

POLL WATCHER'S CERTIFICATE

To the Village of Menands:

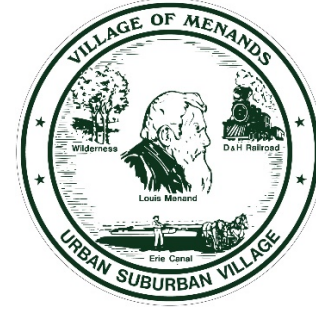
Pursuant to the provisions of §8-500 of the Election Law of the State of New York, the undersigned hereby appoints:

Name of Individual (Print)

To act as a Watcher on their behalf, the General Election is to be held on _____ in the Village of Menands.

Signature of Candidate

Print Name of Candidate



POLL WATCHER'S GUIDE

VILLAGE OF MENANDS
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Donald Handerhan
Village Clerk

OVERVIEW

To ensure fair and honest elections, New York State law provides for appointing poll watchers to observe voting at the polls. Poll watchers are designated by candidates, which have candidates on the ballot.

THE ROLE OF THE POLL WATCHER

The role of the poll watcher is to observe elections at the polling sites on behalf of a particular candidate, where they observe irregularities, and report these observations to either the Elections Inspector and/or the Village Clerk.

POLL WATCHER QUALIFICATIONS

Poll watchers must be qualified voters in Albany County. Poll watchers must be certified in writing by a candidate, and must present a certificate to the Elections Inspector for the Village of Menands. A facsimile of a Poll Watcher's Certificate appears on the reverse side of this guide.

NUMBER OF POLL WATCHERS

New York State law allows three Poll Watchers per independent body.

POLL WATCHER RIGHTS

The Poll Watcher may:

- Arrive 15 minutes before opening to observe the opening of the polls.
- Compare the ballot on the voting machine with paper ballots to see that they match.
- Observe the closing of the polls and the final canvasses.
Challenge individual voters on the basis of:
 - Signature Authenticity
 - Residence
 - Multiple Voting

- Qualification to Vote
- Electioneering

POLL WATCHER LIMITATIONS

The Poll Watcher may not:

- Be a candidate appearing on a ballot being voted on in
- the poll site.
- Electioneer in any manner.
- Electioneering includes soliciting votes or distributing, wea, ringing or carrying political literature, posters, banners or buttons, or displaying refreshments showing a candidate or party's name.
- Tamper with election materials.
- Interfere with the election process.
- Protest a vote ruling.
- Accompany a voter to the booth.

IF YOU SEE A VIOLATION

Poll watchers are not law enforcement officers; however, they may attempt to enforce their candidate's rights by reporting a violation to any of the following:

- Election Inspectors
- The Menands Department
- The Village Clerk

THE VILLAGE OF MENANDS

The Village of Menands wishes to help bring about greater understanding and participation in the elections process. For more information on election laws and procedures, please write or call the Board of Elections.