

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 was called to order by Mayor Megan Grenier at 6:46 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Mackay, seconded by Trustee Harris to enter into Executive Session.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Mackay	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:53 P.M.

PRESENT:

Megan Grenier, Mayor
Seth H. Harris, Trustee
Mike Mackay, Trustee
William T. Smith, Village Treasurer
John T. Stangle, Jr., Village Clerk
John Liquori, Attorney

ABSENT:

Mark Lansing, Trustee
Aileen Nicoll, Trustee
Stephen Rehfuss, Village Attorney
Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to Mayor

Also attending: Bill Garvey, Robert Schanz, Diane Brunelle, James Sher, Kirk Montanye, David Ognan, Paul Cooney, Peter Molinaro, Brian Marsh.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resident James Sher thanked the DPW for their removal of snow and ice on Louis Avenue. He requested that they remove the snow bank at the end of Louis Avenue and shore up the sand bags along the fence.

The Mayor reported that she will meet with Barton & Loguidice and Albany Rural Cemetery to discuss the Louis Avenue drainage.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay to accept the minutes of the January 6th, 2014 Board Meeting.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Mackay	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

A motion was made by Trustee Mackay, seconded by Trustee Harris to approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 16:

GENERAL	totaling	\$52,264.41
WATER	totaling	\$ 2,047.34
SEWER	totaling	\$ 124.00
	TOTALS	\$54,435.75

PAYROLL # 17: totaling \$81,822.12
(01/10/14 – 01/23/13)

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Mackay	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Bill Giering gave the Board a summary of his activities for 2013 and his plans for 2014.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay to contract with Next-Step Digital and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Mackay	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Trustee Mackay introduced Local Law # 1 for 2014 to override the New York State 2% property tax cap.

LOCAL LAW No. 1 – 2014

Village of Menands, County of Albany

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Menands to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2014 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustee of the Village of Menands, County of Albany, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2014 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The Mayor led a discussion with the Fire Company about the scheduling and use of the municipal facilities. The Mayor stated that all scheduling for events or meeting should be approved by the Village Clerk's Office.

Fire Chief David Ognan requested \$8,666.31 to purchase turnout gear and \$1,000.00 to purchase brush fire coats. The Board approved the purchase.

Fire Chief Ognan stated that the Fire Chiefs do not want to keep a mileage log for their vehicles. The Mayor stated that the logs are part of Village Policies and must be adhered to unless the Policy is changed.

Fire Chief's vehicle repair the Treasurer will get new estimates for the repairs.

The Mayor informed the Board that St. Agnes Cemetery has requested a letter of support for a grant application. The Board approved sending a letter of support.

Mayor Grenier, Trustee Mackay and Trustee Harris will attend the NYCOM Legislative Conference on February 9th, 2014. The Clerk will make the reservations.

The Board signed the necessary documents for the Fire Company Service Award Program. The Clerk will send the documents to be completed and posted by the Fire Company to the Service Award Coordinator in the Fire Company.

The Mayor read a thank you note from the Wounded Veterans and the USO for the Village's support on Veterans Day.

Trustee Mackay asked that the Mayor oppose the freeze on property taxes proposed by New York State.

A motion was made by Trustee Mackay, seconded by Trustee Harris to adjourn.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Mackay	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

John T. Stangle, Jr.
Clerk