

Village of Menands

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March 3, 2026

Hon. Kathy Hochul
Governor
State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Senate Majority Leader
332 State Capitol
Albany, NY 12247

Hon. Carl Heastie
Assembly Speaker
LOB – Room 932
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Governor Hochul, Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie:

On behalf of the undersigned cities and villages across New York State, we write to express our appreciation for the Governor's 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years.

This proposal reflects a meaningful recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns. A strong and reliable state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve. We commend the Governor for reaffirming this commitment through continued investment in local governments.

Municipalities throughout the State continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, rising operational costs, and the continued constraints of the property tax cap. At the same time, local leaders are striving to protect taxpayers amid a rising cost of living and uncertainty surrounding future federal support. These realities underscore the importance of sustained and predictable state assistance.

The proposed additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance will provide needed support to municipalities statewide, helping to stabilize local finances and maintain essential services for residents. We respectfully urge the State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in TMA in the final adopted State Budget.

At the same time, we encourage the Governor and State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid. Establishing a long-term framework for annual increases in Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding would provide the fiscal certainty local governments need to plan responsibly and sustain the services our residents rely upon.

We greatly appreciate your partnership and look forward to working with you to make our communities and our State the best they can be.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Marsh".

Mayor Brian Marsh
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During the Menands Village Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, March 2, 2026, the following resolution was adapted:

Mayor Marsh advised the Board that the Village has been asked by NYCOM to adapt a resolution to increase Aid to Municipalities. Discussion followed.

Resolution Number:260112

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

Trustee Lane entered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Menands applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Menands urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Menands calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED those copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Menands.

Second by Trustee Harbour.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Harbour	voting	AYE
Trustee Neuman	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Kalogridis	voting	AYE
Mayor Marsh	voting	AYE

I, Donald Handerhan, Village Clerk for the Village of Menands, Do Hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of all motions and resolutions and or enacted, and all other procedures had and taken by the Village of Menands Board of Trustees at the regular meeting held on, March 2, 2026.



Donald Handerhan
Village Clerk

