

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire House, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. 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

Comm. Hipwell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2011 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester had no correspondence to read.

Comm. Seber gave the 2010 Annual Report from his office regarding delinquent taxes collected, dog licenses, marriage licenses, etc. (See attached report). Said another thing that he mentioned a couple of meetings ago is that the unit cost is \$100.00 for the sewer usage; last year they reduced it to \$90.00, he thinks they can reduce it to \$80.00 this year. He would like to schedule a public hearing for the next meeting because the bills go out in April. Said this would be to get public comment. Right now it's costing them about \$65.00 per unit and they are charging \$90.00. Said they can talk about it. If they go to \$80.00, there will still be some surplus. Said there are 3,076 units at \$15.00 a unit it's over \$40,000 in surplus. Said before they know it their surplus will be bigger than their actual budget. Said at the last meeting they rescheduled the Charter Review Committee presentation to our next council meeting on March 2nd because of the weather.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Hipwell said the new bus is in service, they finally got everything done yesterday for it and he thanked everyone that helped him out on that. Said it did go on its first mall trip last week.

Comm. Higgins said their new backhoe is in service and they are picking up snow and bushes that they didn't know were there.

Mayor Sylvester said he's done a great job this year better than other places. Said he was down in Syosset off and on for the last two weeks and they got the snow that we got up here. Said they get something like \$248,000,000 between state and county aid, their sales tax revenue is 14 million dollars and 170 million just in taxes. Said his daughter's house is about \$20,000 a year in taxes and the street in front of her house is one way and you cannot believe the cars buried in the snow for two weeks and not one ticket, nothing towed. Said with that kind of money they can't remove snow. Said like he said, we do a great job for such a small town.

City Attorney Serbalik asked to go into executive session to discuss a litigation claim.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Sam Carabis, library board member, wanted to mention on behalf of the library board he wanted to thank the council for their support of the addition to the library. Said the vote was 245 yes and 214 no. There were 75 absentee ballots issued, 19 were returned and out of that 14 yeses and 5 nos. Talked about the architect and plans.

Mayor Sylvester asked if he had any idea when the IDA would be meeting.

Mr. Carabis said nothing yet. He tried to get Barbara today but she didn't get back to him yet. Said he's getting a little concerned about this and they should start moving on it. Said he would like to have the whole board at the meeting.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 22-11 CITY COUNCIL APPROVES
THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SERVICE
SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM LIST OF ALL
OF ALL 2010 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIRE-
FIGHTERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 23-11 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

Comm. Seber wished Harold Happy Birthday.

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the regular meeting be closed at 3:11 to go into executive session on litigation. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the executive session be closed at 3:50 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Seber, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 3:51 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.