

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 178 North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. Comm. Seber opened up the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Comm. Higgins, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2014 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber said they have a couple of things they need to announce tonight. Said we are in summer rotation where it's a monthly meeting right now unless that changes which would have to be done by resolution and there is no resolution tonight so the next meeting will be July 2nd, the first Wednesday in July. Said they have a report back from the Traffic Commission, which met Monday, with a couple of recommendations. One would be putting an additional stop sign on 5th and Park Avenue making it a 4 way stop and also making a 4 way stop on Grand and 4th. There will be a public hearing for those two changes. Also, beginning on the 13th, which is a week from Friday; lower Park Avenue from Main Street to Central Avenue there will be no parking on the south side. Said this is an emergency situation, a temporary situation during the construction on Central Avenue until around the 28th of November. Said as they announced at the last meeting the auction for the John Ahearn building will be on the 30th at 11:00 a.m. here. Said they will set up a minimum bid at the appraisal price of \$95,000.

Comm. Gilheany said there's not much going on. She is planning on next month starting to supply monthly reports, finally, on their cash and expenditures.

Comm. Seber said after the regular meeting they will have an executive session on a personnel matter.

Comm. Higgins said they are done with paving and they did a great job.

Comm. Hipwell said the Park Avenue Playground opened this past Monday. Said the tennis court and basketball court are torn apart and will be fixed by Labor Day. Secondly, Mrs. Adamack put flowers down in Patenaude Park on Central Avenue. Said the council wants to thank her. Said he wanted to say congratulations to the women's softball team. Said they have a thing going on this year with his office and the Community Services Center that on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays they will be serving lunch to any kids that come up the playground. Said thanks to the Community Center they got a grant to serve lunch to any kids that come up to the playground on those three days. Said they have two new picnic tables.

City Attorney Serbalik said he still has not received the survey or the lease on the area of the Little League field so it's on hold until they get that.

Comm. Seber said he knows they put up a temporary fence but he guesses there were some issues with the configuration of the fence or something; the Mayor was up there looking at it. Said they know what needs to be done so hopefully it will get resolved shortly to get that out of the way.

Chief Waldron said as they can see by the resolution they have another resignation, Officer Juan Marrero who joined their force in 2009. Said he is leaving to go to another department that pays more money than ours so he wants to wish him the best of luck and thanked him. He briefly talked to the Commissioner of Finance regarding the budget. He basically said to her and he will say to everybody they will go into the red, no questions asked. Said they have 3 full time police officers retiring. They budgeted \$95,000 and there's no question they will go over it. The same with OIC "Officer in Charge", they utilize that money a lot more. Said as officers leave, even if they replace them all with dispatchers and police officers they still will be okay. They just want to make sure everybody understands that, especially the city council. He will be asking for transfers. Said he, the Mayor and the Civil Service Commission have sent out canvass letters, they are doing background investigations now for individuals for hiring for full time police officers positions. He wanted to make sure everyone knew they were going down that track. They had the torch run today for Special Olympics and he thanked those that attended. The torch run has been here as long as he has, 25 years. Said with the aggressive driving detail money they have they spent a few thousand dollars and in return they issued 157 tickets for speeding, red lights, stop signs, for not using a directional for changing lanes, etc. He thanked those that complied.

Fire Chief Corrigan said he didn't have a regular report but had a question for the Commissioner of Finance. He has some bigger expenses coming up than are in his budget as far as maintenance for their vehicles, some equipment he needs to replace. Asked if they are funded, he's getting some mixed messages about spending money.

Comm. Gilheany said if there is money in their budget they can move it around, it's up to the Mayor because he's in charge of the budget so as long as he approves moving the money around.

Chief Corrigan said he got a message from the Mayor the other day that he wasn't sure that all their accounts were fully funded, that maybe they should take a step back about spending. Said he thinks because he is new at being the Mayor he doesn't see these expenses of the fire department. Said he just wants to make sure that if he goes out and spends money within his budget that the city is going to be able to pay the bills.

Comm. Gilheany said the money is there but she isn't the one that approves his expenditures.

Chief Waldron said just so that he knows he's across the board with that, he did an ID for \$12.80 and he got it up one side and down the other side for spending money.

Chief Corrigan said they reduced their budget significantly from last year; they're under budget as it is so he doesn't want to be restricted any further from spending money that is already budgeted.

Comm. Seber opened up the floor to public comment giving each person 5 minutes to talk.

Kim Dunn, 250 South Main Street, said it's unfortunate the Mayor isn't here tonight but maybe they can think about giving some sort of presentation at the next meeting to the public because there is a lot of concern with them because our police department has changed so drastically in such a short period of time. Said they are obviously having more retirements coming up. Said there are rumors of the sheriff's department taking over. Said she is just telling them what people are saying so that they can get ahead of it. Said it's a big area of concern. Said as far as closing down Central Avenue there was nothing posted on the web about the detour route.

Comm. Seber said the same company that is doing the bridge project is doing South Street Hill. Said they will have 19 detour signs and they have never seen that many. Talked about trucks making deliveries and the routes they have to take. Said it's a fairly complicated detour route. Said he hasn't seen it in writing, there's no map. Said once they get something with more clarity they will give it to the Express and put it on the website.

Mrs. Dunn asked if they gave any consideration to what it will do as far as EMS, it will have an impact.

Comm. Seber said it is, there is no question about it, it will for 6 months. Said he doesn't anticipate much of a problem with mobile traffic. Said generally getting around the city doesn't think it's an issue. Said potentially there will be some issues with emergency vehicles.

Comm. Higgins said she won't be able to get out of her driveway.

Michele Duel, Mechanicville Library, wanted to let them know that the library has started their summer reading program; their kickoff is tomorrow up at the school. Said they also received the grant again for the concerts in Tallmadge Park, there will be 5 concerts on Tuesday nights starting after Family Day going until the second week in August. Said also Clifton Park Rescue Squad has been generous enough with the library in providing babysitting courses free to any young adults, teens, tweens who want to get certified so they can babysit. Said they also decided to install an AED in the library and they are providing free training to all of their staff in the library so they will know how to use it.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 54-14 CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE
RESIGNATION OF OFFICER JUAN MARRERO JR.

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

Comm. Gilheany read RES. NO. 55-14 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No old or new business.

Comm. Gilheany, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the meeting be closed to go into executive session for a personnel matter at 7:17 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Higgins, seconded by Comm. Seber, moved that the executive session be closed at 7:44 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Higgins, seconded by Comm. Seber, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.