

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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

Judy DiVirgilio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester said he is in constant contact with the Authority Budget Office (ABO). Said they sent them an audit in the mail but the ABO wants it through the PARIS site.

Comm. Seber said water bill payments are due by the end of this month. Said tomorrow at 3:00 there is an audit meeting here. Said it's the initial meeting and it's for people's wish list.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Hipwell said on the bottom of South Street Hill it's a 2 way stop and people are not stopping. Said there are signs posted there, it's coming down the hill and on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Said people coming from Central Avenue don't have a stop sign.

City Attorney Serbalik said the code update has been sent out, how many books they want. Asked if they wanted 12 hard copies. Said all members of the council will get one and doesn't know if they want them for ZBA and they can get soft copies.

Comm. Chauvin said it will be on the website.

Comm. Seber said they should have 12 hard copies and 10 soft copies.

City Attorney Serbalik said on the tax sale about 240 entities have to be served on this for liens and mortgages. Said a lot of people may be hurt on this tax sale.

Comm. Seber said lien holders get notification?

Attorney Serbalik said that is right. Said once they get notice they are going into foreclosure they can demand that these people pay and if they can't, they can take it. Asked for an executive session.

Comm. Seber said the need to talk about EMTs in executive session.

Attorney Serbalik said he met with them in September and the guy said he would deal directly with him. Said he would get an answer back on Thursday.

Supervisor Richardson said he and the Mayor went to Bryant & Stratton in Saratoga for a ribbon cutting ceremony today. Said they gave them 50 back packs for the school year. Said Saratoga County will give them 10 trees and help to plant them and where to place them. Said they should put some back of City Hall on the dock.

Chief Waldron said everything is going good so far with the new police care. Said their call volume is up and they had 2 burglaries in the Plaza and one was the House of Pizza. Said they are very busy.

Comm. Seber asked if they caught anyone.

Chief Waldron said no but nothing was taken and there were no finger prints.

Comm. Seber asked if they were using a lot of the equipment from the old car.

Chief Waldron said yes, they saved as much as they could but they have to pay to install it.

Fire Chief Alonzo said they have been very busy; they had 30 alarms in September. Said he spoke to John Holland about 60 Railroad Street being unsafe and they will do a defensive action there. Said he knows John will follow up on it. Thanked Comm. Seber for working with them as far as insurance claims. Said in regards to the station for EMS the biggest thing is storage. Said they can use their station for storage until something gets down with the John Ahearn Rescue Building.

Mayor Sylvester read a Proclamation Declaring October 20 – 26, 2013 “Freedom From Workplace Bullies Week”.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Mary Lou Anatriello asked if there was work done along the railroad tracks from Stewarts to South Central Avenue.

Mayor Sylvester said he would ask Dave but knows they can't go on railroad property.

Mrs. Anatriello said her concern is the growth along the tracks. Said it appears that someone has done something to it but it looks worse now as you drive along Dunkin Donuts.

Mayor Sylvester said Dave said he would talk to them.

More discussion was held on this.

Mrs. Anatriello talked about the terrible condition of the sign between the Senior Center and Library where notices are put, it's difficult to read. Said the electric sign on

Central Avenue is very attractive. Asked if there was any money to replace the sign at the Senior Center. Talked about back taxes that are owed. Asked if it will be a long process to collect them.

Attorney Serbalik said it will be around March, they will be on schedule.

Mrs. Anatriello asked how many properties.

Attorney Serbalik said 68.

Comm. Seber said the amount owed is over \$900,000.

Sam Carabis said on the electric sign, maybe the library can work something out with the Senior Center to put one up.

More discussion was held on the sign.

Kim Dunn said she read the minutes of the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and it said a \$350,000 revenue anticipation note was taken out.

Comm. Chauvin said they have about \$600,000 coming in from the State and they will repay it.

Mrs. Dunn asked if there was any equipment that couldn't be re-used from the police car.

Chief Waldron said they are using everything.

Dennis Baker said at the last meeting he brought up the suggestion of possibly getting a warranty for the South Street Hill for longer than a year.

Comm. Seber said it hasn't been resolved yet so the warranty hasn't started.

Mr. Baker said he is sure Dave will have problems snow plowing this year. Said they should try to get extended for 2 years or more.

Mayor Sylvester said right now it's for a year from when they accept the road. Said they will look into extending it.

Chief Waldron said they will have a prescription drop off on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2 in CVS with DEA. Said anyone can drop off their old prescriptions to get rid of them.

Mrs. Anatriello asked if there were any dates for workshops regarding the budget.

Mayor Sylvester said there would be one tomorrow at 3:00 here at the Central Fire Station.

Comm. Seber said it will be a wish list kind of thing.

Comm. Seber read RE-INTRODUCED RES. NO. 72-13 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY TO RECORD IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR BIKE TRAIL EASEMENT

Comm. Seber said this resolution was tabled at the last meeting because the language was not acceptable in the original resolution. Said he and Tom had a conversation today with county personnel. Said the city will be the last ones to have to maintain the trail so he is okay with it. Said they have miles and miles of trails built. Said after the conversation he's pretty satisfied we won't be responsible for this.

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 74-13 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, PC TO PERFORM THE BACK-UP GENERATOR FEASIBILITY STUDY UPON RECEIPT OF THE \$4,000 COMMITTED TO THE STUDY BY THE TOWNS OF STILLWATER AND HALFMOON

Comm. Seber said he thinks this came out of some kind of committee.

Supervisor Richardson said the city received cots and different equipment that they may need in an emergency. Said if some kind of disaster happened the school would be needed to house people and they will have lights and heat. Said after the tornado we had and a hurricane just south of us they came to the conclusion that this would be good for us. Said Barton & LoGuidice will get all the work done. Said we won't know the total cost until they do the work.

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

Comm. Seber said the proposal is attached to the resolution.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 75-13 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, made a motion to close the regular meeting at 3:40 to go into executive session. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the executive session be closed at 4:15 to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester, moved that the regular meeting be closed at 4:16 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.