

# Meeting Minutes

**February 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, Tubia, Watkins, & Eisenhut, Officer Brad Morse, Attorney Manne, myself, and Jarred Egnew of Hummels Office Plus.

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## **Jarred Egnew of Hummels:**

Introduced himself to the board as our local sales Rep for Hummel's Office Plus. Is looking to get our business for office supplies to keep things local. Asked the Board why we currently do not use them for office supplies, it was noted that the Village does not order a lot or often as we are very small and in the past customer service with Hummel's has not been the best. Mayor Baron advised that he leaves the ordering to the office staff to make the decision on where to get supplies from when needed. However, he will absolutely let everyone know that Hummel's is an option.

## **Officer Morse:**

Discussed the Chief Position and the contract that he provided at the last meeting. Mayor and Board in agreement that the contract and pay terms are agreeable. Motion to accept contract & promote Officer Bradley Morse to Chief of Police effective February 24, 2026, Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Eisenhut, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion to reduce OIC Jarret Brown back to Officer & contracted pay, per agreement made in September for the temporary OIC position/pay, Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer. This change to be effective February 24, 2026.

- Chief Morse provided a copy of a local law from Oneida County in regards to regulating dealers of secondhand articles. This is in regard to the new pawn shop that has opened on West Main Street that has drawn in unfavorable clientele that is well known to area police. This local law mandates pawn shops to report to the local police department to alert of possible stolen items being pawned. Attorney Manne and Board to review local law and discuss. Attorney Manne advised that this is something that can be done if it is the Village & Boards wish.
- There is a supervisor school being held in Little Falls, permission to send Officer Brown, this will be at no cost to the Village. Motion Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer. There are also a few other training schools coming up that he would like to send Officer Brown to and these will have a cost, he will provide more information closer to those trainings.
- Some area police departments are switching their weapon calibers and are looking to sell their old ammunition they can no longer use. Board agreed that this is ok to look into further as this is a budget line item.

## **Attorney Manne:**

Noted that he is available to handle BANS/RANS for us under 1 million if these services are needed in the future.

## **Library:**

Trustee Watkins reported: nothing to report

## **Planning/ZBA:**

Trustee Eisenhut reported: nothing to report.

**Safety/Rec Commission:**

Trustee Tubia reported: nothing to report.

**Mohawk Municipal Commission:**

Trustee Cryer reported: Mikes last day will be March 16th, his last municipal meeting was 02/16. The MMC installed new lighting in the fire station. There are issues with the Niagara hydro power concerning ice jams, which may result in higher electric rates.

Superintendent of Public Works position to replace Mike Shedd upon his retirement: Motion to accept Mikes retirement resignation, Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Eisenhut.

Applications were reviewed and interviews were held. There were attempts to interview others however, they did not answer when called. After board discussion the decision was made to hire Ken Mead for the position. Ken is a current lineperson for the MMC and has knowledge of all the workings of the electrical & water systems, he comes with a lot of knowledge of the village. Motion to hire Ken as the new Superintendent of Public Works, Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Cryer, all in favor, none opposed. This is pending an agreed upon salary. This will no longer be an hourly paid position. This change is effective February 25<sup>th</sup> in which Ken will begin training with Mike and will be set up to take over all of Mike's duties.

Due to this change, there will now be an opening on the Municipal Commission, permission to allow Ken to hire his replacement as a lineperson, Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia.

**Other business discussed by Mayor and Board:**

- Previous meeting minutes of February 9, 2026 approved. Motion: Trustee Eisenhut, Second: Trustee Watkins
- Motion to post for cemetery mowing bids for the 2026 season Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Eisenhut. Clerk will handle bid packets and posting in paper. Bids will be read & awarded at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in March.
- Reminder of the MMC Substation BAN expiration coming up on April 24th: \$4,387,700 plus interest of \$196,383.13. We currently have \$3,195,802.25 to pay back in reimbursements and will need to BOND out the rest (\$1,388,280.88) into a long term loan. Meeting to be held next week to go over details & financials with Fiscal Advisors. Motion to approve paying what we have and bonding the remaining amount Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer.
- Noted that the roof of the municipal building has been leaking and needs to be replaced as it was last replaced in the early 90's. Chief Morse & Mayor Baron are currently looking for any grants that would help pay for building updates, roof, new windows, & floors. Motion to put out to bid to get an estimated cost for the roof to start so we have an idea of the cost of this project, Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Eisenhut.
- Trustee Tubia noted that on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9AM there will be a ceremony for the new fire truck being put into service. Adirondack Bank will be donating coffee and donuts for the event. It is open to the public for any who would like to attend.

**Financials:**

P&L reviewed and signed.

Approval & signed of General Fund abstract dated February 23, 2026

Motion: Trustee Tubia - Second: Trustee Cryer

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

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