

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Monday, November 3rd, 2014 was called to order by Mayor Megan Grenier at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Megan Grenier, Mayor
Seth H. Harris, Trustee
Mike Mackay, Trustee
Aileen Nicoll, Trustee
John P. Berry, Jr., Village Clerk
Stephen Rehfuss, Village Attorney
Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to Mayor

ABSENT:

Mark Lansing, Trustee

Also attending: Bill Garvey, Josh Kinneston, Kirk Montanye, Lyle Darmetko, Brendon Murphy, Esther Noland, Trent Fournier, Joe Rossier, Earl Jones, Don Handerman, Paul Cooney, Brian Marsh, Diane Brunelle, and Chad Bush.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resident Brian Marsh reported that a couple of deer were hit in the last couple of weeks on Van Rensselaer Blvd. He asked if we could put up a couple of deer crossing signs. Paul Cooney from Boswell Engineering said that since the road is a state highway, we should contact the DOT Traffic Engineer in Region 1 to handle this request.

Mr. Marsh also commented about the new leaf machine that it can't really pick-up wet leaves. Mayor Grenier said that the new machine is more for clean-up and the older machine is still the one that does most of the pick-up.

Paul Cooney from Boswell Engineering reported that Scott Drive paving is almost finished and the project should be finished tomorrow.

Resident Kirk Montanye asked about the procedure for when someone leaves village employment, how is the health insurance handled. Village Attorney Rehfuss said that we cannot discuss personnel matters and to contact Village Clerk Berry for specific requests.

A motion was made by Trustee Mackay, seconded by Trustee Harris to approve minutes from the October 20th, 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 Mackay, seconded by Trustee Harris to approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 11:

GENERAL	totaling	\$153,301.38
WATER	totaling	\$ 2,321.29
SEWER	totaling	\$ 1,209.14
	TOTALS	\$156,831.81

PAYROLL # 11: totaling \$ 85,279.88
(10/17/14 – 10/30/14)

ADOPTED:

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

Mayor Grenier appointed John P. Berry, Jr. as Registrar of Vital Statistics.
Trustee Mackay offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the appointment by Mayor Grenier of John P. Berry, Jr. as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Village of Menands be, and hereby is approved the resolution was duly seconded by Trustee Harris.

ADOPTED:

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

Code Enforcement Officer Reuss led a discussion on the unsafe conditions at 16 Glenwood Road than a resolution was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Nicoll directing the Code Enforcement Officer Reuss to declare 16 Glenwood Road (SBL: 44.18-3-39) unsafe, pursuant to Section 64-1 of the Menands Village Code.

ADOPTED:

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

Village Attorney Rehfuss led a discussion concerning section 485-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law. After which Trustee Harris introduced a proposed Local Law No. 3 for 2014 adding the provisions of section 485-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law concerning a residential-commercial urban tax exemption program, to the Village Code as section 153-5.1. Such exemption requiring a minimum residential component of at least 75% is hereafter in effect in this Village upon due application thereof and approval thereof in accordance with law.

After the discussion a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 17th, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular Board meeting.

Menands Police Dispatcher and Town of Colonie EMS member Don Handerman gave a short presentation on the Menands Emergency Preparedness Plan that he requested the Village adopt. After a brief discussion a resolution was made by Trustee Nicoll, seconded by Trustee Harris authorizing the Mayor to sign the plan.

ADOPTED:

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

After a discussion for the proposed purchase of a camera (1) for above the railroad tracks, Village Attorney Rehfuss suggested that we try to get two (2) more bids if we're able to.

Mayor Grenier reported that Ivan Vamos will be at our next meeting to discuss the bike path. She also read a letter from a Village resident thanking the DPW for their work.

Village Clerk Berry led a discussion up-dating the Board on the Louis Avenue Project. He read correspondence he received from Bradley Grant, Project Engineer for Barton & Loguidice stating that he has been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Conservation for New York. Mr. Grant is revising the work plan and will report back at a future date.

At 7:00 P.M. Trustee Harris made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to enter into Executive Session to discuss the proposed contract regarding Wards Pump Station Rehabilitation.

ADOPTED:

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:25 P.M.

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

ADOPTED:

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

The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

John P. Berry, Jr.
Clerk