

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 3, 2015. 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

Mary Lou Anatriello led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Comm. Gilheany, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2015 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Baker said he's been working with the Fire Department on LOSAP and they will save about 14, \$15,000 a year starting in year 2017 when the first payment of the truck is due, obviously that is not enough. He's been working with Jim and thanks him for his cooperation. Said they are going ahead with the purchase of the truck. They are going to take \$20,000 out of the existing fire department budget, it was a LOSAP payment, which will cover the \$35,000 that we need for a payment on the truck every year. Said the truck is a necessity. Thanked Jimmy and the fire chiefs for their help in fairing down the budget. Said they will be signing the order to buy it tomorrow.

Comm. Seber said first of all we have an additional resolution No. 60-15, has copies if anyone wants one, it's a late resolution appointing a desk officer as a dispatcher. Said they closed on the Industrial Park last Thursday or Friday so we no longer own it. Said it will be back on the tax roll, its vacant property at least for the first year but it will help a little bit because they have had assessment changes in the last year or so, hopefully there will be some development up there, perhaps additional businesses and some additional assessment as well. Believes they sold it for about \$45,000. As far as he is concerned the important thing is they don't have to deal with the remediation on it, it could have been a real large number. Said the purchaser is responsible for all of that, he's working with DEC; he's trying to make sure he is in compliance with everything. We no longer own the Industrial Park. Said on the 11th they will be opening bids for the bridge projects, both projects are bid under one bid which will be open at 2:00 on the 11th at City Hall and hopefully they will get a lot of competitive bids, get some good prices and more importantly they will get the project started in the next few weeks or month. Said on Friday there are two letters going out, one is going to residential property owners and one to commercial property owners regarding the reval. The letters are coming from our assessor but we hired an organization to do the reval. There will be a meeting here on June 11th but believes the letter is asking them to call and make a reservation so at least they will know approximately how many people will be showing up. If there are too many people for the 11th, they will have a meeting here on Saturday morning. Thinks there are 2 or 3 meetings scheduled through the process; the letters will go out on the 5th. Said the letter doesn't indicate where the meeting is, they would

rather people call so they can get a feel for the number of people that will come. He thinks its 5 or 6:00 but it could be 7:00, he's not sure.

Comm. Gilheany had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said hopefully next week they will start doing curb cuts in various spots in the city, there are 31 of them.

Comm. Hipwell said he wanted to thank Mrs. Adamack for planting her flowers on Park and Central Avenue, she did an outstanding job.

City Attorney Serbalik said the tax sale docs on two properties on the foreclosure list are done. They have a city judge from Schenectady working on it. Said on the Industrial Park the DEC, as Mark said, the buyer is working with them to be in compliance for the closing on Friday. He talked to the DEC lawyer and they should have that signed by next week.

Chief Corrigan said they've had 243 fire calls this year, 47 this past month. There was a fire on South 3rd Street and luckily no one was hurt. Said the siren is 90% fixed. Said the fire department helps the city in buying equipment by getting grants. They are in line for getting 5 mobile radios from the county for this new system. The radios are \$2,000 a piece which they are getting for nothing thanks to the county. They are getting other things they need through a grant which saves the city money.

Mayor Baker said they also have with them Eric Hansen from Clifton Park.

Eric Hansen, Director of Administration, Clifton Park/Halfmoon Ambulance said in their continuing efforts to keep communications with the community he wanted to give a quick report on the status of their station. They are looking at still opening in June. They are delayed by about 14days because of unforeseen issues. Said they are looking at an open house probably in July. Although it doesn't look like stuff is being done on the outside it's being done on the inside. Said they will be pleasantly surprised.

Mayor Baker said they are doing a great job and he appreciates it. Opened up the meeting to the public. Reminded them to come to the microphone, they have 5 minutes which counts towards answering their questions.

Robert Speenburgh, 18 Gilbert Street, (he is in a wheelchair) said he's new to Mechanicville and will be here a year in August. He likes to get out each day but he has noticed some deterioration in quite a few curb cuts. The one that he is concerned about is the one over by Price Chopper coming up this sidewalk and you have to get over that curb cut and you cross the road and get to the second curb cut which are quite steep. Talked about the problems of curb cuts and getting across the road. Believes he has good body strength but has a hard time getting up the curb. Talked about the poor condition of the sidewalks. Said he's not doing it for himself, he's doing it for other people.

Thanked him and said Dave is looking into that now.

Dave Hicks, First Street, asked about the Esplanade Project and if there has been any meetings.

Mayor Baker said they had a meeting and there were only two council members there. It's coming, they said it's not closed yet they will do a project, they will change it somewhat but they are going back before the IDA so they will know more then.

Mr. Hicks asked if they will have a public meeting for the IDA for that.

Mayor Baker said they are always public meetings.

Mr. Hicks asked if anything has happened with the NYSEG project on Central Avenue.

Mayor Baker said nothing has happened with that.

Mr. Hicks asked if they have an update on dispatchers. Is one replacing Austin?

Mayor Baker said Austin left to go to another police department. They are putting a dispatcher on the midnight shift; the next step will be a dispatcher on the 4 to 12:00 shift.

Mr. Hicks said the website should be updated quarterly. Talked about the reservoir in Stillwater and the Town of Halfmoon and why we can't get water from them. Talked about the air conditioners in city hall being properly fitted. Hasn't had a response from anybody on an energy audit. Said the city is going down.

Kim Dunn, 50 South Main Street, said he mentioned LOSAP and at the last meeting there was a presentation given and he stated that there was around a 26% increase so basically the cost goes up and she was wondering where they came up with this 14 or \$15,000 dollars. Is that because you are going with one of the steps he said?

Comm. Seber said they are keeping everything the same.

More discussion was held on this.

Mrs. Dunn said they will be cutting \$20,000.00 of the fire department's budget every year to pay for that, how will that impact on the things they need.

Mayor Baker said he thinks they will be all right because they are giving them a brand new fire truck.

Mrs. Dunn said the bus driver position, you haven't accepted his resignation, he resigned as of 5/12.

Comm. Hipwell said he resigned.

Discussion was held on the necessity of having a driver all the time.

Bill Moran, Walnut Street, said a neighbor of his brought a speaker and blasted his house with horrible music. He called the police who his neighbor saw and turned it down and as soon as they left he cranked it up again. It stopped at 10:00 because the police told them it's a city rule. Discussion was held on kids playing near his house and making a lot of noise.

Mayor Baker said didn't Chief Waldron come up and speak with you about this because they had spoken about it.

Mr. Moran said he did.

Mayor Baker said the Chief will continue to work with him.

Mary Lou Anatriello, 19 Gilbert Street, wanted to thank the council who attended to 5 or 6 of her concerns this week. Thanked Comm. Higgins for the work in the park, thanked Comm. Hipwell for the new sign in the crosswalk area in front of city hall and for the siren issue, thanked Comm. Gilheany for an update on the finances. Talked about the siren in the city that was inoperative for 2 or 3 weeks and she talked to other people that had the same concern, it's been used in the city for as long as she can remember and she prefers to live in an area where a siren is used. Discussion was held on the importance of the siren.

Comm. Seber asked for a copy of what she was saying.

Mrs. Dunn said she doesn't think it's fair that the 5 minutes they are given to speak includes the answers. Said kudos for putting the agenda, resolutions and all supporting documentation on the website. Said they should want to hear from everyone.

Comm. Seber said anytime she wants to come in and chat, he's there all the time.

Mrs. Dunn said she would take him up on it.

Mrs. Anatriello said Mr. Speenberg was going to mention other things but because of the 5 minutes he didn't have enough time. Was wondering if he could have another minute.

Mr. Speenberg talked more about the crosswalks near the Price Chopper and how cars go through the red light.

Mrs. Anatriello said this is an issue that bothers her because of the senior citizen's building over here and 3 or 4 people are in wheelchairs and it's the survival of the fittest over there. Said she encouraged Mr. Speenberg to come tonight to express his concerns. More discussion was held on this.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 55-15 FILLING THE POSITION OF A FULL TIME
BUS DRIVER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Introduced by Comm. Hipwell, seconded by Mayor Baker.

Roll Call: Mayor Baker - yes
Comm. Seber - yes
Comm. Gilheany - no
Comm. Higgins - yes
Comm. Hipwell - yes

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 56-15 THAT THE MAYOR ACCEPTS THE
RESIGNATION OF SERGEANT AUSTIN MCGUIRE
AND WISHES HIM THE BEST ON HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 57-15 THAT THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
WILL MEET ON FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015 AT THE MECHANIC-
VILLE SENIOR CENTER FROM 4:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.

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

Comm. Gilheany read RES. NO. 58-15 AMENDING ORDINANCE WITH TRANSFER
OF BUDGET BALANCES

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

Comm. Gilheany read RES. NO. 59-15 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

Comm. Seber read LATE RES. NO. 60-15 HIRING A DESK OFFICER FOR POLICE
DEPARTMENT

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

Comm. Hipwell said he just got a full time bus driver but needs a part time one if anyone
knows of anyone left him know.

No new or old business.

Comm. Gilheany, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the meeting be adjourned at
7:55 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.