

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Monday, April 20th, 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
Aileen Nicoll, Trustee
John P. Berry, Jr., Village Clerk
William T. Smith, Jr., Village Treasurer
Stephen Rehfuss, Village Attorney

ABSENT:

Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to Mayor

Also attending: Paul Cooney, Brian Marsh, Diane Brunelle, Kirk Montanye, James Sher, Lyle Darmetko, Peg Kelly, Brian Rozmierski and John Stangle,

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resident Brian Rozmierski discussed the letter that he sent to Mayor Grenier in regards to the unwanted traffic on Tillinghast Avenue. He has reached out to the US Census Bureau, as well as the US Postal Service and would like the assistance of the Village Board to help solve the problem. Trustee Mackay stated he would help.

Resident Margaret Kelly asked why there was a change to the alternate parking on Amsterdam Avenue. The Treasurer said that the rules for parking are still the same.

Resident Diane Brunelle stated that on Village Court dates, cars are parked along the bike lane going south on Broadway so people are unable to use that side of the road. The Clerk stated he would discuss this with Chief O'Brien.

Ms. Brunelle also asked if we could use alternative ways of posting public hearings other than the Times Union so that residents were better informed, such as the Menands Activities Newsletter and the Village Website.

Resident James Sher thanked the DPW for removing the plywood along the fence on Louis Avenue. He also stated that he has a problem with a neighbor over a parking issue and Trustee Nicoll said she had the same issue in her neighborhood and what she did to fix the problem. Mr. Sher also asked if we had an update on the Louis Avenue Project. The Mayor explained that the Village is waiting for the engineer and the Town of Colonie to be available to complete the work.

Resident Kirk Montanye requested a copy of the proposed Village Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2015 thru May 31, 2016. He said that the budget for fiscal year 2014 - 2015 was not posted on the website.

Mr. Montanye asked where he could find the Village employee job descriptions. The Village Attorney state he could find them in the Village Law. He also asked if the Village looked further into a "quite zone". Trustee Lansing and Trustee Mackay responded. Kirk asked if "speed bumps" could be installed on Lyons Avenue. Paul Cooney, Boswell Engineering, said that the small portable ones are expensive and hard to maintain, he also stated that they are not that effective.

Mr. Montanye also inquired if the Village had heard anything else on the increased lighting on Broadway. The Clerk stated he received an e-mail this afternoon from

National Grid stating they will have a representative at the Broadway location Friday morning to discuss addition lighting.

Resident Brian Marsh asked what the tax rate for the proposed budget is. He also reported that he caught people dumping garbage on Van Rensselaer Blvd by Edgewood Circle and the Menands Police were able to apprehend the suspects. He asked if anyone knew what steps were to be taken to adopt a Highway Problem. Mr. Montanye suggested that he call NYS DOT to find out how to get the signs.

Mr. Montanye asked if the budget transfers will be posted on-line along with the minutes. The Treasurer stated that they are not usually posted; they are attached to the minutes. He stated that he could get him a copy if he would like.

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to accept the minutes of the April 6th, 2015 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 Mackay to accept the minutes of the April 13th, 2015 Budget Workshop.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harris	voting	ABSTAINED
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 # 22:

GENERAL	totaling	\$31,431.68
WATER	totaling	\$ 5,384.84
SEWER	totaling	\$ 6,881.87
	TOTALS	\$43,698.39

<u>PAYROLL # 23:</u> (04/03/15 – 04/16/15)	totaling	\$88,510.47
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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 Mackay to appoint Brian Franklin to the position of Fire Chief, David Ognan as 1st Assistant Chief and Michael Steurer as 2nd Assistant Chief, Andrew Boyd and Ben Latanzio Captains, Brendan Murphy, Brian Sheridan and Brad Gallotta Lieutenants.

ADOPTED:

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

The Clerk reminded the Board that Fire Company Installation Dinner is Saturday, April 25th, 2015 in the Firehouse Hall. Cocktails will be served starting at 6:30 P.M. followed by dinner and presentations.

VFBL/VAWBL “GOOD SAMARITAN” LEGISLATION

It is the intent of this Resolution to make available the coverage provided by General Municipal Law Section 209-il-b (Volunteer Ambulance Workers’ Benefit Law Section 5-

Whenever a volunteer firefighter of the Menands Fire Company No. 1 provides services under General Municipal Law Section 200-I (Volunteer Ambulance Workers’ Benefit Law Section 5) when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present, such volunteer firefighter shall be entitled to coverage under the VFBL coverage provided by the Menands Fire Company No. 1 for the provision of such services. Upon the arrival of a jurisdictional officer in command, such volunteer firefighter shall report to such officer and offer his/her services to assist such fire company or fire department. If such offer of assistance is not accepted, then the volunteer firefighter of the Menands Fire Company No. 1 must immediately cease providing any additional service at the scene of the emergency.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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I N A S S E M B L Y

March 6, 2014

INTRODUCED BY m. OF a. Magnarelli - - read once and referred to the Committee on
Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the volunteer ambulance workers’ benefit law, in relation to coverage for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers performing emergency services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YOR, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 209-I of the general municipal law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-b to read as follows:

1-B. IN THE EVENT THAT AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PROVIDES SERVICES UNDER SUBDIVIION ONE OF THIS SECTION WHEN THERE IS NOT JURISDICTIONAL OFFICER IN COMMAND PRESENT, SUCH VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO COVERAGE UNDER THE VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTERS’ BEFENFIT LAW PROVIDED THE FIRE COMPANY OR MUNICIPALITY THE VOLUNTEER SERVES ADOPTS A RESOLUTION GRANTING COVERAGE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES. UPON ARRIVAL OF A JURISDICTIONAL OFFICER IN COMMAND, SUCH VOLUNTEER SHALL, BE ENTITLED TO BENEFITS IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN SUBDIVIION ONE OF THIS SECTION.

Section 2. Subdivision 1 of section 5 of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law is amended by adding a new paragraph 1 to read as follows:

1. WHILE, WITHIN THE STATE, PERFORMING DUTIES IN AN AREA OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN RELATED TO THE DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE COMPANY, OR ANY UNIT THEREOF THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUCH CARE IN THAT AREA, PROVIDED THAT THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS' MUNICIPALITY, AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE COMPANY, OR ANY UNIT THEREOF, ADOPTS A RESOLUTION GRANTING COVERAGE FOR SUCH DUTIES. UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE COMPANY, OR ANY UNIT THEREOF RESPONSIBLE FOR EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE IN THE AREA, SUCH VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BENEFITS IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH B OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

Section 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become law.

Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harris to approve the VFBL/VAWBL "Good Samaritan" Legislation.

ADOPTED:

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

Lyle Darmetko, Building Inspector, reported the he issued a permit for the future Family Dollar and it will take ninety (90) days to construct the building. 1332 Broadway, the new site of the Triple AAA Building, has been issued a permit. Harmony Prima Lofts has already started their asbestos abatement. Getty Gas on the north end of Broadway would like to turn their site into a grocery store, which as currently been rejected.

Mayor Grenier announced that the Child Care Center will be having a dinner anyone interested in attending should let her know. The Mayor and Trustee Nicoll attended the Grand Opening of Peak Performance Chiropractic this past Saturday, April 18, 2015 stating that it was well attended. The Mayor also stated that she attended the ground braking for Harmony Prima Lofts this afternoon.

Trustee Mackay made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to approve participation in the Albany County Government Efficiency Plan.

ADOPTED:

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

The Clerk reported that the Village received notification from the NYS Dept of State Bureau of Fiscal Management that we will be receiving the \$3,000 Grant for the improvement of the walking trails.

Trustee Lansing offered seconded, by Trustee Harris the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that Beverly Pach, Lorna McCartan, Geneva Conway, Elaine Habbinger and Sheila Hyatt are hereby appointed Inspectors of Election to preside at all Village Elections pursuant to Section 15-116 of the Election Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such inspectors of Election shall be paid at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for each hour served upon audit by the Board of Trustees, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Elaine Habbinger be, and hereby is, constituted and designated to act as Chairman of such Inspectors of Election, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk be, and he hereby is, directed to notify such Inspectors of Election of their appointment; and to direct that they shall take and subscribe the constitution and statutory Oath of Office.

ADOPTED:

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

Weston & Sampson have forwarded a certified tabulation of Bids received for the Van Rensselaer Boulevard Area Water System Improvements:

Wm J. Keller & Sons Construction	\$412,245.95
Casale Contracting Services, Inc.	\$434,120.00
Gallo Construction Corp.	\$462,760.50
Pollard Excavating, Inc.	\$473,430.00
American Evergreen, Inc.	\$474,554.00
Reale Construction Company, Inc	\$487,700.00
Anjo Construction Ltd.	\$513,454.00
Jablonski Excavating, Inc.	\$517,000.00
Chip Kronau Construction	\$679,334.81

After a discussion Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harris to accept the BID from Wm J. Keller & Sons Construction in the amount of \$412,245.95 for the Van Rensselaer Boulevard Area Water System Improvement Project.

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 tentative 2015 – 2016 Village Budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to adopt the Preliminary Budget that was submitted by the Mayor on Monday, March 16th, 2015.

ADOPTED:

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

A reminder that the NYCOM Spring Conference runs from Sunday, May 3rd to Tuesday, May 5th at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs let the Clerk know if you are interested in attending.

The Clerk advised the Board he needed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Town of Colonie for the use of the Town's Police Range and Training Facility. After which Trustee Mackay moved seconded by Trustee Lansing a resolution 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

Mr. Sher commented that with all the work being done on the south end, could anything be done to improve the north end.

The Clerk presented the yearly maintenance agreement for Dwight Plumbing & Heating Company. The Village Attorney stated that the Village would need to go out to BID for this proposal.

At 6:47 P.M. Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to enter into Executive Session to discuss 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 7:27 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, 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 7:28 P.M.

John P. Berry, Jr.
Clerk

