

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 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, Katelyn Perry, SPW Ken Mead, and Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge.

Katelyn Perry:

Provided letter to the Mayor and Board. She is a Crisis Response Case Consultant, currently working out of Herkimer Police Department assisting with mental health & crisis calls. She also assists Mohawk, Ilion, and Frankfort Police Departments as needed. Due to changes in local and state funding she will be unavailable to assist going forward and the current crisis assessment team will be transitioning to a different agency with no start date known. She is offering to continue these services to the Village of Mohawk as a Case Consultant for an annual stipend of \$1000. This would allow her to continue to assist the Mohawk Police Dept with community mental health & crisis needs. Board thanked her for her time and will discuss with the Police Department and get back to her with an answer.

Library:

Trustee Watkins reported: They would like to get a picnic table to place on the slab outside for tutoring during the nice weather; Ken Mead advised that the Street/MMC guys can build them one in a very short amount of time. They found some really old books they are planning on getting rid of. There is an issue with the toilet plumbing in the basement that will need to be fixed eventually.

Planning/ZBA:

Trustee Tubia reported: Nothing to report

Safety/Rec Commission:

Trustee Tubia reported: Nothing to report.

MMC:

Trustee Cryer reported: New Commission member Jodi Wheet started. Meetings being held at Firman Street location now.

Attorney Manne:

Nothing to report.

SPW Ken Mead:

Provided report to the Board:

Has changed his email to kmeaddpw1@mohawk-ny.org. Current Mohawk Muni emails will be forwarded to this new one.

Has been in contact with insurance company regarding the dump truck. We will only need to pay the deductible, permission to have repaired, Motion Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Eisenhut.

Working on the rate increase. They will need to close this year's books before they can proceed with this, this is something that takes about a year to process and started last August.

MMC is going through the village looking for water leaks. Rural Water Comp will be coming in to assist with this. Find a leak and fix it.

There are many areas in the village he would like to improve with plantings and beautification efforts to make things look nicer on Main Street.

Street Dept and MMC Dept will be taking down the dead ash trees in Weller Park during the schools spring break coming up in April. There are 10-12 ash trees that have been killed by the ash borer worm. There are many more in the Village that need to come down due to this as well. They plan on replacing with new trees. Mayor Baron asked that the stumps all be removed and not left in the park.

Interviews have been taking place for the lineman helper position. However, he feels that another office worker is needed. The office side is vulnerable with only 2 clerks and no back up, would like to hire a part-time clerk at 20-30 hours per week. Board agreed, ok to post position once he comes up with a job description.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

- Cemetery Mowing Bids: 4 bids received, Mayor Baron opened sealed bids and Board reviewed.

Bid #1 Mohawk Valley Hearth & Heating, \$27,000

Bid #2 Cacciatore Cemetery Services, \$26,975

Bid #3 Clark Landscaping, \$34,600

Bid #4 A&J Lawn Creations & Care \$23,000

Mayor Baron to contact low bidder A&J Lawn Creations prior to awarding bid and request references. After Mayor's conversation with A&J, they are only a 2-person business & feel our cemetery to much of an undertaking and decided to rescind their bid.

Motion to accept the next low bid of \$26,975 from Cacciatore Cemetery Service Trustee Eisenhut, Second Trustee Tubia.

- Attorney Manne to draft local law on pawn shops for review at the next meeting.
- Ken Mead has been tasked with finding a good location for the basketball court. Will leave on the agenda going forward until location is decided on.

Previous meeting minutes of March 09, 2026 approved. Motion: Trustee Watkins, Second: Trustee Tubia

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed. Approval & signed of General Fund dated March 23, 2026

Motion: Trustee Watkins - Second: Trustee Tubia.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

JML