

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 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, & Eisenhut, Attorney Manne, MPD Chief Morse, Superintendent of Public Works Ken Mead, Codes Officer Rob Phillips, Fire Chief Crisino, & Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge

Codes Rob Phillips:

Reported; Ongoing issues with 24 Michigan Street. The house is in bad condition and owner is trying to say the Herkimer County land bank owns, they do not, however they have given him and extension. He is now trying to sell. The condition of the home will require and engineers report as it is in bad shape.

He has finally been in touch with Darwin Putnam regarding the unauthorized street cut on W. Main Street on December 20, 2025. It has not repaired and there is a very large sunken area in the street where he dug. He and Ken have a meeting set up with him for Wednesday morning, he will need to fix per Village specifications or the village will fix and bill him for the repair. We already have money involved as the village has put a large amount of fill in already.

Complaint on the trailer park has been noted and he will handle.

Mayor received and email for codes regarding 79 & 81 E Main Street, concerns regarding the building, leaking roof, and water in basement.

MFD Chief Crisino:

Reports given to the Board. Training is going well. Wiper on 114 needed to be replaced.

Behind on gear – will need to order turnout gear due to expiration of current gear. There is money on the .2 line that has not been utilized yet. GFFD is responsible for half the cost.

MFD will be involved in Ashely Faubert's calling hours and funeral on Thursday & Friday this week. She is a past member of the MFD & AHC.

MPD Chief Morse:

Provided monthly report to the Board. They will also be extending their services to Ashley Faubert's funeral on Friday. The MPD has signed up to join forces with ICE, they offer some really great benefits to Villages who do so. However, the Governor is trying to stop this, waiting to see what is decided going forward. Officer Brown has completed supervisor school.

Have advised the Herkimer County Coroner that our Officers will no longer be assisting with the removal of bodies from homes in the Village due to the potential for injury. The Coroner also has paid help from the County for these situations.

Applied for \$332,762 Jag grant, this will include 2 new fully outfitted patrol vehicles, mobile radios, MMC building surveillance system, access control for the building and MMC. This is a 100% covered grant, Village will need to pay up front and be reimbursed. Reimbursement process is relatively quick.

Quote received for new radio programming at \$155.95, this is better technology and is needed.

Flares; waiting on shipping quote, but also have another company in mind in case shipping is too high. Plan is to order flares in bulk and split flares/costs with other FD and PD agencies.

Would like to look into making “Go Bags” for the police department vehicles. These would have a bag full of necessary supplies for emergency situations. This would be a cost of \$229.70 per vehicle. We could also include this for other Village vehicles at a cost of \$176.17 per bag.

Received estimated cost to repair outside push button police phone for people who come to the station at \$351.81. Motion for Officer Morse to proceed with all requests as needed, no further discussion from the board Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer.

Touch a Truck: the PBA does not have time to do this alone this year. If the other departments would like to assist, then we can probably make it happen. Will need to pick a date in June and start planning soon.

SPW Ken Mead:

Reported; Recommends Owen Vedder to fill the open line person helper position, background and drug tests came back clear. Motion to approve: Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer. They are getting closer to filling the office position, they have had a lot of good candidates.

MMC crew repairs to water mains and services has lowered usage from 800,000 gallons per day to 600,000. Plans to repair a leak on E. Main Street this week.

Street Dept has been spring cleaning: streets, sidewalks, and parks etc. Also filling potholes with cold patch as hot patch is not yet available.

Attorney Manne:

Nothing to report.

Other business discussed by Board:

Election resolution/notice #2: Village Election to be held on June 16, 2026, polls open from noon – 9PM, and one polling location will be at the Mohawk Municipal Building at 28 Columbia Street. Motion Trustee Watkins, second: Trustee Eisenhut and carried.

Election resolution/notice #3 resolve to abolish Registration Day for the June 16, 2026 election.

Motion: Trustee Watkins, second: Trustee Eisenhut, and duly carried by roll call vote, all in favor. Election inspectors; Independent Joseph White and Democrat Barbara Horwald. Motion to approve Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Eisenhut.

Received notice from Congresswoman Stefanik’s Office regarding the grant to replace the roof, windows, and floors in the municipal building that we have been selected to move on to the next phase of the grant. Their office to keep us updated on the progress as it moves forward.

Received letter with the Minnowbrook grant termination letter and request for repayment of funds disbursed to date \$88,109.46. After Attorney Manne review of grant documents, it does not specifically state that funds need to be returned. He will go over documents and confirm.

Decision on Katelyn Perry Care Case Consultant for the village after her discussion at the last board meeting. Board has decided that we will not proceed with that at this time.

Mohawk Fire Dept and Alexander Hose Company annual inspection is scheduled for May 19th at 6PM.

Review of proposed budget for 2026-2027, no revisions requested. Motion to accept preliminary budget with 3.5% tax increase & set public hearing for budget adoption on April 27th at 6:15PM: Trustee Watkins, Second: Trustee Cryer.

Permission requested from the Alexander Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary to host village wide garage sales on June 6th this year from 8-4 with food being sold at the fire station. Motion to approve; Trustee Tubia Second Trustee Cryer.

Minutes from March 23rd 2026 meeting – motion to approve Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer.

Substation BAN converting into long term 24-year BOND. BOND sold on April 7th to Roosevelt & Cross at 4.310598% interest. Only 1 bid was received.

Closing of BOND April 23, 2026. Will pay off Substation BAN; 1 million to Adirondack Bank with \$37,500 interest and \$3,387,700 to Greene Co Bank with \$158,883.13 interest for a total of \$4,584,083.13.

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed

Approval & signed of all Abstracts (General Fund & Cemetery)

dated April 13, 2026. Motion: Trustee Eisenhut, Second: Trustee Cryer

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

JML