

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, November 21, 2012. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mayor Sylvester	- present
	Comm. Seber	- present
	Comm. Chauvin	- present
	Comm. Higgins	- present
	Comm. Hipwell	- present

Stephanie Proper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to waive the acceptance of the regular meeting of November 7, 2012 until the next regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Seber said the hill is scheduled to be open on Monday and there will be some one way traffic for a few days while they work on the sidewalks, railings and things like that. Said they will be scheduling a public hearing at the next meeting on the 5th of December at the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. to get public input into putting a stop sign at the corner of 3rd and South Street, on 3rd Street going down the hill. Said there are some issues and concerns about the site when you pull up to 3rd Street with the wall and everything else. Said in the meantime they will put a temporary sign in there because they think it's the safest route to go. Said at the next meeting they will hold the public hearing and probably vote on changing the ordinance to allow them to put a sign there. Said he received a notice in his office and he thinks every clerk's office in the county issues Certificates of Residency from the Saratoga County Treasurer's Office if a student is going to go to a State Community College they come in and get a Certificate of Residency and obviously their tuition is much cheaper but all clerks offices get notice from the county that they will not be giving that service any more, students will have to go to the County Treasurer's Office to get their certificates starting in the spring semester. Said it will be a real inconvenience for local students, they give out 70 to 80 a year but they won't be available any more. Said he sent a letter to the Principal at the High School asking him to alert the guidance office of the change in plans.

Commissioners Chauvin, Higgins and Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

Chief Waldron said they did the competitive bidding for the police cars, he has all the specs and he shipped them out to six car dealers in the Capital District, he's been working with the Comptroller's Office under their guidelines and that is what they recommended so that they can compete and get the best and most fairest price for the police car. Said they reason they are doing that is because the state does not have a contract for the new Ford police car at this time. Said they have a deadline of December 1st to respond back. Said the AEDs in the cars need significant work. Said he authorized them to get done. Said they have saved many lives but they are out of date and they

can't afford to replace them at 3 or \$4,000 a pop so he authorized up to \$800.00 in repairs which is new batteries, new electrodes, all the things you would need to utilize them. Said Mechanicville has had a tremendous success with them. Said it has been done and he will be forwarding that bill up to Accounts and he does have money in the budget to cover it. Said on the South Street Hill, apparently you do have to have a public resolution for that.

Comm. Seber said a public hearing, said the city attorney said there has to be a change in the vehicle and traffic ordinance so therefore they need a public hearing which will be at the next meeting and Barton & Loguidice will be there and do a little presentation about site lines and all those things. Said their attorney said they can put down a temporary sign there to control the traffic coming down the hill.

Chief Waldron said at South Street and 3rd there have been a total of 8 crashes from January and an additional 7 crashes on 2nd Street between 2nd and 3rd and an additional 9 crashes between South Street and Central Avenue. Said significant numbers are there to warrant them to take a really serious look at it. Said because of that they all got together and said lets be ahead of the game and put the sign up and make it safer with them having to stop at the bottom of the hill. Said he highly recommends to the council that the Stop Sign be erected and maintained there.

Comm. Seber said as he knows he is really reluctant to do that because of the traffic coming down the hill, he's really fearful of somebody rear ending a car, vehicle or a school bus. Said he's still worried about it but having seen that intersection today almost completed, the site lines are not what they used to be, he doesn't care what the numbers say. Said they will address it on the 5th at the public hearing but in the meantime there is a temporary sign there.

Fire Chief Corrigan had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Joe Waldron, 15 Pittsburgh Avenue, about that residency thing for him personally it weighs because he had to do that this year for his son for the college courses he is taking its required and any college course he takes you have to get a new Certificate of Residency and having it in your home area is the greatest thing, to be able to travel two minutes to the place rather than traveling 20 minutes to Ballston Spa is really a gift and he's sorry to see that go and he wishes the city council would send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors or whomever and ask them to please rethink this as gas prices are up and the economy is tough. Said he thinks having it at home is the best solution.

Comm. Seber said so does he, he was surprised, it was going very well, they never had any problems. Said it's not just them, it's everyone.

Stephanie Proper asked if they gave him a reason for taking it out of his hands.

Comm. Seber said the said at the advice of the County Attorney. Said he has no

objection of communicating with the county and saying look our citizens are not going to be happy about this if it would do any good and it's going to cause them a lot more work up there. Said he's right, it's not only college kids, its high school kids that take college level courses, we have them all the time. Said he will write them a letter expressing their concern.

Sam Carabis, Elizabeth Street, asked if this was just for Saratoga County or all counties.

Comm. Seber said as far as he knows just Saratoga County. Said a certificate decreases the tuition.

Kim Dunn, 250 South Main Street, said she was wondering if all the city council was involved in the decision of the Fire Chief being terminated or just yourself Mayor Sylvester.

Mayor Sylvester said they don't discuss personal issues.

Mrs. Dunn said in the letter they had to sign for it said "did not comply with this directive". Said the definition of directive is an order of obstruction and no directive was given so that is why they should get a new letter first of all. Said secondly they got the Chief's check and she was wondering if they could get it reissued because it says beginning period 11/1 and ending period 11/30, pay date 11/21 and the last thing she would like is for the police department being directed to come and get the breathalyzer implying that they did something illegal so can they get that adjusted.

Mayor Sylvester said he has no idea what she is talking about the Chief's check.

Comm. Seber said the checks had already been issued when this all came about.

Mrs. Dunn said okay but she just doesn't want further speculation or rumors or inaccuracies to continue. Said she wants it in the record that it is legal to cash this check.

Comm. Seber said they can cash the check and the council agreed.

Mrs. Dunn asked at what date would the ex-Fire Chief have his date in court because anyone convicted of a crime is given their right to defend themselves, Said she is speaking for herself, no one has asked her to come.

Mayor Sylvester said probably never.

Mrs. Dunn said good to know.

Sam Carabis gave them an update on the library. Said basically they will be using the room this spring.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 81-12 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN

THE APPLICATION FOR A PROJECT TO PROVIDE
PUBLIC MASS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO
INCLUDE THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE FOR
FISCAL YEARS 2013 & 2014

Introduced by Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell. Roll Call:
Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 82-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

Introduced by Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Mayor Sylvester. Roll Call:
Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber asked Mrs. Proper if she heard from Rachel about reimbursement
on this Capital Fund yet.

Mrs. Proper said no, she submitted the first two. Said she will email her when
she gets back.

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the meeting be
adjourned at 3:21 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.