

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Stations, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. 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. Chauvin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2013, seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester had nothing to report at this time as there was no mail.

Comm. Seber said to make everyone's day tax bills went out today. Said they got them out early to give people more time to pay them and it generates cash flow for the city. Said he received a letter today from Assessor Tony Luciano saying he is retiring from his position on March 4th, he will hang around a while to help with the transition. Said he's been the Assessor here for over 22 years plus his time in Finance he's been with the city over 30 years. Said at sometime they should do something formally to acknowledge his service. Said they appointed an assessor last time and she will start March 4th.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

City Attorney Serbalik requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss litigation.

Supervisor Richardson said he is the LDC for the sale of Maplewood Manor so if anyone has any questions about that, call him at his home.

Chief Waldron apologized for missing the last meeting but he was out for quite a bit of time with pneumonia. Said the new police vehicle they ordered is here and they will be scheduling work to be done on this vehicle probably by the first week in March which would include the emergency lights, computers and new docking stations for it to be placed in service. Gave his 2012 Annual Report (see attached). Said he also gave them stats which shows them by percentages what's up and what's down and gives them the overall numbers. Asked if anyone had any questions.

Comm. Seber said going back to the fraud business he knows they give out permits to people that come in to reduce energy bills and they go through the streets and some of them are fairly aggressive, in fact there is one company that he will no longer give a permit to because they are overly aggressive, and he also limited the hours they can go to 7:00 so they can't knock on someone's door at 9:00 at night.

Chief Waldron said actually the partnership they have with the Accounts Office actually works because that company that he banned actually came back into the city and he warned the police to take them into custody and they did and he advised them very clearly that what they are doing now is harassing the neighbors, said a person they talked to was scared to death because they forced their way into that person's house, aggressive approaches will not be accepted in the City of Mechanicville. Said he made it very clear to them if they find them here again they will arrest them and they have not seen them again so it does work and we will take an active stance because we have a lot of senior citizens. Said so that partnership does work.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment. Told them to state their name, address and they have 5 minutes to speak.

Kim Dunn asked if anyone on the City Council actually reads the minutes before they are approved.

Mayor Sylvester said yes.

Mrs. Dunn said the minutes of November 21st, she will put it in writing if that's what she has to do, that someone go back and listen to the tape to correct it because it's very offensive and makes it sound in a way that it shouldn't, it's not in anything like what she said. Said it started off the definition of a directive is an order of obstruction, said it's not what she said; she can give them a definition that she used. Talked about the check 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 they can get that adjusted. Said she's not making it up, that's clearly not what she said. Said she didn't talk anything about a breathalyzer, she said she didn't want the police department to be given a directive to come to their house to get the check, etc., etc. Said that sounds like she has police department property, which she does not for the record and she would really like that to be fixed. Asked if that could be something that could be easily done or does she need to put it in writing, what do they want her to do.

Mayor Sylvester said give Judy a call and she will listen to the tape. Said she won't be in this week.

Mrs. Dunn said okay and there are further things that she can take up with her. Said also she was wondering if she could get an apology because at the last meeting she was basically accused of committing a crime and she thinks that was unnecessary, it was objectionable.

Mayor Sylvester said he didn't accuse her, he just said what he thinks because it was open for public comment.

Mrs. Dunn said she doesn't think that's what he did, said being a public official you just can't come into a meeting and accuse someone in the public of a crime or make it appear a certain way when you didn't know what you were talking about and you accused her of something she had nothing to do with. Said he doesn't think his actions were uncalled for.

Mayor Sylvester said he doesn't think so, said he asked a question like she asked a question. Said he didn't think he attacked anybody.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 21-13 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS STEPHANIE SULLIVAN EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2013 PROVISIONALLY PENDING THE PASSAGE OF A CIVIL SERVICE EXAM TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY CLERK/TYPIST, AT A SALARY OF \$28,000 PER YEAR

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 22-13 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting to go into an executive session for litigation at 3:17 p.m., seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the executive session be closed at 3:56 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Hipwell, seconded by Mayor Sylvester, made a motion to close the regular meeting at 3:57 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.