

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 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
John P. Berry, Jr., Village Clerk
William T. Smith, Jr., Village Treasurer
Stephen Reh fuss, Village Attorney
Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to Mayor

ABSENT:

Aileen Nicoll, Trustee

Also attending: Chief O'Brien, 2nd Asst Chief Steurer, Mike Hagmann, Paul Stone, Paul Cooney, Brian Marsh, John Stangle, Kirk Montanye, Bill Garvey, and Mrs. Stone.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Chief O'Brien introduced Police Officer Paul J. "PJ" Stone to the Board. Officer Stone is a lateral transfer from the Albany County Sheriffs Department; he has four years of service and is a fully Certified Police Officer. The Village Board welcomed Officer Stone.

Resident Bill Garvey informed the Board that the Broadway street lights on pole numbers 18 & 20 are out.

Resident Brian Marsh noticed an incident at the Stewart's Shop on Broadway and spoke with two individuals he believed were police officers. They did not address his concerns and after further review, he realized he should have spoken to the Menands Police Department. He also reported that he believed there was a water main break on Van Rensselaer Blvd by Sky Hollow Drive. Mike Hagmann, DPW Interim Foreman, addressed the problem with Mr. Marsh.

Resident Kirk Montanye remarked that DPW has been doing a great job with snow removal. He also asked if the Village would be looking at any candidates who live inside the Village now that we have two open positions in the Police Department. Mr. Montanye asked if the Village would be towing cars during a snow emergency? Mayor Grenier stated that if DPW Interim Foreman Hagmann informs the Police Department that vehicle is in the way, it would be taken care of.

Resident Paul Cooney reported that Boswell Engineering is waiting for the weather to improve to work on the Ward's Pump Station and he also gave an update on the status of the new Family Dollar.

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Mackay to accept the minutes of the January 20th, 2015 Public Hearing for Local Law # 1 of 2015 Chapter 93 Flood Hazard Control.

ADOPTED:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay to accept the minutes of the January 20th, 2015 Board Meeting.

ADOPTED:

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

Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mackay to approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 18:

GENERAL	totaling	\$45,633.08
WATER	totaling	\$27,130.88
SEWER	totaling	\$ 920.90
	TOTALS	\$73,684.86

PAYROLL # 17x: totaling \$ 567.24
(01/09/15 – 01/22/15)

PAYROLL # 18: totaling \$79,728.75
(01/23/15 – 02/05/14)

ADOPTED:

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

The Treasurer requested permission to transfer from the General Fund Unappropriated account to the Street Paving account A.5110.0438 \$22,000 to cover the additional cost of the Scott Drive Project due to additional work from change orders and additional asphalt requirements.

And transfer \$35,000 from Water Fund Unappropriated to Account F.8340.0430 Outside Contractors account to cover costs of water breaks.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Mackay to approve the transfer from the General Fund Unappropriated account to the Street Paving account A.5110.0438 of \$22,000, and \$35,000 from the Water Fund Unappropriated account to the Outside Contractors account F.8340.0430.

ADOPTED:

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

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

Police Chief O'Brien - presented his proposed 2015 – 2016 budget for the Police Department and answered a few brief questions from the Board.

Paul Reuss - (Code Enforcement and MS-4) presented his proposed 2015 – 2016 budget. Mr. Reuss also informed the Board that Lyle Darmetko has just completed the first of six courses in becoming a Code Enforcement Officer.

Michael Hagmann - DPW Interim Foreman presented his proposed 2015 – 2016 budget. Mr. Hagmann and the Treasurer explained that the budget was pretty much the same as the department was requesting funding for a new mower.

2nd Asst Chief Mike Steurer – presented his proposed 2015 – 2016 budget for the Fire Department and answered a few brief questions from the Board.

The Treasurer reported that the taxable assessment went down one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from last year and we received the 2014 report from the NYS Comptroller's Office on the Fiscal Monitoring System that was implemented in 2013. The report states that the Village is not fiscally stressed at this time. The Treasurer also said the Village needs to get a leak detection test done as soon as possible in the spring.

Mayor Grenier set the date for a Budget Workshop for Wednesday, March 4th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

The Village Board is requesting a revised updated study for the relining or replacement of the Water & Sewer Improvement on the south end. The Treasurer said he will get some prices from engineering firms for the work. The Board stated they will do a resolution for the next meeting. Trustee Lansing requested the Treasurer to put together an analysis of the cost for the south end water and sewer repairs and the possible effect on rates.

Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harris to go out to bid to engineering firms for relining the sanitary sewer system at Canal Road.

Mayor Grenier reported on last weeks meeting with NYS DOT, Town of Colonie and CDTA in regards to the crossing on Broadway at the Village One Apartments. The NYS DOT representative stated that he has already observed the area and suggested that we increase the lighting. The group will keep in contact as work gets completed.

The Clerk reported that the cost of the three lights to be installed at the end of Simmons Lane by National Grid would be three times 108.88 annually. The Clerk stated that he has reached out for additional information to find out if there would be a cost for the initial installation and would try to have the information by the next Board Meeting.

At 7:40 P.M. Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harris to enter into Executive Session to discuss a possible legal matter on Edgewood Circle.

ADOPTED:

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

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

ADOPTED:

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

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

John P. Berry, Jr.
Clerk