

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Mechanicville Senior Center, 178 North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Mayor Baker opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Eric Hanchett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Comm. Hipwell, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2015 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Baker said he was talking for him and Mark. They did sign the contract with the company to do the re-val but they don't have the date yet. Said they will be coming in shortly to do the office work first. Said the bridge project will hopefully go out to bid in the next two or three weeks. Said they are having a huge problem because they don't like the way our city is looking with mattresses outside people's homes. He talked to Dave the other day about this. When they talk to people that own the houses where the mattresses are in front of they say they didn't put them there. He's not saying they won't take them at the City Garage if people bring them there. Asked people to let them know if they see their neighbor putting a mattress out because that's the only way they will know who it belongs to.

Comm. Higgins had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Hipwell said May 8th is the 100th Anniversary at the Ugly Rooster. If people buy the tickets beforehand they are \$20.00, if bought at the door they are \$25.00. Said he's on a Veteran's Committee that wants to move the Veteran's Monument from the old school to the park. The Veterans want it moved to the park. Said the Park Avenue Playground will be open next Monday.

Mayor Baker said Tim has been working for over a year on moving the monument. The veterans came up with a spot in the park near the flag pole. They are looking at the area to make sure it's not in a wet area. Said they are in favor of moving it but are trying to find out who owns it.

Comm. Hipwell said as far as they know the city owns it.

Supervisor Richardson said the Economic Development Council in Saratoga just hired a new President and he's looking forward to inviting him down here to meet them. Talked about the old train station and how they will be able to fix it up. Said they will be fixing up the playground with blacktopping. Said the bridges near DiSiena Furniture will be replaced this year. They have a \$237,000 grant for new sidewalks. They have a grant which they got several

years ago so when they put in new bridges on Main Street they will be able to use that as a matching grant. They will be able to hire someone. Said as years move forward they can continue to get additional grants. Said they can hire someone to put in new sidewalks for the \$237,000 grant.

Kim Dunn asked if they knew when the bridge for DiSiena will start.

Supervisor Richardson said in May and they won't shut down Rt. 67.

Mayor Baker said they want to keep one side open for emergency vehicles.

Dave Hicks said it would have to be one lane because of bridge abutment.

Mayor Baker said they will not change the abutment.

Supervisor Richardson said he was told they will keep it open.

Attorney Serbalik said there are 4 properties left on the 2011 tax roll but heard some will be paid. Said on the fire truck purchase he talked to Chief Corrigan. The city is trying to pay without going through the bidding process. Jim has been in contact with HGAC and it looks like we will be set on that. Said it will be final by the next council meeting.

Mayor Baker said they are finally getting the information from him.

Attorney Serbalik said yes.

Chief Waldron said he met with Assemblywoman Werner's Office didn't get them the guns but they may be able to purchase another police car. Jack Byrne is working with them. As they know, the other car is out of service.

Mayor Baker said since the last meeting the engine blew on that car.

Chief Waldron said it's been a problem for many years. Said they are now moving forward to get new weapons and they are trying to sell the weapons they do have. They picked up a man who had large quantities of drugs and hand gun. The gun will be destroyed and the car has been turned over to the city and will be sold and the money will go back into drug investigations. Talked about their radios and how they can't hear anything when they are in certain places. Said the antennas should probably be on top of the building. They will not move forward with new ones if they cannot hear them.

Chief Corrigan had nothing to report.

Eric Hanchett, Director of Administration Clifton Park/Halfmoon, talked on progress of facility in Mechanicville. Said they are moving along at lightning speed. He believes once the roof is replaced that they will commence building the interior. He is anticipating a June ribbon cutting ceremony to bring the community in and see what they think about it.

Mayor Baker thanked him for everything they do.

Kim Dunn thanked Comm. Hipwell for opening the playground on Monday. Said the 800 radio frequency system is discerning to her.

Chief Waldron said he and Sheriff Zurlo are trying to get the 800 frequency up, they have tremendous issues. Once they go into a building they can't communicate with anyone. Said they will not go into a building if they can't hear it.

Mrs. Dunn said he had an officer resign, did he fill the position yet.

Mayor Baker said they haven't done anything with that yet.

Mrs. Dunn said Mark said in a resolution last meeting that the re-val was \$125,000, first it was \$65,000 now it's \$125,000.

Mayor Baker said Jodie said we will do it in two year payments. There was some money that was budget for interest that we had to pay so the money is in the budget for it.

Mrs. Dunn said so we have it in the budget. Said she is confused about the LOSAP money.

Mayor Baker said the cost is going down, Mark will have the figures.

Dave Hicks asked what the deal was with the Esplanade.

Mayor Baker said supposedly it has been sold and he will come and meet with the council on it.

Mr. Hicks asked about the status of the reservoir. Asked if it would be possible for them to get regulations on it.

Mayor Baker said they will talk to engineers about it.

Mr. Hicks asked about the scuttlebutt about the copiers, where they are and how many on each floor of City Hall.

Mayor Baker said they took a lot of factors out; they are just black and white no color. Said all city offices have one, DPW and the Fire House. In City Hall there are two on the first floor, one on the second and one on the 3rd floor.

Mr. Hicks asked if there was anything on the 49% of water loss.

Comm. Higgins said some is backwash. More discussion was held on this.

Mr. Hicks asked the dollar amount paid to the animal shelter.

Attorney Serbalik said it's based on usage. Everyone uses the Saratoga County one.

Mr. Hicks said there are kennels on the Waterford Road.

Mr. Serbalik said they are too expensive.

Mrs. Dunn thanked Eric for keeping them up to date. Said she can't wait to see what the station looks like.

Anthony Accetta, 52 South Main Street, said he will be doing seminars for investment in the city. His first one will be held at the Italian Fraternal Society on May 7th and it will be on Social Security Planning.

Mayor Baker read RES. NO. 45-15 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY OF SARATOGA TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CARE AND IMPOUNDMENT SERVICES

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

Mayor Baker read RES. NO. 46-15 PAYROLL 7 VOUCHERS

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

Comm. Hipwell said under new business that he has been getting a lot of phone calls from people that there are people checking their houses. Said NYSEG is doing this to check wires. Said they will notify home owners. If you see guys coming around your house and you think its strange call the MPD.

No new business.

Comm. Higgins made a motion to close the meeting at 7:40 p.m. seconded by Comm. Hipwell. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.