

Meeting Minutes

June 09, 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, Tubia & Eisenhut, Attorney Manne, Superintendent of Public Works Ken Mead, New MMC hires Erica Briggs & Owen Vedder, MPD Chief Morse, MFD Chief Crisino, & Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge.

Ken Mead:

Introduced new hires to the Mayor and Board.

Provided report to the Board. St. Dept.: sweeping & patching streets & removing stumps. The gazebo needs attention; paint/stain and landscaping re done around it. Upper Cemetery road that was put in last year did not winter well and needs a lot of attention. Town of German Flatts highway dept. is willing to assist with equipment once we rent a stone crusher.

Purchased a tar box for blacktop and open cuts – this has been a great addition to the Street Dept. There is some erosion to a wall in the Fulmer Creek bed near the bridge, it has been stabilized but we will need to keep an eye on this. MMC: still working on water leaks, preparing for upcoming electric system repairs, has two 16-year-olds from the village, they have been hired via the Herkimer County Youth Bureau who will be paying their wages. He plans on having them paint the fire hydrants throughout the village this summer. Chief Crisino asks if they can color code the tops so the fire dept. knows what hose hook ups to use - noted. UV Water plant is done aside from pavement. He attended the MEUA & NYMPA meetings last month, good info was received. MVEDD has donated flower boxes & flowers that have been placed in front of businesses on W. Main Street. This was from a grant and the flowers will be replaced for the fall. Stated that the Street Dept. will collect and store for the winter so the boxes can be reused next year. It was noted on the insurance renewal paperwork that 7 pieces of equipment were never added to the policy over the years (since added), also a concern with the limits on the property – would like to go over with Haylor Freyer Coon to discuss increasing and decreasing limits on buildings we have listed on the policy. Clerk and has been working with them as well, will set something up with HFC to discuss. Mayor asked that the Street Dept. check the pea stone at the new playground and add more if needed. Also noted that if there are any codes issues that are noticed in the Village to let him know.

Chief Crisino:

Provided training reports to the Board. Truck inspections and yearly maintenance to start. New turnout gear has been ordered. Will be applying for a grant that is for gear and air packs.

Coming resignation from Evan Stone – he is now a State Trooper and is unable to make fire calls due to job hours.

Chief Morse:

Provided the Board with monthly report for May. Provided “Touch a Truck” event flyers – June 18th 6-8PM in Weller Park. Trustee Eisenhut noted that there have been a lot of people going the wrong way down Johnson & Fisher one way streets, Chief noted that there may need to be new

signs put up. Chief Morse said that he can walk the village and make note of missing signs and make a list of needed signage and review with Ken Mead.

Entered into Executive session to discuss personnel matters at 6:28 PM Motion Trustee Watkins, second Trustee Tubia. Motion out of executive session at 6:35PM Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia. Per Attorney Manne motion to schedule tentative suspension hearing for June 25th, time to be determined Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Watkins. This is subject to change.

Attorney Manne:

Nothing to report. Stated that he will contact Attorney John Orilio re suspension hearing date, will discuss date of June 25th and confirm/set time.

Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:

- Minutes from May 26, 2026 meeting approved motion Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Eisenhut.
- Permission to allow BST perform the annual state AFR again this year along with required audit? Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia.
- Village election will be on Tuesday, June 16th from 12-9pm.
- Reviewed playground equipment catalog and discussed new equipment, plan is to keep the purchase under \$25k. Discussed a merry go round, monkey bars, and possible sun shaded area.
- Verbal complaint received from E. View regarding electric bikes on the sidewalks. He stated they are dangerous and are going to hit someone. Chief Mores stated that we do not have anything in our local laws against e-bikes, however if we do this would make all bikes (regular & electric) required to ride in the street and would prefer to have young children riding on the sidewalks and not in the street, board agreed.
- Mayor Baron noted that any codes issues that anyone notices to please let him know.
- Next meeting is scheduled for June 22nd and then summer schedule will begin for.

Financials:

Prior approval requested to pay PERMA workers compensation insurance invoice via wire transfer as they no longer accept checks. Bill was just received this afternoon for \$52,280.00 that is due before 07/01/2026 Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia.

P&L reviewed and signed:

Approval & signed of all Abstracts (General Fund & Cemetery) dated June 8, 2026 Motion: Trustee Eisenhut, Second: Trustee Tubia

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

JML