

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Due to Mayor Baker's absence, Commissioner Seber opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Michelle Duell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	-Absent
	Commissioner Gilheany	-Present
	Commissioner Higgins	-Present
	Commissioner Hipwell	-Present
	Commissioner Seber	-Present

Commissioner Gilheany, seconded by Commissioner Hipwell, moved that the Minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting be accepted as prepared:

Roll Call:	Affirmative	-All
	Negative	-None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Seber: The Mayor does not have anything he wants read.

Commissioner Seber: The water bills are due on the 30th of the Month. Actually, you can pay them on Monday, November 2, because the 31st falls on a Saturday.

Route 67 Overpass bid opening will be on the 30th at 1:00 P.M. at City Hall; probably in the court room. Construction is not planned to start until the spring but the bids will be open. We are waiting on a contract with the railroad. The flaggers on the tracks are needed for construction. About a \$130,000 bid that is covered by the grant. Probably open the bid sometime in December.

There are 17 tax delinquent properties that are still open from 2012. The letters went out this week. The list will be posted in the paper starting this week. Probably sometime in the summer of next year will be the tax sale.

County sewer bill is going up to \$187/unit from \$177/unit. It started at \$110/unit when I started here seven years ago. So, 70 percent over the last 7 years or so, I don't know why. You will see that charge on the March tax bill on the county sewer line. That is all I have.

Commissioner Gilheany: I am going to have two budget workshops. One on November 12 and the other on November 19. They are both on a Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Senior Center. That is all I have.

Commissioner Higgins: I was talking with NYSEG at the plant. Once they get up and running they will connect new gas customers.

Commissioner Seber: What is going on with South Street Hill?

Commissioner Higgins: They blacktopped it today. Monday they will put something under the sidewalks to level it off. Monday it should be all set.

Commissioner Hipwell: Nothing

Attorney Serbalik: Nothing

Chief Waldron: The overall stats to the annual report are attached.

We are anticipating another grant for the weapons that will be coming in around the 1st of the year. We may have to push the grant and expenditure into the next the year. In addition, we plan on using a shooting range in Green Island, to qualify the police officers in January. We received another \$3,000 for the ballistic vests. That is all good news.

Aggressive Driving Grant – the City has been awarded another grant in the amount of \$5,000 for enforcement of speeding, red lights and other aggressive driving violations.

New Vehicle - Tonight the City Council has a Resolution before them to purchase a 2016 police interceptor to replace unit 10. We are going to try to re-purpose everything on unit 10. The computer in unit 10 is failing and scheduled to be replaced.

2016 Budget submitted for next year. Overall, while it is up slightly, it is still lower than the 2013 budget I submitted.

2016 Budget idea recommendation: I would like to see the City set aside funds in a capital account for upgrades to data storage under the Information Technology budget. We have a proposal that will address two areas of concerns at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. The first area of concern is storing data. We currently are unable to store data on the City's cameras.

We have cut back the amount of time camera data can be kept. For example, the Park Avenue playground and the boathouse data can only be stored for 3-5 days. Cameras in the police station are being purged after 30-90 days. New guidelines coming from the State of New York is advising us to keep camera data for 6-9 months. We have many options, but the best is to store the data within the City server. Going to the Cloud is not an option because of security breaches.

Commissioner Higgins: Can you put it on a disk?

Chief Waldron: No. It is very hard to do as we are talking about hundreds of hours of video.

Commissioner Seber: Is this a physical unit of some sort?

Chief Waldron: The digital storage will be kept on the City server by upgrading the current server with an 8 Terabyte capacity at each site (POLICE & FIRE).

Commissioner Seber: Is it a possibility to rent space on another server somewhere else?

Chief Waldron: Yes, but costly.

Commissioner Seber: Any Commissioners have questions? Nobody? The fire department is not here. I will open for Public Comment. Five minutes.

Kim Dunn, 250 South Main Street: A few comments on what Chief Waldron said. I think training is absolutely necessary for whatever we can do to make our officers safe and to protect them.

I had a question regarding the sign that is down on Frances Street. It is not facing Central Avenue. You cannot see what it says from Central Avenue. The sign serves a purpose, but it needs to be repositioned closer to the road.

Commissioner Seber: I will check it. Anybody else have any comments? I will now read the Resolutions:

COMMISSIONER SEBER READ RESOLUTION 103-15 – SEQRA RESOLUTION FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Introduced By:	Commissioner Seber	
Seconded By:	Commissioner Higgins	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

COMMISSIONER SEBER READ RESOLUTION 104-15 – BOND RESOLUTION FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

This is a bonding resolution for the same project. The amount of the bond is \$3,960,000. That is the entirety of the project, if we were to move forward and pay for the project. It is up to a \$2 million dollar grant. The balance would be funded by the Environmental Facilities Corporation at zero percent. We have to ask for a bond for the entire amount of the potential work.

If we get the grant, the balance would be \$1.96 million; however, it is up to the Council what they want to do on the project. So, that number may actually go down. By agreeing to this Resolution, we are not committing to the project. In fact, the Council and the Commissioner of Finance, are the ones to authorize the borrowing. This is part of our grant application that needs to be in place to move the grant forward. I am going to summarize. This is a \$3.96 million bond by the department of Environmental Conservation. I need a motion:

Introduced By:	Commissioner Higgins	
Seconded By:	Commissioner Gilheany	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

COMMISSIONER SEBER READ RESOLUTION 105-15 – THE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION \$400,000 AWARD GRANT TO THE CITY TO PROVIDE LOANS TO CITY RESIDENTS. AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS TO ISSUE CHECKS FROM THE LOAN PROCEEDS:

Introduced By:	Commissioner Seber	
Seconded By:	Commissioner Gilheany	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

COMMISSIONER SEBER READ RESOLUTION 106-15 –AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A 2016 POLICE INTERCEPTOR FOR \$30,062.65 OUT OF THIS YEAR'S POLICE BUDGET:

Introduced By:	Commissioner Gilheany	
Seconded By:	Commissioner Hipwell	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

COMMISSIONER SEBER READ RESOLUTION 107-15 – CITY WATER IMPROVEMENT ENGINEERING:

Don Fletcher from B&L is here. The vast majority of this will be funded with grant proceeds and a small part of this will be part of the application fee – right?

Don Fletcher: Yes.

Introduced By:	Commissioner Hipwell	
Seconded By:	Commissioner Higgins	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 108-15: BUDGET TRANSFERS

Introduced By:	Commissioner Gilheany	
Seconded By:	Commissioner Seber	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 109-15: VOUCHERS

Introduced By:	Commissioner Gilheany	
Seconded By:	Commissioner Higgins	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

Commissioner Seber: Is there anything else? Old or new business?
I make a motion to adjourn.

Introduced By:	Commissioner Higgins	
Seconded By:	Commissioner Gilheany	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

Commissioner Seber: Thank you everyone.