

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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

Mr. Serbalik led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meetings of December 5, 2012 and December 19, 2012 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said Tonko's Office called today and he referred them to Timmy's office. Said they want to come up here on April 19th to talk to the senior citizens about Social Security and other things.

Comm. Hipwell said it would be from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Comm. Seber said sometime between the 15th of the month and the end of the month they will be implementing a debit/credit card system in the Accounts Department so that people can pay their bills and things with a debit/credit card. Said there will be some limitations, Visa only allows you to pay certain bills, that will all be laid out and the person paying the bill will have to absorb the fee, there will be no fee to the city. Said the fees are on a percentage basis so depending on how large the transaction is determines how much a fee they will pay.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said he just wanted everyone to know that if we get 3" of snow or more, park on the even side of the street so that they can get their plows in to keep the streets clean and 24 hours after go to the odd side of the street.

Comm. Hipwell said he's going to try to plug the Park Avenue Playground for ice skating. Said he's working with Comm. Higgins on it.

Mr. Serbalik said the easement on the Pump Street Station was sent out to the property owners. Said they want to get it going on Monday. I understand the payment is going to be authorized for \$450.00 a month plus penalties if it's not done within 6 weeks or so and he will tell her that with his permission.

Mayor Sylvester said okay. Opened the meeting up to public comment.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Sylvester read FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2013-1.

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

Mayor Sylvester read RES. 1-10-13 ORGANIZATIONAL
APPOINTMENTS FOR 2013

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

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 11-13 CITY AGREES TO PAY TO THE
GRANTS HOLMES THE SUM OF \$450 PER
MONTH FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS AND
CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS OVER THEIR
PROPERTY

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 12-13 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MECHANICVILLE/STILLWATER IDA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000

Introduced by Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester.

Comm. Seber said this is a grant, they will probably apply for \$25,000, they left themselves some legal angles if they want a little bit more. Said there is no match to this grant, there is obviously a fee to get it written but there is no match for the city. Said if they are successful in getting the grant and they met with a representative of the New York State Archives and during that conversation it came to their attention that municipalities that partner with other subdivisions whether its towns, villages, IDAs, things along those lines, chances of obtaining these things increase. Said that is why he approached the IDA who wants to look at the final application before they sign off on it. Said they agreed to partner with them in this situation, at least lend us their name so we can go ahead and get this. Said what this will do is allow them to hire a couple of people part time to go through all their records, catalog them, determine what can be thrown out, what they need to keep. Said this was done about 10 years ago, they recommend this be done about every 10 years so this is the reason they are doing it now.

Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 13-13 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

Comm. Seber said they are also applying for a second USDA Grant, believes the application is ready to be signed in the next couple of days. Said they have already given out about \$200,000 to small businesses, hopefully they will be able to do the same. Said these are loans. Said they were told they would get some kind of determination in April or May.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the

meeting be adjourned at 7:14 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative –all. Negative – none.