has returned no findings. Motion to approve hire: Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia.

Complaint received from Mr. Nice Guy Activism from May 1st 2026 regarding an incident with Officer Brown who was assisting Ilion PD on a call on said date. Board reviewed document and complaint with no discussion, will allow Chief Morse to handle as necessary.

Ken Mead:

Provided monthly report to the Board. Requesting to hire Erika Briggs as the part time accounts clerk, motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia. Noted that the current water/payroll clerk will be out for 8 weeks this summer on medical leave, so they need to get the new hire trained on as much as possible before this. NYMPA annual meeting is being held May 21 & 22, he is planning on attending. Water cuts/leaks being repaired; they are down to 500,000 gallons from 900,000 of water leakage per day. They have replaced 40 remote reader boxes in the last 30 days, they have 15-20 left to install & then he will be looking at other companies with better prices on meters before purchasing & replacing more.

They are still going through the substation check list, some things that need to be completed. Street Dept. will be paving all water cut area's and potholes throughout the Village. They are also working on the road in the upper cemetery on the hill. They will need to hire a tree company to take down a very large tree in Weller park. Quote is for \$2500. Part of this tree fell last year

and the rest needs to come down due to safety concerns. We do not have the equipment to handle this on our own, per BOT we have a budget line for tree removal so ok to go ahead with tree company.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

- Board and Mayor approved tax warrant Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Cryer, signed by Mayor and Trustees Watkins and Tubia. All were in favor, none opposed.
- Request from Legion to host the annual Memorial Day parade on May 25th at 9AM motion Trustee Watkins, second Trustee Tubia.
- Summer music schedule provided to the Board. There will be 6 music nights at the Wetlands pavilion throughout the summer planned and hosted by the Recreation Commission.
- Email from Kevin Joyce regarding the Mohawk Community Garden. They did receive the grant from the Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$2283. They have plans to build more raised beds, put in a water tank, and possibly a shed with the grant funds.
- Minutes from previous meeting approved; motion Trustee Tubia, second Trustee Cryer
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th due to Memorial Day falling on the Monday.
- Summer meeting schedule; July 13th and August 10th. Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia.

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed

Approval & signed of all Abstracts (General Fund & Cemetery) dated May 11, 2026

Motion: Trustee Tubia, Second: Trustee Cryer

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

JML