

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017 was called to order by Mayor Megan Grenier at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Megan Grenier, Mayor
Steve Boulet, Trustee
Diane Foley, Trustee
Seth H. Harris, Trustee
Donald Handerman, Village Clerk
William T. Smith, Jr., Village Treasurer
Abigail Rehfuss, Acting Village Attorney
Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to Mayor

ABSENT:

Aileen Nicoll, Trustee
Stephen Rehfuss, Village Attorney

Also attending: Bill Garvey, Brian Marsh, John Stangle, James Sher, Kirk Montanye, Shannon Briscoe, Joshua Montanye, Worth Gretter and Emma Conway.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum:

Resident Bill Garvey thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for the ham dinner and allowing him to help. He is also concerned about street lights on Harts Lane.

Resident Emma Conway was concerned about Price Chopper closing and what could be done about it. She was also concerned that seniors and residents of Schuyler Inn won't have a store to go to without having to drive to one.

Resident Brian Marsh asked if the Village was aware why Price Chopper was leaving. The Mayor advised that Price Chopper had upgraded other stores around Menands and that they did not own the property.

Resident Marsh also had questions about Economic Development a discussion followed.

Resident Kirk Montanye questioned that if the Village has known for two years that Price Chopper may be leaving what has the Village done.

Trustee Boulet explained that Price Chopper does not own the property and some steps the Village is doing a discussion followed.

Resident James Sher asked what businesses the Village has approached a discussion followed.

The Mayor stated businesses have told her that the Village needs to increase its census.

Resident Kirk Montanye asked if the Village has reached out to any outside agencies to expand the Village's Business Base a discussion followed.

Resident Sher stated he read on the internet that Rite Aid was bought out by Walgreens and the Menands Store will be closing by the end of the year. The Board stated they have not heard that.

Resident John Stangle stated the website has not been updated in over a year. Website needs to have minutes posted within 14 days after the Board Meetings. The website information is out dated a discussion followed.

Resident Kirk Montanye was concerned that businesses looking to come into Menands looking at the website they would get wrong information about the Village.

James Sher asked about new apartments that will be replacing the bowling alley. The Mayor advised no plans have been submitted at this time.

Resident Josh Montanye advised that there are pot holes on Glenwood Road and a tree has fallen behind 13 Glenwood Road. The Clerk will ask DPW to look into it.

A motion was made by Trustee Boulet, seconded by Trustee Foley to accept the minutes of the January 3rd, 2017 Board Minutes.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Boulet	voting	AYE
Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	ABSTAINED

A motion was made by Trustee Foley, seconded by Trustee Boulet to approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 16:

GENERAL	totaling	\$143,408.48
WATER	totaling	\$ 7,123.84
SEWER	totaling	\$ 7,285.00
	TOTALS	\$157,817.32

PAYROLL # 16: totaling \$ 79,767.45
(12/23/16 – 01/05/17)

ADOPTED:

Trustee Boulet	voting	AYE
Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Eric Johnson from Chazen Companies led a discussion about different options for the Community Development Block Grant for the Hendrick Avenue Project.

Option # 1 - Would be to complete the engineering study for Hendrick Avenue only at a cost of \$23,900 less the \$10,000 Grant the Village cost is \$13,900.

Option # 2 - Would be to complete the engineering study for Hendrick Avenue, Hampton Avenue, Highland Street, Pawling Street and Kingston Street. The cost of \$56,300 less the \$10,000 Grant the Village cost would be \$46,300.

A motion was made by Trustee Foley, seconded by Trustee Harris to approve the Chazen Companies to complete the engineering study for Hendrick Avenue, Hampton Street, Highland Street, Pawling Street and Kingston Street at a cost of \$46,300 plus the \$10,000 Grant.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Boulet	voting	AYE
Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Boulet to approve the estimate from Action Window Cleaning services to clean the windows at both 250 Broadway and 280 Broadway at a cost of \$310.00 for 250 Broadway and \$150.00 for 280 Broadway. Total cost of \$460.00 every other month.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Boulet	voting	AYE
Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

The Clerk informed the Board that the Justice Court received a JCAP Grant in the amount of \$4,694.95 monies to be used for replacement of metal detector and a dolly to transport it.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Foley to authorize the replacement of 3 sets of turnout gear at a cost of \$9,138.00 that was budgeted under state contract.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Boulet	voting	AYE
Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

A motion was made by Trustee _____, seconded by Trustee _____ to approve payment of \$116.66 by the Fire Department towards their portion of a CO2 Detector for Fire Services. All 12 departments are splitting the cost. The Clerk has follow up information. This motion was TABLED for a second time.

The Mayor read a letter for Menands PBA that advised the Board that Officer Zackary Bourdeau is now President and Officer Paul Stone is Vice President of PBA and they look forward to working with the Village.

At 6:47 P.M. Trustee Harris made a motion, seconded by Trustee Foley to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Boulet	voting	AYE
Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:35 P.M.

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

ADOPTED:

Trustee Boulet	voting	AYE
Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Donald Handerhan
Clerk