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Dear Resident,

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 fiscal year, I want to speak candidly about the financial challenges facing the Village of Menands and the difficult decisions required to adopt this year's budget. **You will see 2 one-time charges as well as a tax rate increase on this year's Village of Menands tax bill.**

Like many municipalities, Menands is experiencing significant financial pressure driven by rising costs, long-standing structural imbalances, and obligations that cannot be deferred. For too long, the Village operated without a fully balanced budget, relying on short-term solutions that, over time, compounded into larger challenges.

This year, we made the deliberate decision to confront those issues swiftly and decisively.

The adopted 2026–2027 fiscal plan includes a sizable tax increase. I understand that this is not easy, and I do not take lightly the impact it will have on our residents. However, this decision was made with a clear priority in mind: **preserving ALL the services that our community relies on every day.** Public safety, infrastructure, and essential municipal operations will remain ENTIRELY intact because of this approach.

Maintaining these services was critically important to me as your mayor. Reducing them would have had a direct and immediate impact on the quality of life in our Village. That would not have been acceptable.

At the same time, this budget represents a turning point. It is the first fully balanced budget the Village of Menands has adopted in more than two decades. By clearly aligning our revenues with our expenses and addressing long-standing financial obligations before they become emergencies, we are placing the Village on a more stable and sustainable path forward, especially considering recent inflationary pressures. We are taking advantage of EVERY grant opportunity. We are planning for large capital items, retaining quality employees - who are the backbone of our municipal operations, and growing our economic engine, the Broadway corridor, while still maintaining the Urban Suburban feel that makes Menands the #3 most desirable place to live in our Capital Region.

This was not an easy process, and there were no perfect options. But I firmly believe that the choices made in this budget put Menands in a stronger position—not just for today, but for the many years ahead.

I thank you for your understanding, your engagement, and your continued commitment to our Village of Menands community. If you have any questions, please email me or stop by the Village office.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Marsh, Mayor