

## Meeting Minutes

**January 12, 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, Eisenhut, Tubia, & Watkins, Attorney Manne, MFD Chief Crisino, OIC J. Brown, Super of Public Works Mike Shedd, Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge, and Ally Spongr Degon with the Harriet Tubman Byway.

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### **Ally Spongr Degon:**

Presented plans to the board regarding the Harriet Tubman Byway that is a 550-mile route across the state that involves the underground railroad history and stories. This is the section of State Route 5S that runs along the Village. There is no obligation or anything for the Village to do other than pass a resolution that she has provided in support of this project. There is no financial commitment either. They do require that there are no billboards placed in the stretch of highway per NYS DOT. DOT will eventually install signage along the route (the large brown signs). State Route 5S is maintained by the State and not the Village. Noted that Ilion and Frankfort have already agreed and passed resolutions. The Board reviewed provided resolution, Trustee Watkins suggested that we remove the last 2 paragraphs and Ms. Spongr Degon agreed. Clerk will update and Board will review and pass at the next meeting.

### **OIC Jarrett Brown:**

Permission to sell the MPD Tahoe, no longer needed and all equipment has been removed. Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia. Mike will list and let us know when auction is over. Vehicle 301 has been out of service due to needing a new rear end and axel, this is estimated to be around \$3000 to repair. The LPR is currently not functional, the manufacturer is sending new parts that are covered under warranty.

### **Chief Crisino:**

New batteries and charger purchased. Battery was very old. The new Town of German Flatts fire truck is here. They have begun training on it and mounting work is being done for equipment. The Town will be selling the old fire truck.

### **Mike Shedd:**

Darwin Putnam made a street cut at W. Main and Steele Streets without a street cut permit. He left a very large cut that has left a deep pothole across the entire street. He did this on a weekend and shut down the entire street without the village knowledge. He redirected traffic through a privately owned parking lot. Codes will handle at this point and make contact.

UV building is almost complete, everything is running, old building has been torn down. He will be starting the FEMA closeout paperwork.

### **Attorney Manne:**

Nothing to report.

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

- Noted that minimum wage increased on January 1<sup>st</sup> to \$16.00 an hour, this effects only 4 employees.
- Budget amendment requested on budget lines A1603/ A4020.1 Registrar Fees due to large amount of death/birth certificates requested this year and 6 months left of the fiscal year. Motion Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer.
- Complaint was sent to the PBA facebook page regarding garbage cans being left out and cars parked over sidewalks in the winter. Officer responded and advised that he will let clerk and codes know of complaints. MPD & Codes will address as needed.
- Village & Municipal Offices to be closed on January 19<sup>th</sup> for MLK Day.
- Previous meeting minutes of December 08, 2025 approved. Motion: Trustee Tubia, Second: Trustee Eisenhut.

**Financials:**

P&L reviewed and signed

Approval & signed of all Abstracts dated January 12, 2026

Motion: Trustee Eisenhut, Second: Trustee Tubia

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

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