

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 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, Watkins, Eisenhut, Tubia, Attorney Manne, MPD Chief Morse, & Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge. No public in attendance.

Attorney Manne: Nothing to report.

Chief Morse: Monthly reports provided to the Board. Letter of thanks received from City of Little Falls police department for the assistance of Chief Morse & Officer Brown on a case in April.

PBA letter from Officer Brown for all PBA department members & written breakdown request from Chief Morse for vacation/personal time buy back: Officer Brown (vacation 168 hrs. / personal 36 hrs.) Officer Pate (personal 36 hrs) and Chief Morse (vacation 118 hrs. / personal 36 hrs.), Officer Dygert 0. Unused time was due to unforeseen & staffing circumstances throughout the fiscal year. Motion to approve vacation/personal time buyback; Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Eisenhut. Buyback will be handled with the next payroll, Chief Morse will need to submit to payroll clerk.

Touch a Truck being planned for June 18th – the rec commission will be assisting with the planning.

Library: Trustee Watkins reported: nothing to report.

Clerk noted that the library received a \$500 donation from the Mohawk Community Club to purchase 1 or 2 picnic tables.

Planning/ZBA: Trustee Eisenhut reported: nothing to report.

Safety/Rec Commission: Trustee Tubia reported: nothing to report.

MMC: George Cryer reported: Part time Office Clerk has started. Meeting was short.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

- Minutes from previous meeting approved: Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Cryer.
- Election notice #4 to be posted around Village and in Times Telegram the first week of June; Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Eisenhut, all in favor, none opposed. Election to be held on June 16, 2026 at the Village Office from 12 noon – 9PM. This is for one Trustee position. Carmen Tubia is running unopposed.
- 2026-2027 taxes received and will be mailed out May 28th, collection to begin June 1st. Tax collection notice to be posted in hallway and around village. Public notice will run in the Times Telegram. Motion: Trustee Cryer, Second Trustee Eisenhut.

- Discussed the possibility of adding more playground equipment to the playground – it was noted that something that gives shade would be a nice addition. Will put on agenda for next meeting for further discussion.
- Discussion again on the basketball court being donated by The Christopher Newtown Foundation. It was noted that we do have a full basketball court behind Jarvis and another location has not been agreed upon due to not being able to place cement or blacktop in specific locations. The foundation will be meeting again and will discuss any other donation options to the Village. Will discuss again at next meeting.
- Minnowbrook grant repayment – Attorney Manne stated that he does need to submit a letter of intent to the EFC on how we plan on repaying the grant. We are allowed 2 years' interest free. It was discussed that we may not be able to obtain future grants if we do not repay. Total due back is \$88,109.46 – decision was made to make 3 payments of \$29,369.82 over the next 2 years Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Eisenhut.
- Trustee Eisenhut noted that the traffic light at Warren Street and Main Streets (NYSDOT light) is very delayed and needs to be adjusted. Mayor Baron advised that he already will be speaking with DOT and will bring it up.
- Noted that Codes Officer was in today and made multiple high grass calls and other calls to homeowners where there are issues.

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed. Approval & signed of General Fund abstract dated May 26, 2026

Motion: Trustee Watkins, Second: Trustee Tubia

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia.

JML