

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on February 19th, 2013 was called to order by Mayor Megan Grenier at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Megan Grenier, Mayor
Timothy A. Lane, Trustee
Aileen Nicoll, Trustee
John T. Stangle, Village Clerk
William T. Smith, Jr. Village Treasurer
Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to the Mayor

ABSENT:

Mark Lansing, Trustee
Mike Mackay, Trustee
Stephen Reh fuss, Village Attorney

Also attending: Chief Michael O'Brien, Fire Chief Donald Hand erhan, Paul Reuss Code Enforcement, MS-4, DPW Foreman Timothy Boyd, Esther Nolan, and Paul Cooney.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resident Esther Nolan asked that the Village plow not push snow from Jones Court onto the driveway and sidewalk in front of her house.

The following Department Heads presented their Budget Proposals to the Board and answered all questions:

Chief O'Brien - Police Department requested increases to his budget for part time officers, gas and maintenance. Treasurer Smith stated that there was \$18,000.00 left in this year's budget for a finger print machine. A motion was made by Trustee Lane, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to hire a Police Officer to fill the position of Thomas Johnson who retired in January 2013.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Nicoll	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Chief Hand erhan - Fire Department requested increases in the budget for training, recruitment and retention.

Paul Reuss - Code Enforcement and MS-4 requested increases in Engineering for reviews of the Albany International and Dutch Village projects.

Timothy Boyd - DPW Foreman requested a new leaf machine and a generator for the Wards Pump Station. He also requested money to clean and camera the sanitary sewers on Graffunder Drive, Myton Lane, Ruso Drive and Lower Sage Hill Lane.

Mayor Grenier set the date for a Budget Workshop for Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Trustee Lane made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to accept the minutes of the February 4th, 2013 Board meeting.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Nicoll	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Trustee Lane made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 18:

GENERAL	totaling	\$54,445.43
WATER	totaling	\$18,563.36
SEWER	totaling	\$ 2,713.26
	TOTALS	\$75,722.05

CAPITAL PROJECTS: totaling \$ 4,346.91

PAYROLL #18: totaling \$77,060.48
(01/25/13 – 02/07/13)

ADOPTED:

Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Nicoll	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Trustee Lane introduced Local Law #1 of 2013 authorizing the override of the 2% Tax Cap Law.

LOCAL LAW No. 1 – 2013

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, 2013 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, 2013 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Lane, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to hold a public hearing on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. on proposed local law to allow the Village to exceed the 2% Tap Cap for the Village Budget.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Nicoll	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Trustee Lane proposed that the Village institute a fee schedule for special pick-up items and that the fee for the dumpster be increased from \$75.00 to \$150.00. Trustee Lane will consult with the Village Attorney whether this proposal needs to amend a local law or can it be instituted by a resolution.

The Clerk informed the Board that he will be meeting with the City of Troy to negotiate a new Memorandum of Understanding for the water rates.

A motion was made by Trustee Nicoll, seconded by Trustee Lane to adjourn.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Nicoll	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

John T. Stangle
Clerk