

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Monday, November 17, 2014 was called to order by Mayor Megan Grenier at 6:04 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, James Moser, Josh Kinneston, Kirk Montanye, Mike Steurer, David Ognan, Ester Nolan, Ivan Vamos, Nadine Shadlock, Diane Foley, Dick Rendert, James Sher, Paul Cooney, Peter Malinaro, Jim Harder, Lyle Darmetko, Holly Canfield, Joan Babier, Ron Laberge and Phil Vander Maker.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

James Moser of Moser Engineering gave a presentation on the proposed Site Plan Review for a Family Dollar Store to be built at the southend of Menands. Trustee Lansing expressed his concerns that a plan was approved to bring buildings closer to the road when they are being built. Mr. Moser stated that he would relay the Boards concerns to the owners.

Ron Laberge gave a presentation for the proposed final site approval of Dutch Village IV. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to approve the final site plans.

ADOPTED:

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

First Assistant Chief Ognan gave a brief presentation on the purchase agreement for the contract with Sutphen Corporation for the purchase price of \$898,184.37 for one (1) custom engine/aerial platform truck. A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Harris authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.

ADOPTED:

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

The following resolution approving the designation of the separate tax map parcel for the storage building at Harmony Prima Lofts, LLC was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay.

ADOPTED:

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

Ivan Vamos gave a presentation on the bike path that runs along the Hudson River from the City of Watervliet through the Village of Menands to the City of Albany. Mr. Vamos did a report in 2001 that was presented to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation on how to provide access to the residents of Menands by opening the passage under I 787 for the usage of the bike path. He explained that New York State hadn't done anything with the plan and now there are currently different grant opportunities that the Village could apply for, would the Board be willing to forward his letter again to the state for approval. Economic Development Coordinator Giering stated that he would forward the letter.

Resident Holly Canfield asked if there could be increased lighting where FedEx is located on Broadway and possibly a crosswalk in light of the pedestrian accident where a resident of Village One Apartments was killed a week ago. Mayor Grenier responded that she is currently getting reports from the Menands Police Department that will be forwarded to the NYS Department of Transportation since Broadway is a state highway. Also, the Mayor stated that CDTA is doing a study.

Resident Kirk Montanye presented the Mayor and Village Clerk Berry with some questions regarding the Village's procedures with COBRA insurance that he asked if they could be answered within the next two weeks.

A motion was made by Trustee Nicoll, seconded by Trustee Mackay to accept the minutes of the November 3rd, 2014 Board Meeting.

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 Harris, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to accept the minutes of the November 12th, 2014 Health Insurance Workshop.

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 approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 12:

GENERAL	totaling	\$45,941.03
WATER	totaling	\$ 3,790.26
SEWER	totaling	\$.00
TOTALS		\$49,731.29

PAYROLL # 12: totaling \$72,469.44
(10/31/14 – 11/13/14)

ADOPTED:

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

Trustee Mackay made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harris to approve the \$4,100.00 supplement for engineering services for Louis Avenue area drainage improvements to Barton & Loguidice Engineering which replaces the previous supplement for engineering services.

ADOPTED:

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

The Board of Trustees asked for further information before there could be continued talks of the camera installation on Broadway for the railroad.

Trustee Harris moved seconded, by Trustee Mackay a resolution approving Proposed Local Law # 3 of 2014 amending Section 153-5 of the Code of the Village of Menands relating to residential-commercial urban exemption program by adding Section 153-5.1.

ADOPTED:

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

**A LOCAL LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF MENANDS
AMENDING SECTION 153-5 of the Code of the Village
RELATING TO
Residential-commercial urban exemption program
by adding Section 153-5.1**

§ 153-5.1 Adoption of statutory provisions.

The provisions of § 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law concerning a residential-commercial urban exemption program is hereby adopted. Such exception, requiring a minimum residential component of at least 75%, is hereafter in effect in this Village upon due application therefor and approval thereof in accordance with law.

Trustee Lansing made a motion to support CDPHP Gold Plan for the Village of Menands employees for 2015. There was no second.

Trustee Harris moved the following resolution – after reviewing several options from the Village of Menands health insurance provider the Board approved the following health insurance plan for the calendar year 2015 for non DPW active employees and for non

Medicare eligible retirees – CDPHP EPO Co-payment 100 Platinum Standard 2015 (100-SUPF1161). The Board also approved providing the Medicare eligible retirees and spouses with CDPHP Medicare PPO plan during the 2015 calendar year at a 10% cost of the monthly premiums per the 2012 Health Care Resolution approved at the 11/19/12 Board Meeting, Trustee Nicoll seconded the resolution.

ADOPTED:

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

First Assistant Chief Ognan gave a presentation on the Menands Fire Departments request to participate in a cooperative grant with other local fire departments for the purchase of new SCOTT Air Packs. He informed the Board that there is a one time fee of \$1,000.00 to participate. Trustee Lansing made a motion to participate, seconded by Trustee Mackay.

ADOPTED:

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

Trustee Lansing and Second Assistant Chief Steurer led a discussion on the revised policy for the use of the Fire Chief Vehicles. Trustee Lansing made a motion to approve the revised policy, seconded by Trustee Mackay.

ADOPTED:

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

The Clerk gave a report on resident Brian Marsh's request to have "Deer Crossing" signs on Van Rensselaer Blvd.

The Clerk inquired about the Annual Christmas Party for employees, retired employees and their guest after a discussion it was agreed the party would be Tuesday, December 16th from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Poppy's Place if available, the Clerk will check.

The Clerk informed the Board the Seniors Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 7th from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Village Hall.

Menands Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 13th, starting at 6:00 P.M. at the Firehouse.

The Treasurer reported on Chazen's report on realigning the sewers on Simmons Lane. Trustee Lansing requested that the Treasurer e-mail the information to the Board so a decision could be made at the next meeting on December 1st, 2015.

At 8:15 P.M. Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mackay to enter into Executive Session to discuss a proposed contract for the Wards Pump Station and a personnel 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 8:36 P.M.

Trustee Lansing made a motion to approve the contract bid with Boswell Engineering for work at the Wards Pump Station, seconded by Trustee Mackay.

ADOPTED:

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

Village Attorney Rehfuss informed the Board that the Menands School Board was currently seeking additional information to adopting Section 485-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay 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 8:45 P.M.

John P. Berry, Jr.
Clerk