

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 178 North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Mayor Baker opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Kim Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Comm. Gilheany, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the minutes of May 7, 2014 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Baker reminded people that the Memorial Service was supposed to be at the Monument at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow but he was notified today that the Memorial Day Service would be held tomorrow night at the Legion Post 91 on South Main Street at 6:00 p.m.

Comm. Seber said water collections will end on the 31st of May. They are scheduling the sale of the John Ahearn building on June 30th at 11:00 a.m. here, it will be advertised. Said they have an appraisal on it but they haven't officially set a minimum bid yet but that will be done first.

Comm. Gilheany had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said on Tuesday, the 27th they will start milling and paving various city streets.

Comm. Hipwell said the 31st of this month, the Park Avenue Playground basketball court will be shut down so they can redo it.

City Attorney Serbalik had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Baker will entertain a motion to close the regular meeting to go into public hearings regarding the Frances Street over the Anthony Kill Bridge and the North Main Street over the Anthony Kill Bridge.

Motion made by Comm. Higgins, seconded by Comm. Hipwell. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Baker said Jeremy Bordeaux will be doing the hearings.

Mr. Bordeaux said they will be doing two separate hearings and he will start with Frances Street over the Anthony Kill Bridge replacement, located in Mechanicville, Saratoga County. Said the purpose of this hearing is to meet the legal requirements of Article 2 of the Eminent

Domain procedure law. Said the notice of the public hearings were published in the Daily Gazette for 5 consecutive days beginning May 8, 2014 and also it was published in The Express Newspaper on May 8th for two consecutive weeks. Said also a copy of the public hearing notice was sent to the assessment billing owners potentially impacted by those public projects. Read the notice. Explained the purposes of the hearing. Said tonight's hearing is intended to inform the public on the project and to receive public comments. Said the hearing will include a technical presentation. Said the city is required to follow a specific process to acquire the property rights necessary for the construction of the project. Explained more about what will happen in the hearing and at the conclusion of the presentation they will open the floor up for public comment. Said as they entered the room here there was a sign-up sheet asking them if they wanted an oral comment so they will call them up when they get to that point and even if they didn't sign up they can comment as well. Said the statements being made tonight are being stenographically recorded (see attached). Said various documents have been made available for public inspection and have been pre-marked as exhibits and will be incorporated into the record of this hearing. Said after tonight's session, members of the public are invited to submit written comments or other documents related to the proposed project which should be addressed to Mayor Dennis Baker, 36 North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY. Said these written comments and documents will be included as part of the record. Said as soon as possible after tonight's session copies of the transcript of this hearing and hearing exhibits will be made available to the public for examination, without cost, during normal business hours at Mechanicville City Hall and at the Public Library, 190 North Main Street. Said anyone who would like to exam these records should contact Mayor Baker or Comm. Seber. Said within 90 days after the record of this hearing is complete, the entire record will be delivered to the City Council for consideration and further action. Said the further action will occur in the form of the City Council rendering its determination and findings concerning this public project and they will be published in the appropriate newspapers and mailed to the assessment record building owners impacted by the project. Said there are several exhibits that will be incorporated into the record. Said also available tonight is a copy of the design report prepared by Barton & Loguidice, the engineering firm retained by the city to design and oversee the project which includes many of the technical details related to the project. At this time he went through the technical design portion of the presentation. Said the owner and sponsor of the project is the City of Mechanicville, Dennis Baker, the Mayor, is the responsible local official, the engineering consultant is Barton & Loguidice, he is the managing engineer on the project and Rob Sipzner is Vice-President of Barton & Loguidice and their right of way consultant of R.K. Hite, Jim Deloria who will come up and speak about the right of way process. Said the project is a locally administered federal aid project and it's on the statewide transportation improvement program, it's eligible for 80% federal funds, 15% State Marchiselli Funds and 5% local city funds. Said because of the funding there are a lot of compliance things they have to follow. Gave a quick overview of where the bridge is located. Said the bridge is quite old and is rated 4.167 out of 7 which indicates structurally deficient for DOT's rating system. Talked about the deterioration of the bridge and the improvements they will make. Said he was now going to call up Jim Deloria to explain the property acquisition process.

Mr. Deloria explained the 4 steps in the acquisition process. Said if anyone had any questions he would be available after the meeting.

Mr. Bordeaux said that concludes the technical portion of the hearing. Said at this time they will open up the floor for public comments. Said the required format for this hearing does not allow them to respond directly to their statements and questions at this time, however, they will be considered in the preparation of the determination and findings. Said he will call the people that signed in and asked them to come to the podium and state their name and address for the record and they will have 3 minutes. Said the city will provide written responses to the comments received.

Dave Hicks, 1st Avenue, has a question that he never got clarification on taking the Anthony Kill right straight out to the river.

Kimberly Dunn, 250 South Main Street, said while it's great to have both projects done at the same time her concern is their EMS, it's the only fire house left in the city, obviously the station is down in that area so she is just hoping that the emergency services are going to get out easily and not delay response time to any emergency.

Mr. Bordeaux said those are the only two that signed up to talk about Frances Street.

Mayor Baker asked if anyone else wanted to talk about Frances Street.

Sam Carabis, Elizabeth Street, said he noticed the tonnage there at the present time is 15 tons, what the new tonnage will be.

Mayor Baker asked if anyone else had anything on Frances Street.

Mr. Bordeaux thanked everyone for coming out this evening. Said written comments, questions and documents will be accepted by the city until the close of business on May 30, 2014. He adjourned the Frances Street portion of the hearing and he apologized because he was going to repeat himself for the North Main Street Bridge because they are separate projects. He opened the hearing for the North Main Street Bridge Replacement and went over all the details of the hearing and explained everything they will do. Explained the detours people can take during the bridge replacements and that the North Main Street detour is minimal. Turned the hearing over to Mr. Deloria.

Mr. Deloria went through the steps of the project and acquisition of the properties. Said if anyone had any questions he would be available after the meeting.

Mr. Bordeaux opened up the floor for public comment and said the required format for this hearing does not allow them to respond to their comments. Said he would call upon the people that indicated they wanted to comment.

Ted Collins, 34 North Main Street said he wanted to know when they were going to start and things like that but they can't answer any questions.

Kimberly Dunn, 250 South Main Street, said it's initially the same comment she made before about the EMS and she doesn't want it to delay response time. Said another thing is she

utilizes Park Avenue quite a bit and it's a very congested street especially at times during the day when cars are parked on both sides of the street, she's concerned about that.

Tom Bisiglia, his wife owns a business here at 85 North Main Street, Bella Rosa Boutique, wants to know if there will be some kind of compensation for loss of business they will have.

Mr. Bordeaux said just to clarify that, you mean the loss of business during the construction.

Mr. Bisiglia said yes.

Mayor Baker asked if anyone had any more questions. No one did.

Mr. Bordeaux thanked everyone for coming out again and handwritten comments or questions will be accepted by the city until the close of business on May 30, 2014. Said to please address them to Mayor Baker and they will be incorporated into the hearing record. Said at this time the hearing will be adjourned.

Comm. Higgins, seconded by Comm. Gilheany, moved that the hearing be adjourned to re-open the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber said he needs copies of all the written documentation today.

Mr. Bordeaux said he has all the hard copies, does he want digitals of everything, said they will come up when they do the transcript.

Comm. Seber said he needs them to attach to both minutes to put on the website.

Mayor Baker opened up the meeting to public comment.

Mrs. Dunn asked Comm. Higgins to clarify where they will be paving.

Comm. Higgins said all over.

Mrs. Dunn said as far as the sale of John Ahearn Comm. Seber said it was appraised at \$95,000, will the minimum be at least \$95,000?

Comm. Seber said they will be more liberal and it's commercial property.

Mrs. Dunn said according to her information another police officer has left.

Mayor Baker said he hasn't left yet.

Mrs. Dunn asked at what point will they start replacing police officers.

Mayor Baker said probably in the near future. He met with Civil Service tonight before he came here, they just finished the agility test so we are just beginning a list and they believe they will fill them. Said they are not going to do away with the police department.

Mr. Hicks said with all the bridge work there will have to be some severe postings for the campers at Deer Run and a lot of them probably won't pay attention to it.

Mayor Baker said you will see them going by on tow trucks. Said he already had issues with them coming down spots where they are not supposed to, if they don't follow the detours they will be visiting Mr. Waldron's office.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 52-14 PAYING ROBERT M. PICCO A FEE OF
\$275.00 FOR PERFORMING AN AUDIT AT THE SENIOR
CITIZENS CENTER

Moved by Comm. Hipwell, seconded by Comm. Higgins. Roll Call: Affirmative – all.
Negative – none.

Comm. Gilheany read RES. NO. 53-14 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

Moved by Comm. Gilheany, seconded by Comm. Seber. Roll Call: Affirmative – all.
Negative – none.

No new or old business.

Comm. Gilheany, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.