

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Monday, October 20th, 2014 was called to order by Mayor Megan Grenier at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Megan Grenier, Mayor
Seth H. Harris, Trustee
Mark Lansing, Trustee
Mike Mackay, Trustee
Aileen Nicoll, Trustee
John P. Berry, Jr., Village Clerk
William T. Smith, Jr., Village Treasurer
Stephen Reh fuss, Village Attorney
Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to Mayor

Also attending: Bill Garvey, David Ognan, Nora Harbour, Brian Marsh, Paul Cooney, Diane Brunelle, Catherine Sheridan, Kirk Montanye, James Sher, and Lyle Darmetko.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Village resident Brian Marsh reported that the Agenda for the Board Meetings has not been posted on-line since the 2nd of September. Village Clerk Berry said that he would check with their Webmaster.

Village Resident James Sher requested that the Village's meeting minutes be more precise. Mayor Grenier stated that the minutes need to be accurate when reporting the resolutions, motions and how the members of the Board have voted. Village Clerk Berry said that he would check the requirements on reporting minutes. Mr. Sher also stated that he had concerns with the DPW Foreman and DPW Staff and wanted to know if the water main break on Columbus Day was called into the Village Police Department. Village Clerk Berry said that he would check into it and get back to Mr. Sher.

Assistant Fire Chief Ognan reported on the recent training that he and four members of the Fire Department attended in Colorado. He said that he would give a more detailed report in the near future.

Trustee Lansing gave an explanation as why he would be abstaining on the Harmony Mills vote.

Paul Cooney from Boswell Engineering reported on the progress of Scott Drive and the issue of the street lights while paving.

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Harris to accept the minutes of the October 6th, 2014 Board meeting.

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 Nicoll to approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 10:

GENERAL	totaling	\$75,010.15
WATER	totaling	\$16,907.29
SEWER	totaling	\$ 859.53
	TOTALS	\$92,776.97

<u>PAYROLL # 10:</u> (10/03/14 – 10/16/14)	totaling	\$73,576.45
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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 for the Village of Menands to enter into an agreement with the Town of Colonie for using the “I Am Responding” dispatch for the Fire Company.

ADOPTED:

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

Attorney Rehfuss led a discussion concerning the requirements needed to allow the Village to act as SEQR Lead Agency for the Harmony Prima Lofts Project. After which Trustee Mackay moved the following a motion authorizing the Clerk to notify potentially involved agencies that the Village would serve as SEQR Lead Agency if there were no written objections with thirty (30) days, motion was seconded by Trustee Nicoll.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lansing	voting	ABSTAINED
Trustee Mackay	voting	AYE
Trustee Nicoll	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Menands (the “Village”) is presently reviewing the project involving the residential conversion of a former mill property located at 1373 Broadway, Village of Menands, Albany, County, NY, into 145 residential dwelling units (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received a request from Harmony Prima Lofts, LLC (“Harmony”) owner and developer of the Project to initiate the process pursuant to NY General Municipal Law (“GML”) 239-m, by referring the Project to the Albany County Planning Board;

WHEREAS, the referral pursuant to GML 239-m is required due to the proximity of the Project as within 500’ of another municipal boundary line and the Project’s request for a special use permit to enable the proposed residential conversion;

WHEREAS, the Village Board is desirous at this time of considering this referral to the Albany County Planning Board, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Menands hereby authorizes the Village Mayor to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to hereby refer the Project to the Albany County Planning Board pursuant to GML 239-m.

- (1) The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference and make a part of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Trustee Mackay, and seconded by Trustee Nicoll, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lansing	voting	ABSTAINED
Trustee Mackay	voting	AYE
Trustee Nicoll	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Mackay to amend the agreement between the Menands School District and the Village of Menands dated October 7, 2002 to clarify that the agreement encompasses permission for the Village to use school district property for ingress and egress purposes in emergency/urgent circumstances.

ADOPTED:

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

Village Clerk Berry gave an update on the Louis Avenue Project what had been completed so far by the Town of Colonie and what work they reported that they would be finishing up with.

The Clerk gave the Board a final reminder that the Business Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th at 7:30 A.M in the Village Hall.

The Clerk also reminded everyone that the Youth Halloween Party is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th, 2014 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Help is always needed and appreciated.

At 6:28 P.M. Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mackay to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

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 7:03 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 7:04 P.M.

John P. Berry, Jr.
Clerk