

Meeting Minutes

March 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: Trustees: Cryer, Eisenhut, Tubia & Watkins, Attorney Manne, Superintendent of Public Works Ken Mead, MPD Chief Morse, MFD Chief Crisino & Clerk-Treasurer Joni LaBarge. No public or guest in attendance.

Chief Crisino:

Reported: Training report provided to the Board. New lights have been installed in the station by the MMC. Noted that he would like to see S. Otsego St changed to one sided parking. Winter time there is barely enough room for a regular vehicle to go through if people are parked on each side, a fire truck or emergency vehicles would never make it. Mayor noted that this has been brought up before and it is something to think about. Chief Morse & SPW Mead both agreed to this as well.

Chief Morse:

Reported: A lot of traffic and parking tickets have been issued. Would like to switch to Pristine Auto Wash in Herkimer and cancel account with Soapy D's in Ilion – ok to proceed.

Permission to attend upcoming conference, as long as he can cover his shifts – ok to proceed.

Would like to send an annual letter to the retirees regarding lifetime health insurance and discuss Medicare plans and benefits with them, an annual check to see if they still need benefits from the Village. Ok to proceed.

Permission to purchase new radio antennas, can get 4 for \$59.16, they are shorter and will not get in the way like the current ones.

SPW Ken Mead:

Reported: Provided report to the board. Applications for Lineperson Helper are coming in, they have received about 11 at this point. Accepting applications until 3PM on Friday, March 13th.

Plans on conducting phone and in person interviews with Andy Steele.

The Municipal Commission needs to replace the small 2014 bucket truck; they have been on a waiting list for 2 years. Commission has already approved this. Old truck motor shuts off when bucket is in the air, along with other on-going issues. NYMPA funding to help pay for this, will be added to the power adjustment for 5 years. Ok to pursue.

Going forward the Municipal Commission meetings will be held at the Fox Den on Firman Street. Need for rate increase, this has been in the process since last year, needs to contact Bill from BST to see where this stands. Monday morning meetings started today with Andy and Dan of the MMC and Street departments. Need new tires on the skid steer for the Street Dept and Cemetery, quote received for \$1004 for this – ok to purchase.

Still working with the insurance company regarding the damaged dump truck, cannot seem to get an answer from them. Clerk advised she will get him Jim Stoddard's contact info of Haylor Fryer Coon to get this handled.

Northland Communications will be coming in this week to run phone and internet lines.

He plans on phasing out Mikes cell phone number.

Attorney Manne:

Reported: Permission to attend the annual NYCOM meeting in June. He will split the cost with us and the other Villages he works with so we would only pay 1/3 the cost. Motion Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia.

Other business discussed by Board:

- AIM resolution – this is from NYCOM in the attempt to gain more funding from the state. Introduced and motioned by Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer, all in favor, none opposed.
- Clerk would like permission to hire Confidata to come and shred a multitude of boxes that have outlived their records shelf life. Quote from them received and provided to the Board Would like to do this once a year as this is time consuming and wear on our shredder. Motion to approve Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Eisenhut.
- Quotes provided to the Board of companies that can change our website to a .gov as being required by the State. Board reviewed & discussed Motion to hire Digital Towpath to help with this change as Brian is limited on this, Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Cryer. Clerk will advise DT and get them started.
- Ken Meads contract and salary has been discussed and agreed upon; Motion to sign contract Trustee Tubia, Second Trustee Eisenhut.
- Jodi Wheet background check came back clear, motion to approve him to the Mohawk Municipal Commission Trustee Watkins, Second Trustee Tubia.
- Basketball Court – per Mayor he has handed this off to Ken Mead to take measurements and find a suitable location for this, to be donated by The Christopher Newtown Foundation.
- Building Maintenance. One quote received for floors only, came in at \$74,992 from Gato Flooring out of Utica. This was for the entire building. Mayor advised that we will not accept this quote at this time, as we needed an estimate cost for all repairs in order to submit for the Municipal Building Resiliency & Safety Project grant that is being offered by Congresswoman Stefanik's Office. Grant submissions need to be in by the end of this week. Mayor Baron and Chief Morse are handling this process. Chief Morse to let bidder know. And will hold until response from grant is received.
- MMC Substation BAN expiration. We are working on obtaining a long term BOND for the remaining amount that is due (\$1,388,281). Mayor and the CT had a rating call last week, this will require us to pay a rating company for their service, which will help us obtain better rates in the future. We will have this cost included in the BOND amount which will total \$1,403,281.00. After Board review of term limits Motion to go with the 24-year BOND term Trustee Eisenhut, Second Trustee Cryer. All in favor, none opposed. Trustee Watkins would like to know if there is a call feature in case rates drop, Clerk will find out and advise.
- Minutes of previous meeting on February 23, 2026 – no changes, motion to approve Trustee Eisenhut, Second Trustee Tubia.

Financials:

P&L reviewed and signed

Approval & signed of all Abstracts (General Fund & Cemetery) dated March 09, 2026

Motion: Trustee Eisenhut, Second Trustee Tubia.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm, Motion: Trustee Watkins; Second: Trustee Tubia

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