

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 was called to order by Mayor Megan Grenier at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Megan Grenier, Mayor  
Seth H. Harris, Trustee  
Mark Lansing, Trustee  
Mike Mackay, Trustee  
Aileen Nicoll, Trustee  
William T. Smith, Jr., Village Treasurer  
John T. Stangle, Jr., Village Clerk  
Stephen Rehfuss, Village Attorney

ABSENT:

Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to the Mayor

Also attending: Mike Steurer, Paul Cooney, Brian Marsh, Diane Brunelle, Peter Molinaro, Robert Schanz, Kirk Montanye, David Oganen.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Cooney reported that Canal Road has been striped, Boswell has the plans for 50 Simmons Lane for review and the Farmer’s Market is changing their plans for a new building.

The Mayor led a discussion on the proposed forms for groups using the municipal facilities. After a discussion with the President of the Fire Company, Kirk Montanye, it was decided to meet further with Fire Company on the issues.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay to accept the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Budget Public Hearing as amended.

ADOPTED:

|                |        |     |
|----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier  | voting | AYE |

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay to accept the minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board Meeting.

ADOPTED:

|                |        |     |
|----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier  | voting | AYE |

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 22:

|         |          |             |
|---------|----------|-------------|
| GENERAL | totaling | \$62,153.40 |
| WATER   | totaling | \$ 6,058.93 |
| SEWER   | totaling | \$ .00      |
| TOTALS  |          | \$68,212.33 |

PAYROLL # 23: totaling \$87,585.96  
(04/04/14 – 04/17/14)

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

The Mayor led a discussion on the proposed Village Budget for 2014 – 2015. Resident Brian Marsh complimented the Board for their work on the budget.

Fire Chief Mike Steurer requested that the Board include funding for a Fire Chief's vehicle.

Trustee Lansing moved to amend the proposed budget to reduce the paving line item from \$100,000.00 to \$65,000.00, the motions was seconded by Trustee Mackay.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | NAY |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | NAY |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | NAY |

Trustee Harris moved to amend the proposed budget to increase it by \$70,000.00, the motions was seconded by Trustee Nicoll.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | NAY |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | NAY |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

Trustee Mackay moved to set a public hearing on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the proposed Local Law # 1 for 2014 to override the 2% Property Tax Cap. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lansing.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

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.

### **ADOPTED:**

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

Trustee Mackay moved that the Village of Menands recognize April as Parkinson awareness month, seconded by Trustee Nicoll.

### **ADOPTED:**

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

The Board asked that Tim Boyd attend the meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to explain the proposed options for the Village backhoe.

Trustee Mackay asked about the status on the Louis Road stream project. The Clerk will contact Brad Grant from Barton & Loguidice for an update.

The Mayor asked Trustee Nicoll and Trustee Harris to conduct interviews for the position of Laborer in the DPW and make a recommendation to the Board.

The Clerk reminded the Board that Fire Company Installation Dinner is Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Firehouse Hall. Cocktails will be served starting at 6:30 P.M. followed by dinner and presentations.

Also the NYCOM Spring Conference runs from Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs let the Clerk know if you are interested in attending.

The Clerk reported that the Village has reviewed the annual water quality report and that it will be mailed out to businesses and residents in May.

At 9:10 P.M. Trustee Mackay made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lansing to enter into Executive Session.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:36 P. M.

A motion was made by Trustee Mackay, seconded by Trustee Lansing to adjourn until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. after the public hearing on Local Law #1 Overriding the 2% Property Tax Cap.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands was reconvened Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT:

Megan Grenier, Mayor  
Seth Harris, Trustee  
Mark Lansing, Trustee  
Mike Mackay, Trustee  
Aileen Nicoll, Trustee  
William T. Smith, Jr., Village Treasurer  
John T. Stangle, Jr., Village Clerk  
Stephen Rehfuss, Village Attorney

ABSENT:

Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to Mayor

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to adopt Local Law #1 for 2014 to override the New York State required 2% Property Tax Cap.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

The Mayor led a discussion on the proposed 2014 – 2015 Village Budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to adopt the proposed budget that was submitted by the Mayor on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | NAY |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | NAY |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

The Mayor led a discussion with Tim Boyd, DPW Foreman on the condition of the backhoe.

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to purchase a new backhoe at the cost of \$123,000.00. The purchase will be paid for from funds in the Equipment Reserve Account.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Harris to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Library for use of their property in an emergency.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M.

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:34 P.M.

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

ADOPTED:

|                 |        |     |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Trustee Harris  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Lansing | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Mackay  | voting | AYE |
| Trustee Nicoll  | voting | AYE |
| Mayor Grenier   | voting | AYE |

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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John T. Stangle, Jr.  
Clerk

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