

Regular Village Board Meeting
April 4, 2022

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands held on Monday, April 4th, 2022 was called to order by Mayor Megan Grenier at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Megan Grenier, Mayor
Diane Foley, Trustee
Seth H. Harris, Trustee
Brian Marsh, Trustee
Tim Lane, Trustee
Donald Handerhan, Village Clerk
Stephen Rehfuss, Village Attorney, Absent
Intern Isabel Smrstik

Also attending: Bill Garvey, Bill Nevins, Steve Boulet, Mike and Susan MacKay, Janet Abram, Maria Dunning, Lisa Neuman, Nan Miller, AA,

The mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grenier opened the Public Hearings at 6:00 PM

The Clerk read the following statement:

There will be two Public Hearings will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. Chapter 127 Property Maintenance §127-Legislative intent and to Repeal of Chapter 145.8. For information regarding how the Public Hearing will be held please visit the Village of Menands Website at www.villageofmenands.com. It is the intention of the Village Board of the Village of Menands to ensure both Residential and Business premises shall be maintained in conformity with the provisions of this code to assure the desirable residential character of the property to improve the quality of life and aesthetic nature of the Village of Menands. Purposed Local Law # 2 of 2022 Tax Cap Override authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c the regular meeting to follow. Such public hearings are open to the public and accessible to the handicapped. All are encouraged to attend and comment at or to present comments in writing to Clerk Handerhan before noon on April 4, 2022, at handerhand@villageofmenands.com. A copy of the Local Laws is available at the Menands Village Office or on the villageofmenands.com website.

Mayor Grenier opened the Public Hearing for Chapter 127 Property Maintenance §127-Legislative intent and to Repeal Chapter 145.8.

Chapter 127 Property Maintenance §127-Legislative intent and to Repeal of Chapter 145.8

Resident Bill Garvey is in favor of adding Chapter 127 Property Code.

Resident Bill Nevins expressed his disapproval of Chapter 127 and handed the Board a list of properties he believes would be in violation of Chapter 127. A discussion followed.

Hearing all comments Mayor Grenier closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 P.M.

OVERRIDE 2% TAX CAP PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Grenier opened the Public Hearing and explained the Overriding of the 2% Tax Cap.

Resident Bill Garvey is not in favor of the 2% Tax Cap override.

Hearing all comments Mayor Grenier closed the Public Hearings at 6:09 P.M.

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Resolution Number 220051

A motion was made by Trustee Marsh to approve the minutes of the March 21st, 2022, Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Foley.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Resolution Number 220052

Trustee Marsh made a motion to accept the minutes of the Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 Budget Workshop, seconded by Trustee Foley.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	ABSTAINED
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Resolution Number 220053

A motion was made by Trustee Marsh to approve payment for the following, seconded by Trustee Lane.

WARRANT # 21:

GENERAL	totaling	\$ 48,143.99
WATER	totaling	\$ 3,443.32
SEWER	totaling	\$143,978.89
	TOTALS	\$195,566.20

PAYROLL # 22: totaling \$102,131.92
(03/11/22-03/24/22)

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Mayor Grenier advised the Board that she received an email at 3:30 today asking to hold on approving making ZBA has Lead Agency for the 381 Broadway Cell Tower project until the environmental assessment is complete. The approval was tabled.

Mayor Grenier led a discussion regarding the approval of Local Law #1 of 2022 Chapter 127 Property Maintenance §127-Legislative intent and to Repeal of Chapter 145.8. Discussion followed

**Chapter 127
Property Maintenance**

Chapter 127 Property Maintenance

§127-1 Legislative intent. It is the intention of the Village Board of the Village of Menands to ensure both Residential and Business premises shall be maintained in conformity with the provisions of this code and assure the desirable residential character of the property so as to improve the quality of life and aesthetic nature of the Village of Menands.

§127-2 Responsibility of property owners; action by Village; Notice of Violation costs of abatement; hearing.

A. All property owners or persons owning, occupant (renter or lessee), or entity otherwise having control of property within the Village of Menands shall at all times maintain both the structure and the surrounding property and adjoining public ways. Owners, occupants or other responsible entities found not to be maintaining their property or premises free of litter, excessive accumulation of refuse, garbage, brush, waste, and/or any hazardous materials, junked vehicles, equipment, debris, or rubbish (including but not limited to: paper, plastics, metals, tires, construction material, electronics, fill, etc.) that would create an unsafe, unkempt or deleterious appearance which creates an undesirable public nuisance or is otherwise unsafe, hazardous or threatens the public health shall be a violation under this section.

B. Appropriate ground cover shall be properly established and maintained. Lawn areas shall be maintained with grass not exceeding more than 10 inches. All premises and immediate exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10 inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs, provided, however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers, ornamental grasses, and gardens.

C. (1) All ornamental and shade trees in the public streets in front of said premises shall be trimmed so that branches thereof shall not be lower than eight (8) feet from the surface of the ground and so as to not interfere with or obstruct the light from or impede the public travel on any of the streets or sidewalks thereof. Heavy undergrowth, weeds, and/or overgrowth of plant material which are noxious or detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare shall be eliminated. Hedges, bushes, and trees must be maintained clear of the public right of way.

(2) Repair or replacement of public sidewalks due to homeowner neglect or work performed by the homeowner shall be the homeowner's responsibility to return the public sidewalk to its original condition. Deterioration of public sidewalks due to normal wear and tear, shall otherwise be the responsibility of the Village of Menands.

D. The Code Enforcement Officer may assess a violation when it is determined that the property is in violation of the provisions as provided in **the NYS Property Maintenance Code**.

E. Upon receiving a complaint, or noting a violation of this code, the Code Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to inspect the entire property, or properties, within three (3) business days. Following an inspection of the property, the Code Enforcement Officer of the Village of Menands shall notify the property owner, occupant or entity having control of the property, as hereinafter provided, of any condition(s) on the property or sidewalk violating provisions of this chapter. The Code Enforcement Officer may issue notice to the owner, occupant or entity requiring them to contact the Code Enforcement Officer within seven (7) calendar days from the date such notification was mailed or, within five (5) calendar days of personal service of the notification, so as to acknowledge receipt of notification and submit a plan to rectify the violation. Failure by the responsible party to do so will result in a Notice of Violation to be sent by the Code Enforcement Officer to the property owner, occupant, or entity having been notified.

F. Notice of Violation

(1) All notices issued hereunder to restrain, or correct, any violation or to enforce compliance with any provision or requirement may be served on behalf of the Village of Menands via USPS.

(a) Delivering to and leaving a copy of the same with any person or persons owning, occupying, otherwise in control or who may be liable.

(b) By registered or certified mail to the most current address on file of this Code, if any;
or

(c) If none is on file, to the most current address on file in the Village of Menands Office.

(d) If such person or persons cannot be served by any of the aforesaid methods, after diligent search shall have been made for such person or persons, then such notice may be served by posting the same in a conspicuous place upon the premises where such violation is alleged to exist, or to which such notice may refer, which shall be equivalent to personal service of said notice upon all parties for whom such search shall have been made; or

(e) By any other method of service authorized pursuant to Article 3 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

(2) Notice of violation by mail to owners, tenants or lessees, and owners residing out of state. If the person or persons or any of them to whom said notice is directed do not reside in the State of New York and have no known place of business therein, the notice may be served by delivering to, and leaving with, such person or persons, or either of them, a copy of said notice, or if said person or persons cannot be found within said state after diligent search, then by posting a copy of the same in the manner as aforesaid and at their last known place of residence; and said posting and mailing a copy of said notice shall be equivalent to personal service of said notice.

G. Hearing.

The notice required herein shall indicate that a request for a hearing may be made by the owner or entity in control of the property alleged to be in violation, which must be made and received by the Code Enforcement Officer before the expiration of the five-day period. Such request must either be delivered personally to the Village of Menands or mailed by certified mail to the Code Enforcement Officer, or Court Clerk. Upon such request duly made and received, a hearing will be held before the Menands Village Court at a time, date, and place set by written notice sent to the owner through USPS mail. The hearing shall be held within fourteen (14) calendar days following receipt of the request and at least two days' notice of the hearing shall be given to the owner. The owner or owner's agent shall be given an opportunity to present evidence and be heard during the hearing. Within five (5) days of the conclusion of the hearing, the notice shall be affirmed, amended, modified, or rescinded.

H. Costs of abatement.

(1) If the owner or person upon whom notice was made fails, neglects or otherwise refuses to timely comply with such notice or fails to attend a hearing scheduled pursuant to Subsection D, any duly authorized employee of the Village or contractor hired by the Village shall be authorized to enter the property in violation and shall cause the premises to be put in such condition to correct the violation(s) cited and comply with the provisions of this chapter; the costs of which, together with a 25% surcharge for inspection and other administrative costs in connection therewith, shall be certified and filed with the Village Treasurer who shall render a bill to the owner and/or the responsible person, party or legal entity which pays the taxes on the building, lot or parcel of land for payment.

(2) The aforesaid charges, if unpaid for 20 days, shall become a lien upon said property and shall be added to become, and form a part of the taxes to be next assessed and levied upon such parcel, shall bear interest at the same rate as the annual tax rate and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as village property taxes.

(3) The assessment of the cost for the work done by the Village upon the property involved shall be in addition to the penalties imposed herein for any violation or

noncompliance with any provision of this chapter, and the Village may initiate legal proceedings against such person, party or legal entity to recover all such costs.

(4) No costs assessed for abatement work completed by the Village of Menands or any contractor hired to do such work, herein shall be added to the tax bill nor shall any legal action be instituted by the Village to recover such costs until the owner or other persons to be charged have been afforded an opportunity to be heard at a hearing convened by the Code Enforcement Officer in accordance with rules promulgated by the Code Enforcement Officer.

I. Rules and regulations. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this article and necessary to effectuate the same.

J. Appeal. Any person or persons aggrieved by a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer may file an administrative appeal with the Board of Trustees in the manner and thereafter in accordance with the provisions of Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules.

K. Penalties for offenses. Any person who engages in unlawful conduct as defined in this article shall be punishable by a fine which shall not exceed \$1,000 in amount or by imprisonment not exceeding 15 days, or both. The Village of Menands may impose the costs of enforcement, abatement, court costs, legal fees, and accumulated interest on liens imposed.

Resolution Number 220054

After a discussion, Trustee Lane made a motion to approve Local Law #1 of 2022 Chapter 127 Property Maintenance §127-Legislative intent and to Repeal Chapter 145.8, seconded by Trustee Marsh.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Trustee Marsh read Local Law #2 of 2022 Tax Cap Override.

LOCAL LAW # 2 OF THE YEAR 2022
Village of Menands, County of Albany

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Menands to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2022, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by the General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, County of Albany, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2022, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Resolution Number 220055

Trustee Marsh made a motion to approve Local Law #2 of 2022 Tax Cap Override, seconded by Trustee Harris.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Mayor Grenier tabled entering a professional service agreement with TI-SALES

The Clerk led a discussion regarding renewing the annual preventive maintenance agreement with Dwight Plumbing and Heating. The agreement has a \$125.00 increase from last year.



PLUMBING AND HEATING, INC
455 SOUTH STREET
RENSSELAER, NY 12144
Tel: (518) 433-2800 Fax: (518) 433-2801
DPH@dwi2tuplumbingandheating.com

280 BROADWAY

1. REPLACE AIR FILTERS 4 TIMES YEARLY
2. CLEAN EVAPORATOR COOLING COILS ONCE PER YEAR.
3. CLEAN THE CONDENSOR COILS ONCE PER YEAR
4. OIL THE MOTORS IN COOLING SEASON FOR THE HVAC EQUIPMENT
5. REPLACE THE BELTS AND ADJUST SHEEVES FOR THE ROOF TOP UNIT.
6. TEST THE ROOF TOP UNIT FOR PROPER OPERATION
7. CHECK THERMOSTAT FOR PROPER OPERATION. CHECK ALL OPERATING AND SAFETY CONTROLS IN A/C MODE.
8. OIL MOTORS IN THE FALL FOR HEATING SEASON.
9. CLEAN THE BURNERS, AND CHECK THE HEAT EXCHANGER ON THE ROOF TOP UNIT AND THE FURNACE IN THE BASEMENT.
10. CLEAN THE STEAM BOILER, TEST FOR PROPER OPERATION OF THE SAFETY CONTROLS AND OPERATING CONTROLS.
11. CLEAN AND FLUSH LOW WATER CUT OFF CONTROL ON BOILER.

ONE YEAR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT \$4,400.00

ALL OF THE ABOVE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WORK IS DESIGNED TO KEEP YOUR HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM WORKING AT THE MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY. ALSO, UNIT CLEANINGS, OPERATIONS AND SAFETY CHECKS, WILL HELP ADD TO THE LIFE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT. NO PARTS OR LABOR OTHER THAN STATED ABOVE ARE INCLUDED IN THIS AGREEMENT.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN ONE COPY WITH YOUR PAYMENT. THANK YOU.

HVAC/PLUMBING

~~MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:30AM TO 4:00PM EXCEPT HOLIDAYS~~
\$125.00 PER HOUR, ONE HOUR MINIMUM, AFTER FIRST HOUR \$31.25 PER QUARTER HOUR.

~~EMERGENCY LABOR RATES OTHER THAN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:30AM TO 4:00PM~~
EXCEPT HOLIDAYS
\$187.50 PER HOUR, ONE HOUR MINIMUM, PORT TO PORT

~~HOLIDAYS DOUBLE TIME~~
\$250.00 PER HOUR, ONE HOUR MINIMUM, PORT TO PORT

Norman Rowe
NORMAN ROWE, PRESIDENT

3-17-2022
DATE

M. Grenier
ACCEPTED

4/4/22
DATE



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March 17, 2022

VILLAGE OF MENANDS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
250 BROADWAY
MENANDS, NEW YORK 12204

ATTN: Donald Handerhan

RE: Yearly Preventative Maintenance
Contracts for HVAC equipment at
250 Broadway
280 Broadway

**COMMERCIAL ONE YEAR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**

250 BROADWAY

1. REPLACE THE AIR FILTERS 4 TIMES YEARLY.
2. CLEAN EVAPORATOR COOLING COILS ONCE PER YEAR.
3. CLEAN THE CONDENSOR COILS ONCE PER YEAR
4. OIL THE MOTORS ON AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT, (BLOWERS, CONDENSOR AND CHILLER MOTORS), IN THE COOLING SEASON ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS.
5. REPLACE THE BELTS, ADJUST SHEAVES FOR THE ROOF TOP UNIT, AND EXHAUST FANS, ONCE PER YEAR
6. TEST FOR PROPER OPERATION OF THE ROOF TOP UNITS, CHILLER AND INDIVIDUAL ROOM UNITS IN THE SPRING FOR THE COOLING SEASON AND IN THE FALL FOR THE HEATING SEASON
7. GREASE THE PUMP FOR THE CHILLER SYSTEM FOUR TIMES DURING THE ONE YEAR PERIOD.
8. SERVICE THE PNEUMATIC PUMP TWICE YEARLY
9. CHECK ALL THERMOSTATS AND UNITS FOR PROPER OPERATION.
10. CHECK ALL SAFETY CONTROLS ON EQUIPMENT IN AIR CONDITIONING MODE.
11. OIL MOTOR PERTAINING TO THE HEATING EQUIPMENT DURING THE HEATING SEASON.
12. OIL THE EXHAUST FAN MOTORS ONCE EVERY 3 MONTHS
13. CLEAN THE TWO BOILERS IN THE FALL. TEST FOR PROPER OPERATION OF THE SAFETY AND OPERATING CONTROLS

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Resolution Number 220056

Trustee Marsh made a motion to renew the one-year preventative maintenance contract beginning May 1st, 2022 to April 30, 2023, for both 250 and 280 Broadway to Dwight Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$4,400.00, seconded by Trustee Lane.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Trustee Harris led a discussion regarding NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act.

Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, New York

DATED April 4th, 2022

RESOLUTION REGARDING NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act: H.R. 4677

WHEREAS, New York Congressman Paul Tonko has proposed the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act, a unique federal investment program to authorize \$50 million of federal funds to protect and restore all watersheds, including the Hudson River Watershed, that flow into New York-New Jersey Harbor and

WHEREAS, The Act has unanimous support among the Hudson Valley's Congressional delegation; and,

WHEREAS, the Act would provide benefits to diverse stakeholders, such as the protection of fisheries and wildlife, conservation of natural resources and public and private lands, critical urban greenspaces, ocean, and coastal resources, and various opportunities to improve the quality of life for community members throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Menands, NY is part of the most densely populated and economically important regions in the country, the proposed NY-NJ Watershed Act will provide enormous economic and environmental benefits locally, regionally, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, watersheds provide drinking water, tourism and outdoor recreation, economic opportunities, as well as sustain fisheries, critical wildlife and provide vital infrastructure from flooding and rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS, the Act would provide matching funds to achieve the goals of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program, a state program that has greatly benefitted Hudson Valley communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Act would fund shoreline management and restoration within the watersheds,

WHEREAS, as an elected body tasked with the protection and safeguarding of irreplaceable water-connected resources and nature-based flood hazard mitigation measures that are essential to protect human life and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Act would direct the Secretary of the Interior to enhance collaboration and coordinate restoration activities at all levels of government to protect fish and wildlife habitats, endangered species, improve water quality, increase public access to the estuary, mitigate flood risks, and develop public outreach and educational activities; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the region of the NY-NJ Watershed live in communities lacking environmental justice, where access to and enjoyment of fish, wildlife, clean water, and other natural resources have been impaired or compromised, federal funding is necessary to mitigate these long-overdue environmental and social issues; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Menands, NY would benefit from the Act as it would establish beneficial programs and award grants to help fund valuable restoration projects in our local community, including the restoration of the "Little River" tributary to the Hudson River, that was disturbed during construction of I-787; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Menands, NY is a cornerstone on which its residents depend and the region relies on for its resources to provide prosperity throughout the state, therefore, the Village of Menands, NY must uphold its duty to protect the community's access to drinking water and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Menands, NY has an opportunity to be a social and environmental leader of the state, by supporting the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act, we may lead by example and facilitate much-needed change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, supports the passing of the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act and encourages both houses of Congress to pass it overwhelmingly with deliberate speed.

APPROVED on this 4th day of April 2022 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands.

Resolution Number 220057

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act Resolution, seconded by Trustee Lane

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Mayor Grenier asked for approval to send the following letter

Dear Ms. Pepe;

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With the construction of I-787, the Village of Menands lost access to the Hudson River shoreline that used to be available along its entire eastern border on or just before 1970. Though NYS DOT published concepts to improve access to the Hudson for all modes, including boating, at the time of this Interstate's construction, only a few, limited projects were actually built. None of these transportation project enhancements were built to be directly accessible from Menands.

With the help of volunteers, in 2001 Menands staff and consultants researched and located three potential projects to regain some of the access to the Hudson River. Fortunately, two of our conceptual plans, (one at the 378 Bridge to South Troy and one at the Ward's Lane interchange) were advanced by transportation planning agencies, and then constructed by NYS DOT and opened to the public in 2014 and 2021 respectively.

A third proposed concept plan was also developed in 2001 for the restoration of small boat navigation and perhaps pedestrian access along with the Little River entry to the Hudson. This historic waterway, in use from pre-colonial times through the early 20th century, was replaced by culverts under I-787. DEC, DOT, Hudson Greenway, Estuary staff, and others provided positive responses, supporting the "bridge" concept proposed for the Little River.

We also realized twenty years ago that these culverts were not likely to be replaced for some time, and so noted in our report. However, now after more than 50 years of use, we believe the probability that these culverts may soon require replacement. These culvert rehabilitation or replacement projects may also be required soon due to climate change caused by water level rises. We believe it is time to develop plans and designs for this tributary's crossing under I-787.

We realize that NYS DOT is responsible for designing a solution for the Little River culvert under I-787, however additional information provided through the Hudson River Estuary grant program can help answer some specific issues related to the potential restoration of the Little River, that may help design a solution that's in keeping with the recently announced grants for Hudson River Tributary Restoration and Resilience.

While we believe that using bridges to replace the culvert could:

- Restore the Little River's aquatic ecological relationship with the Hudson Estuary.
- Provide the capacity for carrying the increased water flow needed to accommodate higher water levels and increased stormwater that are projected to be caused by climate change.
- Restore small boat traffic (without masts) into the former boat landing along the tributary.
- Restore less impeded fish passage and improved aquatic habitat

There are questions that should be answered before the replacement of culvert are designed (either by bridges or rebuilt, larger culverts). Consequently, with the help of a volunteer, Ivan Vamos AICP (one of the authors of the 2001 study), we developed six tasks that would, through field checks, measurement, sampling, and analysis, provide the information needed for NYSDOT, the Village of Menand's officials and others to determine if a bridge or a larger culvert is the best solution for this waterway. Six tasks should show if well-designed bridge projects could restore the historic Little River tributary with improved environmental attributes. (See attached list of 6 required tasks)

We have also developed seven areas where many consultants respond to an RFP, focusing on the six required tasks (discussed above). may also be able to provide added information that will ultimately be needed for the Village of Menands and NYSDOT to develop designs for accommodating or restoring the little River when (not if) that project needs to be undertaken. (See attached list of 7 additional areas where experience-based suggestions would be useful).

The estimated cost of providing all six primary tasks, and also allowing for documentation of useful advice for all or some of the seven areas of study provided if the selected consulate(s) may have appropriate experience and expertise, should be approximately \$45,000.

We request information regarding how we should pursue this grant request. What are the terms for the grant, its funding, and the timeline we could anticipate for executing the grant? The proposal probably fits into the "aquatic connectivity, barrier removal" category of the recently announced DEC program. We have extensive files developed from our two decades of working with this proposal, so please let us know if that added information can be helpful for advancing this grant request.

Additionally, in pursuit of this initiative, the Village of Menands Board of Trustees recently passed a resolution in support of the NJ-NY Watershed Protection Act, a bill sponsored by Rep. Paul Tonko. This bill, should it pass, would improve collaboration between all levels of government for the benefit of the environment and leisure activities. It also establishes a grant program for communities to use on restoration and accessibility, including eco-tourism. The timing of this bill is serendipitous, as we move to make our waterfront more accessible and combined with our new bike path connector, would make Menands a destination for outdoor activity.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Sincerely yours,

Megan Grenier,
Mayor, Menands NY

The Board approved the mayor to send the letter.

Isabel Smrstik gave the Economic Development Intern's Report.

- 1) CGI will be shooting a video on April 15, 2022, and Isabel will be at the shoot.
- 2) Update on Historical Signage
- 3) Update II JA Broadband

Trustee Harris entered the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 12, 2022 EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY
VILLAGE OF MENANDS
APRIL 4, 2022**

WHEREAS a quality education is one of the significant foundations for the continuing success of our state, our country, and our society at large; and in the Village of Menands we strive for the betterment of all of our citizens through an increased focus on education and sharing; and

WHEREAS through providing the possibility of an excellent education for all, especially children, with which to gain knowledge through rigorous study, we can create hope for a brighter, kinder, and more united and prosperous future in the lives of so many; and

WHEREAS one of the leading global advocates for the advancement of education, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed the importance of moral and ethical education as the bedrock of humanity and the hallmark of a healthy society, and strongly urged that education be reinforced by the inculcation of strong moral values; and

WHEREAS in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birthdate as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

WHEREAS for more than forty years the President of the United States has recognized and honored the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "Education & Sharing Day USA"; and

WHEREAS April 12, 2022, will mark 120 years since the Rebbe's birth, and the date will be celebrated across the United States and around the globe in tribute to the Rebbe's vision, guidance, and leadership; and

WHEREAS we presently battle a global pandemic that has disrupted traditional models of education across our nation, while concurrently motivating a focus on the stronger core values we wish to impart to children and adults, beyond academic achievement; and

WHEREAS we can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can make a major impact in this world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MEGAN GRENIER Mayor of the Village of Menands, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 12, 2022, to be: EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY in the Village of Menands and call upon government officials, educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to those within your communities and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.

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IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Village of Menands to be affixed at Village Hall this fourth day of April in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

Resolution Number 220058

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve a resolution declaring April 12, 2022, Education and Sharing Day within the Village of Menands, seconded by Trustee Foley.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

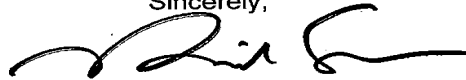
The Clerk reminded the Board that on Monday, April 11th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. will be the Budget Hearing.

Mayor Grenier advised the Board that she has received a letter from DEC Congratulating the Village of Menands on adopting the Climate Smart Communities Pledge.

possible without the work of our local governments. Your leadership in addressing climate change will be critical to all of us meeting our ambitious goals.

Please contact Dazzle Ekblad at (518) 402-8448 or climatesmart@dec.ny.gov if you have any questions regarding the program.

Sincerely,



Basil Seggos
Commissioner

c: D. Ekblad

Open Forum

Doug Arakelian of 17 Sage Hill Lane advised the Board for the past 3-4 years he has had water in his backyard. Mr. Arakelian sent a sample of the water to a lab and there was fluoride in the water. A discussion followed.

Resident Janet Aram led a discussion regarding water issues on Sage Hill. A discussion followed.

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Honorable Megan Grenier
Mayor
Village of Menands
280 Broadway
Menands, NY 12204

Dear Mayor Grenier:

On behalf of the New York State agencies sponsoring the Climate Smart Communities Program, I congratulate you and the Village of Menands on adopting the Climate Smart Communities Pledge. Climate change is the defining issue of our generation; your commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare your community to deal with the effects of climate change will help protect both our citizens and our environment.

The Climate Smart Communities Program is an important partnership between local and state governments that makes a positive difference in the lives of New Yorkers. The program focuses on technical, financial, and leadership resources to help local governments reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt their communities to a changing climate.

The Climate Smart Communities Program is a joint effort of seven New York State agencies: Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Department of Public Service, New York Power Authority, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. DEC's Office of Climate Change acts as the administrator for Climate Smart Communities.

Guidance for the initial climate-smart steps that communities can take is available at www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76483.html. Learn how the Climate Smart Communities Certification Program honors municipal leaders who demonstrate the economic and environmental benefits of local climate action at <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>.

This is an "all-hands-on deck" moment in history. New York State is leading the nation with the passage and implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (<https://climate.ny.gov/>) which requires state-wide greenhouse gas emission reductions of 85 percent by 2050, prioritizes the development of our state's green workforce through investments in renewable energy, and calls on the state to prioritize emissions reductions and clean energy investment in Disadvantaged Communities and realize climate justice for all New Yorkers. None of this agenda will be

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Resident Maria Dunning stated there is a sinkhole that DPW repaired a couple of years ago and is back. Ms. Dunning stated that every year she needs to have her sewer line to the main cleaned out. A discussion followed. The Clerk will follow up with Mike Hagmann regarding the sinkhole and sewer line.

Resident Mike Mackay advised the Board that the wall and stairs in front of the firehouse are getting worse and would like the Board to consider repairing them. A discussion followed.

Resident Bill Garvey:

- 1) Car parked in front of a fire hydrant on Cornell
- 2) Saw dog waste on streets and sidewalks
- 3) Reported open door to MPD of home on Clifford Road
- 4) Found several trash cans on roads and moved them off the road
- 5) Noticed at Library they moved a fire extinguisher that was blocked now is not blocked
- 6) Would like to have DOT install directional lights on Broadway and Market Road
- 7) National Grid installed 2 new street lights that were hit by cars.

At 6:55 P.M. Trustee Marsh made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matter, seconded by Trustee Foley.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:48 P.M.

Trustee Marsh made a motion to send a letter to the Town of Colonie requesting a 75% / 25% split in regards to cannabis sales within the Village of Menands, seconded by Trustee Marsh.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

Trustee Marsh made a motion to move the April 18th, 2022, Board Meeting to Monday, April 25th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Trustee Foley.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE
Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

A motion was made by Trustee Marsh to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Lane.

ADOPTED:

Trustee Foley	voting	AYE
Trustee Harris	voting	AYE
Trustee Lane	voting	AYE

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Trustee Marsh	voting	AYE
Mayor Grenier	voting	AYE

The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Donald Handerhan
Village Clerk

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