

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, December 19, 2012. Comm. Seber opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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

Judy DiVirgilio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Comm. Higgins moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be tabled, seconded by Comm. Higgins. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber said he had nothing to report at this time but wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Comm. Chauvin said he had nothing to report but seconded his sentiments and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Comm. Higgins said NYSEG came today and hooked up the Solar so they are 100% solar now.

Comm. Seber said they hooked up the Senior Center also.

Comm. Chauvin said and he cleaned up the hill, the mess by the stairs.

Comm. Higgins said yes so the kids can't park there or whatever.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Comm. Higgins, made a motion to close the regular meeting to go into a public hearing at 3:05 to discuss and vote on the enactment of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber called up Comm. Chauvin to explain the budget.

Comm. Chauvin said the total appropriations are \$4,832,921 which is an increase of .22%. Said total revenues are \$2,338,300 which is a decline of .12%. Said hopefully the fund balance will be \$396,136 which is a decrease of 9.85%. Said the tax levy will be \$2,098,485 which is an increase of 2.8%. Said the tax rate will be 13.994 dollars an increase of 2.29% which is under the tax cap.

Comm. Seber asked if there was any public comment on the budget.

Kim Dunn asked why the proposed budget was decreased.

Comm. Seber said there was a bond discovered in two different places, the same bond, same bond payment, so they took it out, it was \$31,000, it allowed them to reduce the appropriation fund balance as well which is important to bring that fund balance down. Said other than that it's pretty much the same.

Mrs. Dunn said so what he is saying under the tax cap it's 2%.

Comm. Seber said they are about 3.4% with the formula. Said they can raise the tax levy by \$67,000 but it's been raised about \$57,000 so they are about a point underneath the tax cap. Said he said last year and this year is the worst thing they did was follow a 2% tax cap, there's the formula. Said they could have gone to 3 – 4.

Mrs. Dunn said there is a category in the budget that says telephones and pagers. Asked if anyone has a pager anymore.

Comm. Seber said no.

Comm. Chauvin said they just didn't take it off.

Mrs. Dunn said under office personal services shouldn't that be personnel not personal.

Comm. Chauvin said it was, it will be corrected for next year.

Mrs. Dunn said in the budget they are giving the Rescue Squad an increase of \$45,000, that's a huge increase.

Comm. Seber said it is. Said they asked them for more than that.

Comm. Chauvin said they asked for more but that's when they decided they would give them the \$45,000, they had no further discussion with them and they want to keep them solvent.

Mrs. Dunn said she can appreciate that but said they are not asking for an explanation.

Comm. Seber said they need to sit down with them in the first quarter of this year and try to work through this whole thing and see where they are going. Said they can't afford to keep putting 45 or \$50,000 every year to try to keep them solvent. Said there is no question about it, this is an addition to the budget. Said they were here at the original workshop and they expressed their concerns. Said their reimbursements are down and their calls are down which is kind of a good thing, bad thing. Said they need to sit down with them to see where they are going in the future.

Mrs. Dunn said on the fire department's roof, don't you need a resolution. Said

isn't that coming out of the 2012 Fire Department Budget because the Express doesn't say that.

Comm. Chauvin said it is, its part of the city budget.

Comm. Seber said they appropriated \$22,000 last year, they brought \$130,000 two years ago for new air packs for the Fire Department. Said it was anticipated that they were going to finance those over a period of time, the anticipated interest payment was going to be about \$22,000 which they budgeted but they ended up paying cash for those pieces of equipment, therefore , that \$22,000 was available in the Fire Department budget so they took that \$22,000 to buy supplies for the roof in the spring.

Mrs. Dunn said a lot of people think it's a new roof.

Comm. Higgins said it is a new roof.

Mrs. Dunn said doesn't Public Works get money in their budget to maintain city buildings, the Fire Department being one of them.

Comm. Seber said the Fire Department actually has its own budget line that deals with the buildings. Said in all honesty if they didn't have that \$22,000 they probably couldn't have bought the materials for the roof this year.

No one else had any questions.

Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Comm. Higgins moved that the public hearing be closed to re-open the regular meeting at 3:10 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber opened up the meeting to public comment.

There was no public comment.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 87-12 ADOPTING CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 88-12 CITY OF MECHANICVILLE AWARDDING BID TO JACK BYRNE FORD AND MERCURY FOR A FORD F550 141" WHEELBASE FOR THE NET DELIVERED PRICE OF \$43,798.00

Comm. Higgins said that was 4 bids.

Introduced by Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Comm. Higgins. Roll Call:

Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 89-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No new or old business.

Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the meeting be  
adjourned at 3:14 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.