

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 178 North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Mayor Baker opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	- present
	Comm. Seber	- present
	Comm. Gilheany	- present
	Comm. Higgins	- absent
	Comm. Hipwell	- present

Emilia Izzo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Comm. Gilheany, seconded by Comm. Seber, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2014 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Baker said he's covering for Dave too at the DPW. Said they are getting cooperation finally from the residents; they are trying to pick up snow as they can because they are afraid that we'll get another storm, they are hoping not. Said they are not posting signs, what they are doing now is going out and moving snow in areas where there are no cars parked during the daytime. Said if they park their car tonight and it's next to a snow bank try not to park their tomorrow because they will try to pick up that snow. Said today he went to a Rotary Meeting that honored the ladies that do the breast cancer walk and all the fundraisers around it. They received a joint Proclamation from the City, the Town of Stillwater, and the Village of Stillwater. It was well attended and thinks it was a good thing.

Comm. Seber said we are in tax collection until the 15th; the Accounts Office will be open this Saturday morning from 9 to noon and the morning of the 15th from 9 to noon, it's a Saturday for tax collection. They are making some progress in terms of back taxes; they are down to 34 parcels that are still outstanding; they cashed in over 20 in the last two weeks so people are hopefully coming around to pay these outstanding taxes. Said last Friday, the 28th, they collected nearly \$400,000 in back taxes so that was a good day. Again, they met with Val today to go over the parcels, there are 34 left. In the next week or so when all the paperwork is done they are going to move forward, petition the court for a court date to move their foreclosure proceedings forward. People still have the opportunity to come in and pay their taxes and hopefully they will. He wrote a letter to the Saratoga County Board of Election, most people may or may not know Fire Station 2 was the voting place for District 5. He requested that they move the voting place from there to the office portion of City Garage, there is parking, and he thinks it's big enough. He is waiting on an answer, Commissioner Fruci and he had a conversation about this and they think it's going to happen but he's still waiting for an official word back from the Election Board. Said this is more for the council, all he needs is a yes or no, he would like to see them do an appraisal on the current rescue squad building on Central Avenue. They did the same with Station 2. If he gets a blessing to go ahead with it they will probably hire Greg Connors again, it was \$500.00 last time, and let him do the appraisal so they can get all that information together so

perhaps early spring they can look forward to the sale of that property. Asked if anyone had any objections. No one did. We can go ahead and move that forward.

Comm. Gilheany said she is still working on the year end; she didn't bring anything new with her. She only had a couple of questions from people she had emailed information to. The only questions she did have was they were questioning the ban interest but that was actually the ban principal and interest and that was actually budgeted on so they actually paid them the money to cover those payments. Another question was on the city docks, the waterfall, whether anything was budgeted on that in the 2013 budget and nothing was budgeted at all and that's on a matching grant. The last question she had was unused vacation time in the Police Department and what she found was that they had a couple of people, active employees, getting paid for vacation time, where someone was getting paid for more than was authorized in the contract and those were approved by the previous Mayor. The only thing she can tell them from here on out that anyone that requests payment and it's not in their contract it will have to go through the people and voted on by the council. Said her goal is to have everything done for 2013 by the end of the month so at the next City Council meeting she hopes to have final reports for them. Again, if they still have questions on the items or if people weren't here the last time she offered to email or she can print something out for them showing what their expenditures were, it was preliminary. She has been going through count by count. She has found items booked into 2013 that actually belonged to 2012, the expenses are still there but reported in the wrong year so it makes it look like we spent more this year than we actually did.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Serbalik requested an executive session to discuss a litigation matter for about 15, 20 minutes.

Comm. Seber said as part of that we have a contract issue versus the Police Department that they need to discuss in executive session.

Chief Waldron said their Dodge Charger is back in service, the Mayor was gracious enough to go with him to pick it up and it died right there, the gas sprayed all over the engine block so needless to say they had to drive back smelling gasoline all the while, they just hope it burns itself off. It's running smooth and they are very happy. Said the investigator's car is on the background for this evening. They thought they could use a used car but the other car they have is dangerous, not able to be utilized anymore, it's been fixed one too many times and they are afraid it will just collapse as he is driving down the road so they will get rid of that. They have two ways of getting rid of the cars; one is they try to put it out for sale for \$50.00 to \$200.00 or for scrap metal which he will get \$500.00. Said they did take a couple other prices for a couple other cars again, too expensive, \$9,000, \$10,000. Said a car happened to fall in their lap, he means that in a literal sense, they asked them and they said they need one, an older driver had it, it has \$49,000 miles on it, it's a wonderful car. Said he will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow, they will go over neighborhood watch, they want to establish one. Said he told the paper and he said prior to that if it wasn't for the

businesses they probably wouldn't have gotten the person that robbed Rite Aid so fast. The businesses let them in and let them review their surveillance cameras and lo and behold the criminal went right inside one of the places seven blocks away. It just worked out well. Said that's what they are going to meet on tomorrow, see what the businesses can do to help out the Police Department with burglaries, break-ins, unlocked doors, windows and things like that.

Mayor Baker said staying on what he said, he did talk to Dave Higgins and they are probably going to go the scrap route because they will get more money for that car.

Chief Corrigan said this month they had 62 calls; they are at 88 for the year. Of the 62 calls this month 43 were EMS assist. Said as they are all aware, Clifton Park/Halfmoon has taken over response duties of the city and to supplement them the fire department is responding to all priority one calls until they have an ambulance physically in Mechanicville. Said to ensure them all, the fire department is maintaining EMTs and they will make sure our citizens are properly taken care of. After Clifton Park is here full time, they will re-evaluate their program, they might scale it back a little bit, they might keep it the way it is, they will see when they get to that point. They had 7 drills during the month including first aid and their basic fire fighting classes. Said they have 6 details in putting shoveling out fire hydrants, they have crews go out and try to clear as many hydrants as they could. He knows Station 2 is no longer city property. He did want to pitch respectively to the council that this money is not budgeted somehow from the sale of that building, if they could put a portion of that money towards a new fire apparatus that they desperately need, he would very well appreciate it. Said he doesn't know how the budget for money they receive that isn't really budgeted for. Just as a suggestion to help pay for this truck that they desperately need. The previous Mayor, his whole goal was to take that money from the sale of that building and use it for a down payment for a new truck but that is up to the city council.

Attorney Serbalik asked him to comment to the council on that proposal of Stillwater on the Esplanade please.

Chief Corrigan said Mr. Serbalik did forward a proposal for fire service at the Esplanade Project. A portion of one of the buildings is in the Town of Stillwater. Said to make sure that those residents are properly protected, we as a fire department in the city are going to maintain that building as a response district to the City of Mechanicville Fire Department so if your responding to those calls for a fee, the only thing that he asked Mr. Serbalik to change is his wording about is if in the event the city is stripped of all apparatus that somebody needs to be assigned to respond there but they already had a planned program with the county there will never be a time that they didn't respond to a call through one of their mutual aid partners. He just wants to change the wording on that so it's on a specific department.

Attorney Serbalik said so it's okay as far as you are concerned other than that.

Chief Corrigan said he is very happy to support that.

Mayor Baker said he just wanted to add onto that, that obviously Stillwater is very capable of handling it. However, for the continuity of that whole project we're trying to put it under one agency. Said it's nothing against Stillwater's Fire Department, it's just that we got most of it so it's easier, for continuity purposes, to do it all.

Comm. Seber said as everyone probably knows we are in the process of replacing the bridges on North Main Street right across from City Hall and Collins Florist and the one on Frances Street on the corner and the project is being engineered right now, all the paperwork is being done. Hopefully it will go to bid sometime late fall or late next year with possible construction the early part of next year. Said that's the plan, whether it goes that way, they have seen delays before but hopefully it goes that way. Said we have representatives from Barton and Loguidice, our engineering company that is doing the work, they will do a presentation for everyone tonight. Said when the presentation is finished if they want to ask questions specific to the bridge projects because they will have an opportunity for public comment on the other subjects. Said Jeremy Bourdeau from Barton and Loguidice is going to do the presentation.

Mr. Bourdeau said as Comm. Seber said he is here to conduct a public informational meeting for the North Main Street Bridge over the Anthony Kill, Frances Street Bridge. Said in DOT's eyes these are federal projects so they are separate projects and anyone who is around the city they are together because they are 1/4 miles apart so they are conducting the meetings together because it's more efficient and an easier way for the public to comment and understand what the projects entail. Said what he will review tonight is he will go through the project team, a quick project overview, what the objectives are, a brief description of conditions, the alternatives on each site, will go through the project schedule quickly which Mark touched on, review the detour routes that they are closing, right away which is property, issues associated with the project, there are a few miscellaneous items and then, luck Comm. Seber said, there will be an open question and answer. Said he will pass out brochures for them to comment verbally or write in them, either is fine. Said they allow comments for about 2 1/2 weeks. Said they will leave the comment sheets and brochures at City Hall if someone wants to comment.

Comm. Seber said to leave them in the Accounts Office.

Mr. Bourdeau said the owner of the bridges is the City of Mechanicville and Comm. Seber has been the point of contact for progressing the projects from the city's end. Said he is from Barton and Loguidice the Engineer Consultants, also here is Rob Simpsner who is the Vice President, two of their engineers are here and Jim Deloria is here from RK Height who is handling the property acquisitions and easements for the project. This is a locally administered federal aid project and it's on the state wide transportation improvement program which means that 80% of the funds for the design, right of way and construction come from the feds, 15% is state funds and 5% city funds. Explained the projects and what is involved. Showed on a map where the two bridges are located. Said the objectives are that these are bridge replacement projects so the biggest one is to eliminate all the structural deficiencies associated with these bridges, they are 100 years old. They want to provide a new structure that is structurally

sound and long lasting. Safety improvements with proper width sidewalks, safe railing, etc. especially on the Frances Street Bridge, the railing is kind of dilapidated and certainly wouldn't be impact worthy. To the best they can they want to maintain access to the residents and businesses along North Main and Frances Street and in and around the city during construction. Explained the areas involved. The project is located on North Main Street right adjacent to the intersection with Hill Street. Said there are actually two intersections within the project limits, there is North Main and Hill Street and then North Main Street and Terminal Street and that kind of defines the project limits. Said you start at Hill Street and go to Terminal Street, it's a pretty short stretch, the bridge is right there in between, not a lot of road work associated with it. Said the bridges are in fairly poor condition, there are numerous structural deficiencies. Depends on where you are on the bridge how bad it is. There are some old sections of the bridge that are stone and the stone is starting to dislodge. Said they are required to look at all alternatives, fortunately with the bridge project there are only a few alternatives that are feasible. Said the bridges are going to continue to see issues, red flags from DOT, will require a lot of upkeep to keep it going so doing nothing is not a good idea here. Said they always look at bridge rehab but unfortunately with the North Main Street structure that's very difficult to do because of the way it was constructed. If they rehabbed it they would be back out there in 10 years doing it again. Said in this case bridge replacement is the only alternative that meets the objective so at this point they are progressing with bridge replacement as the preferred alternative. The new structure will meet current design standards, they will have safety standards and the service life of the structure is 75 years, quite often they last longer than that. Explained what they would be replacing. Said the North Main Street bridge will be closed to vehicular access but what they are proposing to do is play a pedestrian bridge on downstream so that pedestrians can get back and forth. Said the estimated construction cost is 1.65 million. Showed a rendering of the site on North Main Street. Said the buildings on this site will remain in place no impacts to them, they will need temporary access to the creek at those locations but there will be no changes to the buildings on the North Main Street Bridge. Said the Frances Street bridge goes from North Main only to 40 feet up Frances beyond the bridge. Said they will be pretty tight to the bridge, they won't do any extra road work. Said this bridge was built in two or three parts and all of them are not in very good condition. Said there is a lot of infrastructure associated with this bridge. Said they looked at abandonment, essentially just remove the bridge but there is a water line, sewer line, gas line and there is electric. The east abutment of the bridge actually holds up North Main Street for a good distance. Said if they were to abandon the bridge and remove it they would have to rebuild 2/3 to 3 quarters of the infrastructure just to keep the water crossing to hold up that stretch of North Main so they would be spending 80, 90% of the money in not putting back the bridge. That doesn't make a whole lot of sense to spend all that money to get the infrastructure back into place and not have a bridge crossing there. Said as the other bridge the new structure will be designed with safety improvements, a 75 year service life, improving pedestrian safety. Said the big issue on this project is the commercial building that is built on top of the bridge. Obviously as part of rebuilding that bridge they have to take that building down. The new bridge would be just for the roadway. Said it didn't seem feasible building a bridge up against another bridge that's supporting a building without impacting the building, parking lot, etc. That's the biggest difference between the two

projects. Said under the bridge the sewer line crosses maybe chest height above the creek which isn't good because it could be impacted during flow events. What they are proposing to do there is construct a small pump station and pump the sewer up onto the new bridge across and high into the trunks that are on their main. They looked into bringing the sewer back up to Hudson Street and gravity feeding it down Hudson and Hill Street tie in. Said there were two options, one was going all the way back up but it would have been a really long directional drill so it would have been cost prohibitive. The other was to kind of traverse along the creek drill on private properties and get it over that way but that would have required appraising up the property acquisitions and there is not a lot of room between the wall and at least one or two of the houses there. Said this is the best option and it is fundable under the project at 95%. So this pump station will be paid at the 95% reimbursement. Explained more of what they will be doing with the bridges and routes for people to use. Said he expects preliminary design to be done in April and final design will be in April to October of this year. Said they will begin construction the Spring of 2015. Said the project will require right of way acquisition and easements from the property owners around the bridges. Said if any of the property owners are here they probably have spoken with Jim or received something in the mail about the project. Said there are informational handouts here and comment sheets that they will address.

Jim Deloria said he is a subcontractor working for Barton and Loguidice and the city. His sole function in both of these projects is that these projects are federally funded projects and because of that they follow a very strict and specific statute on a federal level called the Uniform Act of 1970 and there is a state statute in NYS called the Eminent Domain Procedure Law in the State of New York. Both of those laws are pretty similar to one another and his job is to make sure that this project progresses and any sort of acquisitions that might be absolutely necessary that they are done within the confines of those laws and that folks here that are property owners or impacted are going to be given every opportunity under the law and are treated fairly and will follow the laws set forth and they will be compensated fairly. Said the first part of the process is for him to have a preliminary interview and he will walk through the whole process with everybody that has property on these bridges and will try his best to make sure that progress is made and their rights are preserved. Said as the project progresses he will be meeting with them more specifically.

Minette Verdile said when she started there she put up \$60,000 of her own money to put up walls, electric, plumbing, she doesn't know where they will try to find her a place that's cost effective that will give her what she pays now. Said Billy just changed her rent so she is not paying separate for water and sewer so she has been raised \$140.00. Said she doesn't see any place in this town that is preferable for her to go. She is looking to buying Bella Rosa but what they want is a pipe dream. Asked where she would go, she is a business in this town, they are tearing down businesses in this town, what we want is more businesses here. Said she is getting nothing from this, that building has been there forever, there has to be some way that would be cost effective to work underneath the property because taking it down is taking down two or three businesses in Mechanicville. Said two years ago the State put in brand new windows, doors, brand new everything for that building and now they are going to tear it

down, she thinks it's a bad choice.

Mr. Bourdeau said the entire parking lot and the building is actually built upon the bridge, long term that is not a good scenario for the city or the property owner because if that bridge continues to get bad, which it will, it's not only supporting company cars, it's got the public going in and out of it, people parking on it and it supports the other infrastructure. Said they could go underneath there and shore it up but that's a temporary solution. Said a couple of years ago they filled in the gaps so the bridge would not collapse.

Mayor Baker said he's been here a long time and he remembers the building that was on there before. Said they are going to try to work with the people that are affected but they can't make any promises or anything but they will look at all that and they will be talking to her.

Mrs. Verdile said she doesn't expect promises but thinks there has got to be a way to do this cost effectively then if they actually tried to work with going under and reinforcing.

Mr. Deloria said he would say this is a longer term fix, if they just go underneath it and try to reinforce it that is a short term fix. He understands it has a less effect on her but they are going to fix it now for the next 100 years. Said it's not that the building is going to fall down tomorrow but it's just going to get worse and worse and eventually something will have to happen.

Mr. Bourdeau said the bridge is in several segments and the building is on it. The part of the bridge that is carrying the building is in a deteriorating state, If they just replace the roadway portion of the bridge and leave the other part there whoever is the owner will now own that bridge and it will be partitioned off because you can't own both parts. Said the owner would be owning a very deteriorated bridge foundation under a building so that will be the tricky part. Said this is a good way to solve what could be a really serious problem for the property owner at some point, it really is in tough shape. Said there really isn't a way to reinforce it without encroaching into the hydraulic opening of the water way because of flooding conditions. They are trying to work the best scenario they can with this. Everything equitable will be done, relocation of businesses is part of the project.

Mrs. Verdile said they've been through Mechanicville, try to find her a place to go.

Mayor Baker said they will work with her the best they can.

Mrs. Verdile said she knows he will. Said she knows any business in town would feel the same way.

Dave Hicks said they could shore up those bridges underneath, put some pilings and then seal it off and they would never see water again.

Mayor Baker said that wouldn't make them safe.

Mr. Deloria said from an engineering standpoint it does make a lot of sense, from a structural standpoint there's a lot of environmental issues associated with that with re-opening the street. Said now with all of the environmental regulations that govern these type of projects it would essentially require dredging out 500 feet of a stream channel. There is an endangered species issue associated with that, wetlands possibly and some concern about hazardous materials on that site across the way. Said there is pretty strict funding window that they have to work within. Said he can't say for sure if it becomes feasible or not environmentally because they don't have the luxury of doing a full study of it. They said if they are going to advance this study it will push the project out 5, 10 or 15 years and the funding will go away. Said everybody is in rough financial shape and they are really cracking down on it, they say if we give you money you have to spend it by a certain time.

Kim Dunn said she thinks it's a good thing to get them both done at the same time. Said the only fire house they have left is smack in the middle of those two projects as is the Police Station so if they close down that road how will the fire department and police department going to respond to things.

Mr. Bourdeau said this would probably be more of a question for the fire department, would you use Frances Street in an emergency, is it even navigable

Chief Corrigan said he has concerns of his members getting to the fire station, a delay in the apparatus responding. Said they have ways to get everywhere it will just be a delay of his members getting to the station. More discussion was held on this.

Mr. Bourdeau said the projects will take about 6 months.

Discussion was held on where the members would park when responding to calls.

Mr. Bourdeau said vehicle traffic will not be allowed from Hill Street to Terminal Street on North Main Street. Said by doing them both at once, the only thing its adding is that you can't cross the Frances Street Bridge you would have to go one more street to get down. Said if they did them separate, North Main Street would be closed anyway, that bridge from Hill to Terminal would be closed so you would still have to go around. It's just a question of can you go around and come up Frances or do you have to go up to the next.

Mrs. Dunn said so as far as the cost, the city's responsibility is 5% of the \$1.65 million and 5% of the \$2.8 million. Said that is awesome but where will we come up with that money.

Comm. Gilheany said actually they have a BAN right now, there is money to cover the BAN so that will just continue to cover it.

Mrs. Verdile said her question about that is they have 18% included in their taxes that couldn't be allocated for so will we have another tax increase. Does it come from State funding, federal funding.

Comm. Seber said 80% is coming from the Federal Government and 15% from the State Government. Said this is a reimbursable grant. Said we don't have 4 or 5 million dollars to fund this project and then you submit for reimbursement and you get your reimbursement, 95%. The same thing as with South Street. Said a couple of years ago when South Street was on the Verizon we had a 5% match on that which was approximately 125, \$150,000. Said the plan was to take the two matches, put them together and just bond the whole thing. Said he doesn't know how it's going to go forward but that was the idea anyway.

More discussion was held on funding.

Mayor Baker said he wasn't here at the beginning but he believes the previous Mayor told him that those bridges were going to be red tagged and you wouldn't be able to travel on them. Said would you rather have the streets closed with no way to get around them because that's the only option.

Mrs. Verdile talked about taking time with the projects and doing one at a time and what it's doing to businesses and the firehouse. Said they need to think about these things.

Mayor Baker said they were all thought about, then again he wasn't here but he knows Mr. Seber was. They were all thought about, they talked about it a lot since he got into office. Said he talked to these guys it's really the only way to go.

A man in the audience said the deal is done, it's going to go through no matter what, it's a done deal. What happens, happens. Said everyone here knows it, the building is coming down, that's it. Talked about the buildings on North Main and how he invested all his money in a building on North Main and he was tired of being taken advantage of by people in this town.

Everyone was talking at the same time.

Mr. Deloria said it's very complex but what it essentially boils down to is landowners are compensated under one provision, there are appraisals that are done. Tenants within the land owners are also compensated in terms of relocation. Said the Federal Statute is very clear, it's there for a reason to not put people out of business. Part of the design report at the beginning is that there has to be evidence that there are other places to relocate a business to. There are options that they have, there is relocation assistance.

Mrs. Verdile asked the Mayor how many places could accommodate where they go.

Mayor Baker said he honestly couldn't answer that right now because he knows the size of her place versus some of the other ones.

Comm. Seber asked if there were dollar limits on the statutes he is talking about.

Mr. Deloria said there are certain dollar limits, they have options to take based on sales figures over the previous two years. Said he does a lot of bridge projects and road projects, the Federal Government and the State Government does not like to take buildings down unless they absolutely have to, they don't like to take trees down unless they have to. So it had to be proven that it had to be done but they work with businesses and they relocate them. Said they have to give it time to see what the compensation is before you know if it's a bad deal or not. Said he doesn't know what it is yet.

Mrs. Verdile said she thinks the whole idea could be better, rethought and keep it the way it is. Can they work together to find a way to keep things the way they are and fix it somehow.

Mayor Baker said they will look at it, he promises.

Lady in the audience asked is it for the compensation to help a business reestablish itself, it's just not leave them in a building and say good luck. You'll fix the building by putting it in the condition that they need it in.

Mr. Deloria said yes. Said if there was a company that had a lot of computers and technology they have to pay to have that disconnected and brought to a new location and they have to pay to reconnect it all. Said that's all part of it.

Comm. Hipwell said the bridge at that phase has got to be done. Said he agrees with her 100%, he doesn't want to lose any more business in this town. To give them a prime example, the gentleman behind them Sam Carabis, they were up the city garage and he was on the phone for 3 days trying to get businesses in this town. Not because they don't want to, there's no big stores anymore in town. Said he and Sam are trying to get businesses in here. He agrees with her 100%. Said he has known Ralphie all his life, we're trying to keep business in town.

Ralph Verdile asked if the Esplanade is coming in.

Mayor Baker said as of right now, yes. Asked if anyone had any more questions on this project.

Mr. Bourdeau just wanted to clarify one more thing on response times. Said if the fire chief, police chief want to put something in writing to look at what they are proposing, that would be great because then they can say that was unacceptable to response times, they have to do the projects in sequence if that is what those guys determine is what they want done. Said they would have no problem.

Man in audience said what is important to them isn't necessarily important to him or anybody else here. Said they can take his building or business but they can't take him or his children or wife. Everybody succeeds somewhere in this lifetime.

Comm. Seber said the final decision on all this is us, it's not them. Said he's not trying to take them off the hook, it's up to the city council how this project goes forward, what it looks like, what the time frame is, what buildings come down, what buildings don't come down. Said the job will be bid in December or the early part of next year with construction starting in the spring of next year. Said that's the plan right now. Said Central Avenue will be this year, that's a county job.

Mr. Bourdeau said by the fall of this year is when the majority of it will be done. Most everything will have been worked out with properties, compensations, etc.

Mrs. Dunn asked if she left a copy of her email address if they would email her a copy of the deal.

Comm. Seber said they can do that but if they email it to him he will put it on the website.

Sam Carabis asked if the figures they came up with were estimates.

Mr. Bourdeau said correct, usually they are pretty close.

There was more talk about bridges.

Mayor Baker thanked the men for all their help today, he appreciated it. Opened the meeting for public comment. Said there is only one public comment tonight.

Amelia Izzo, Mulberry Street, asked Comm. Gilheany if she ever found money for the raise that city hall got, in January there was a 2 or 3% raise and you didn't know where you would get the money.

Comm. Gilheany said they made some adjustments in the Police Department, she's not happy she's doing that, but.

Mrs. Izzo said but you did get the money through that. Asked Comm. Hipwell how much of a raise did he give to the dog warden.

Comm. Hipwell said according to the budget they passed it was 8 thousand and some odd. Said he took a couple of his line items and brought it up to \$9,000.

Mrs. Izzo asked if any of those line items were money for the senior citizens. Said she heard we wouldn't get newsletters.

Comm. Hipwell said he didn't think so, he has to check. Said people can come down and get their newsletters here. Said he will double check on that and give her a call.

Kim Dunn, 50 South Main Street, said once they get the John Ahearn Rescue Squad Building assessed can we move along to auction it off or sell it.

Mayor Baker said they will sell it as soon as they can.

Mrs. Dunn said obviously we are in a large deficit, asked what they are doing to close that gap. Asked what has been done differently since the new council has taken over on the audit so that we don't keep on getting in this situation. Said Mark said we were reimbursed for the projects.

Comm. Seber said he's still not sure of that. Said he got information from Jodie's office and she's very cooperative on this. They will look at it.

Mrs. Dunn said there are deficits in every department, said they overspent on some categories but way overspent in others so obviously we got a lot of ?????

Mayor Baker said they have a lot of hope in Jodie and they are hoping their bookkeeping will be much better.

Comm. Gilheany said she will do everything she can.

Mrs. Dunn asked if there has been anymore police car retirements.

Mayor Baker said not yet, they are coming. Said they are trying to keep track of the funds that are coming in and going out. Said that's something that hasn't been done and that's part of the problem.

Dave Hicks said appropriations and things like that, they say they are sorting them out. Asked if we signed off on South Street yet.

Mayor Baker said no.

Mr. Hicks said he hopes we never sign off because that is going to be a problem. Asked if there is any chance that we can sell a Mechanicville rag that is in front of the bridge and get our money back.

Mayor Baker said he didn't think so.

Mr. Hicks suggested they get some college students in from civil engineering so they can get credits, they can come in here a run a camera down through the sewer and have them do the actual layout of the storm drains to bring up some accurate readings so everybody knows what is going on. Talked about the storm drains and something going on with them.

Mayor Baker said we do have drain issues in other spots.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 31-14 GIVING CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL PERMISSION TO OBTAIN ACCURATE WATER METER READINGS FROM RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Motion made by Mayor Baker, seconded by Comm. Gilheany. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 32-14 MECHANICVILLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH GENERAL CONTROL SYSTEMS FROM GREEN ISLAND NY TO SERVICE THE CONTROL SYSTEMS AT THE CITY'S WATER PLANT

Comm. Seber said we used to have a contract with General Control Systems which was \$10,000 a year to service the control systems. Said the opinion of our Superintendent up there that it would be cheaper if we can do this on an hourly basis versus a flat fee basis and General Control Systems agreed to it. If it doesn't work out we can always go back to a flat fee.

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 33-14 THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF "LEAD AGENCY" FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING A SEQRA REVIEW FOR THE FRANCES STREET OVER THE ANTHONY KILL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 34-14 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 1998 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS FROM JACK BYRNE FORD FOR A COST OF \$4,900.00 FOR THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Comm. Gilheany read RES. NO. 35-14 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

Introduced by Comm. Gilheany, seconded by Mayor Baker. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

No new or old business.

Comm. Seber , seconded by Mayor Baker, moved that the meeting be closed at 8:45 p.m. to go into executive session. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Baker, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the executive session be closed at 9:13 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Baker, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.