

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Menands, held on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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  
Stephen Rehfuss, Village Attorney  
Paul Reuss, Exec Asst to Mayor

Also attending: Bill Garvey, Brian Marsh, Kirk Montanye, Paul Cooney, Diane Brunelle, John Stangle, James Sher, Steve Boulet, Laura Harbour, Diane Foley, Dave Blaauboer and Mike Steurer.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum:

Assistant Chief Steurer requested the Fire Department be allowed to take Squad 6 to Lake George on June 20, 2015 to transport equipment and also take Rescue 6 on Parade Day. After a discussion Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Harris a motion authorizing the Fire Department to take Squad 6 and Rescue 6 to the convention on the above date.

ADOPTED:

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

Resident Bill Garvey addressed the proposed paving of the five streets in the southend of the Village and is supportive of the project.

He notified Trustee Nicoll and Harris that they will both be receiving letters from him with different subject topics.

Mr. Garvey stated that he noticed that the freight train did not blow the whistle going over the crossing and he did notify the Menands Police Department that this didn't take place.

He also agreed with resident Laura Harbour's concerns about the trains at the crossing.

Laura Harbour continued to express her concerns over the stopped trains blocking the crossings. Police Chief O'Brien addressed her concerns. Ms. Harbour felt that if the Village would at least issue some tickets, then it would be a good message to send to the railroad.

She also inquired about the position of the camera on the tracks and Chief O'Brien responded.

Ms. Harbour informed the Board that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation rescinded the permit to Global, to transport the heavy oil through the Menands Community.

Resident Brian Marsh requested that the Village add information in the Menands Activities Newsletter on the Adopt-A-Highway Program, and he would like to work with others in the community on this project.

Resident James Sher wanted to thank the Board for the clean-up of the Cemetery Avenue Creek.

He also asked the Board if they are going to look at Schuyler Inn and if anything can be done about it.

Mr. Sher also informed the Village that the property on 20 Louis Avenue is a mess. He said that the property is currently being used as a boarding house and that there is a camera in the window monitoring the property.

Resident Dave Blaauboer notified the Board that his property was reclassified as a Class A Flood Zone by FEMA and he would have to get flood insurance. He has lived at the same property for 69 years and has never had a flood.

Resident Kirk Montanye asked if anyone was looking at putting speed bumps on South Lyons Avenue.

Mr. Montanye also inquired as to why the proper information wasn't included on his denial letter to his FOIL request as to who the Village's Appeals Officer is. He feels that the information should have been provided.

Trustee Harris asked Mr. Montanye to please watch his language and tone of voice since there was a family with children in attendance. Mr. Montanye apologized.

Resident Diane Brunelle asked if the Menands Fire Company would be cooking for those attending the Park Concerts.

Mayor Grenier stated that she addressed the subject with Mr. Montanye at the last meeting and the Fire Company would be working the concerts.

Chief O'Brien introduced Louis Romano who comes from Ilion, as the Village's newest Police Officer. The Chief also remarked that he has been very pleased with the performance of his work.

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Harris to accept the minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Nicoll to approve payment for the following:

WARRANT # 25 Enc:

GENERAL	totaling	\$ 22,920.96
WATER	totaling	\$255,693.88
SEWER	totaling	\$ 750.81
	TOTALS	\$279,365.65

WARRANT # 1:

GENERAL	totaling	\$ 78,451.91
WATER	totaling	\$ 95,750.00
SEWER	totaling	\$ 16,392.00
	TOTALS	\$190,593.91

PAYROLL # 26: totaling \$ 91,839.09  
(05/15/15 – 05/28/15)

ADOPTED:

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Mike Steurer and Trustee Lansing addressed the issue of Fire Chief Car #37 and the proposed vehicle repairs. Chief Steurer stated that all three (3) chiefs agree to replacing the car that is a 2003 and would also like to start a ten (10) year replacement plan. He said that he did not expect a decision this evening and that he would like to get the discussion started.

Trustee Lansing suggested the Treasurer Smith attend the next meeting to address any financial concerns.

Chief Steurer asked about the software program for reporting activities of the Menands Fire Department. He stated that the new software would give them the ability to have “real time information”. The contract would provide to make it a “cloud service”. It is a five (5) year contract for \$1,800.00 per year.

Resident Paul Cooney remarked that the Fire Department would benefit by setting up a Fiscal Management Committee, instead of piece meal what they need.

After a brief discussion Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to approve the Site Plan Review Staff Procedures Policy.

ADOPTED:

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

Mr. Cooney from Boswell Engineering reported that there would be a pre-bid meeting on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. on the Southend Paving Project and the bids would be opened on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Grenier reported on the Business Breakfast that was very successful and well attended.

At 6:55 P.M. Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harris to enter into Executive Session for a personnel issue.

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 8:25 P.M.

Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mackay to name Paul Reuss the FOIL Appeals Officer.

ADOPTED:

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

Trustee Lansing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nicoll to approve the appointment of Justin Earl Jones as a new member of the Menands Fire Company.

ADOPTED:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Lansing, seconded by Trustee Harris 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 8:29 P.M.

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John P. Berry, Jr.  
Clerk