

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
MARCH 16, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Present
	Commissioner Duell	Present
	Commissioner Gilheany	Present
	Commissioner Higgins	Present
	Commissioner Hipwell	Present

Mayor Baker: Stephanie Sullivan, would you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Can I have a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting?  
Commissioner Duell made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Hipwell.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Yes
	Commissioner Duell	Yes
	Commissioner Gilheany	Yes
	Commissioner Higgins	Yes
	Commissioner Hipwell	Yes

Mayor Baker: Megan Quillinan is here to give us a report on the Community Center. Megan, please come up to the podium and your assistant can come with you, if you need her.

Megan Quillinan, Executive Director, Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, 6 South Main Street: Thank you for letting me come here tonight. I appreciate it as I always love to talk about the Community Center and all the stuff we have going on.

I pulled together a few facts about the Community Center that went on in 2015. The first page of the facts is with a wonderful picture of the Mayor and Santa at our tree lighting. These are highlights of 2015 things that we did with the City.

We had 24 different three and four year olds who enjoyed more than 350 trips on the City bus to come to the pre-school at the Community Center and to programs at the park last summer. They loved that and we cannot thank you enough. They just loved it, especially getting on that bus.

114 different kids ate almost 3,000 lunches in the park and at the Community Center as part of the summer lunch program last year. Our legal advocate was just in the City of Mechanicville Court for more than 96 hours last year. Thanks to Stephanie Sullivan and the Department of Public Safety and the Salvation Army, we wrote to households 34 different vouchers for Price Chopper from the \$2,780.00 that was raised from the bell ringing that goes on every Christmas time at Price Chopper. Thank you to all those who volunteered for the bell ringing; especially when it can get very cold at times.

The funds we get directly from the City, which is \$10,000, are used to leverage in the matching funds to a mental health counselor here on site at the Community Center from the Saratoga Mental Health. This past year there were 200 different visits because of this counselor.

We lost our senior funding mid-year that was funded by the N.O.R.C. Grant through the Eddy. Through June, we saw 82 different seniors and they were all directly from the City of Mechanicville. These were home visits or socialization or helping with Medicare paperwork or just navigating different systems where people might get confused.

We are very excited to announce, thanks to the Office of the Aging and again the Senior Center and the Department of Public Safety, that we will be hiring a part time advocate that will be housed at the Senior Center to offer services to seniors.

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Food Train that stopped at the ELKS railroad crossing, which I am sure many of you joined us for this first time this year, brought more than 2,500 pounds of food to the food pantry. A lot of food. \$3,500 came directly from Canadian Pacific for the food pantry as well as another \$300 and change, which was donated just from people in the crowd. We were so impressed and did not expect it at all. It was wonderful this year! 3,230 gifts were given out through the Community Center for 646 local children and seniors and six of these were families that were adopted directly through the City.

We have a lot of different programs. I do not want to bore everyone with going through every single thing we have. We try to highlight the breath of programming we have going on from Domestic Violence Advocacy through pre-school to seniors to food pantry with a little bit of everything in between. We really try to be a space that meets the needs of the community where we see them and what the community asks for. These numbers really show that we are doing our job in responding to what we see as needs and also in particular, these numbers we could not do them without the support of the City and without the support of community members, donations and volunteers. We really truly appreciate everything that is going on and their support.

I have some other numbers in here and I know numbers get really boring. I apologize. They are pretty staggering when we start looking at them. We are really proud of them too. More than 16,000 meals went to families through the food pantry in 2015. When you start talking about the impact that has - 341 families for Thanksgiving given by donations from the community, Mike Raucci, THE EXPRESS and everyone. So, we have a lot of different things.

We want to point out that we are trying to break the stereotype that we are just a place for people who are down and out. We really have a lot of different groups that come through and use the Community Center in a lot of different ways. We had 1,456 people who came through from 42 different community groups. Those range from Junior Red Raiders, using us as a space for giving out uniforms, to meetings to birthday parties to more traditional community center kinds of things that go on. YMCA offers basketball programs and those kinds of things.

Another 3,491 different people came through MACSC to participate in one or more of our funded programs such as, domestic violence, child care programs, etc. 87 percent of all the households that come through are from 12118 zip code. We really have a hard time breaking down who is from the City of Mechanicville itself without going through every single address because we do not know the boundaries. Everyone has a Mechanicville address. We try to look at more than the Mechanicville School district. Predominantly, the biggest percentages are from the immediate area.

That was our year. Any questions?

**Mayor Baker:** One question and one comment. The question is, why did we lose the senior funding?

**Megan Quillinan:** It had been the N.O.R.C., funding which is the naturally occurring retirement community funding. They were Federal funds that were designed more for high rises for seniors in more urban areas. Somehow it had been grandfathered in here and it was very specific to where we were only allowed to work with seniors in certain buildings of public housing. The Eddy actually administers the Grant and contracted for services with us. Each year the Federal Government where the funding is from, they were looking for things to cut so they were putting more and more restrictions on us. Finally, this year, we can't enforce it any more. The numbers of seniors in those specific buildings were not hitting what they required.

**Mayor Baker:** My comment is that I made a call to the Canadian Pacific gentleman we talked with and they plan on returning. I received an email the other day and they are going to get back to us with more details and maybe a better date, etc. We will have everything ahead of time this year so we can do even better than we did last year.

**Megan Quillinan:** That will be wonderful. It is a great opportunity that brings a lot of people to town.

**Mayor Baker:** Thank you, Megan.

**Tom Mahoney:** I have a question. When talking about the 1,652 people, 16,000 meals and 312 of these households that were from zip code 12118. Were those the only households for lunch from the 12118 or were there other households that were not, or?

**Megan Quillinan:** No, we do serve different households in different communities. It includes Stillwater, they are in zip code 12170. The 1,652 are people, 312 of them are households. So, if you figure fourish people in a household, it is about 1,200 or 1,300 people. Majority are from Mechanicville. That is the easiest way we found to break it down. It is very grey.

**Mayor Baker:** Thank you Megan. I appreciate you coming to give us your update the Community Center's services.

We will move on to the Commissioner reports. I received an email today and a few of the Commissioners also received a copy on the Citizen Preparedness Corps. An initiative Governor Cuomo is having, I guess you would call it a seminar, to help people think of things they have to do to be prepared if we have bad weather, if we have flooding or if we have any of that. It is being held on March 21, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Times Union Center in Albany. If you need anything else on it, you can call us, but you can also go to [WWW.prepare.ny.gov](http://WWW.prepare.ny.gov). and it will allow you to sign up there, if you would like to attend.

Also, I have great news that our money that we put in to help people fix up their homes. We just received a \$400,000 grant from the State, which is one of the biggest ones they gave out this year. We really appreciate it. I have talked with the Building Department. They are getting ready for it. Michelle is getting ready for it. It should be out to the public and we will be taking applications probably in the near future.

Commissioner Higgins: Are we going to continue on with the list we had from the last Grant?

Mayor Baker: I do not know if that can happen. If it can, then yes. We need to look at that to make a decision on that.

I received another letter from Carol Pingelski Hotaling about Yellow Ribbon Day on April 9<sup>th</sup>. However, they are having a celebration on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 A.M. at Halfmoon Town Hall. Yellow Ribbon Day is our way of honoring all of our people that are in our military and if anybody can attend that day, you are welcome there.

One other thing and I don't know much about it, but I received it the other day. The Department of the Interior is doing a study on the possibility of making the Barge Canal a Historical site. I don't know how that is going to work because I know there are a lot of strings tied to historical sites.

I am making you aware of this and when we know more we will let you know more, but I just received the information. It encompasses a bunch of counties. It is going to be the length of the canal.

Commissioner Higgins: I think what Dave is asking, is it the old canal or the river? I had the same question.

**Mayor Baker:** The river. The old canal is not here and in all those counties.

**Dave Hicks:** Yes, the old canal is still in Waterford and up through.

**Mayor Baker:** It is not in all those counties. That is all I have.  
**Commissioner Duell.**

**Commissioner Duell:** Our tax collection ended on March 15. Anything that we collect now will have penalties. We are down 1.5% compared to last year. We have collected a total of 2.986 million dollars so far. That is about 80 percent of what is due to us. I did not think that was too bad.

Also, I have the annual report from the City Historian. I will be posting that on our web site, if anybody would like to read it. It is quite lengthy. It is about everything he has done throughout 2015. That is all I have.

**Commissioner Gilheany.** I gave everybody a statement of Revenues and Expenditures for 2015. 2015 was a good year moneywise for the City. Revenues exceeded budget by \$369,000. You can go down and look through to see where it is, but the major areas, penalties and interests, was \$18,000 over. Court fees \$33,849.00 over budget. Joe has spoken about that previously. We had Administration fees that we did not budget. That was money from the Home Grant. We get \$1,840 per property that they do. We also had a sale of four (4) properties: The Industrial Park, and then 3 tax sale properties, Elizabeth Street, New York Avenue and North Second Avenue. That was \$132,000.

We also had some Grants. We are still getting a little money in on the Dock Grant that was almost \$40,000. There was also under Transportation Operating Assistance, a Grant for \$34,300 and we also got \$19,700 additional in CHIPS money, which repairs the highways. There is an expenditure side that matches that too.

Like I said, you can go through and see we were over in most categories.

On the expenditure side, we ended up being under budget by \$309,000. The majority of that total was due to the employees and police retirement. That was because New York State made an error last year in calculating the amount, so this year it was reduced. We saved almost \$38,000 in health insurance. Van insurance was almost \$37,000. We calculated a higher rate than what it came in at. We did have overages in areas. There are a lot of ins and outs making it difficult to pin point everything.

I do want you to know, as you are going to question it. It is code A6989. It is an order that says South Street Project. It should be the Train Station Rehab. I apologize. I did not catch that until I printed everything.

The water fund, believe it or not, actually came in as positive. Not by much, but it did come in positive by \$6,800. The sewer fund is to the plus at \$107,000. That was basically due again to the employees' retirement and we also had savings from an employee that retired and we did not replace.

So, when you have time and you want to go through and you have questions, you know where I am. You can email me or give me a call or Amanda Proper, my Deputy, can help you. That is all I have.

Mayor Baker: Before we go any farther, I want to thank Amanda and Jodie because they have done a great job in getting that office in order. I know it was in pretty bad shape when you went in and you spent a lot of time doing it, and I appreciate it, and I know the citizens appreciate it.

Also, because I forgot to mention it, but in 2008 there was a Grant that we applied for that had to do with signage in the City. The signs that say Welcome to Mechanicville and you are leaving Mechanicville. We never put it for our share back. I received an email from Hudson River Greenway asking us if we were ever going to use it. I called them up to say we already did. But thanks to Amanda and Gina, in the Building Department, they went up and went through all the records at DPW and we got about three quarters of the records we need to get our money back. We will be getting a refund of somewhere between \$3,500 and \$5,500. I appreciate the work done on this Amanda and Gina.

That is all I have. Commissioner Higgins?

**Commissioner Higgins:** We sent our water out for testing for PFOA, I believe it was on Monday. There is only one place, I guess, that can test it and it is in Florida. Results should be back in two weeks. When we find out, we will let you know. Also, on North Main Street near the bridge, they are replacing the sewer line. Hopefully, they will be done with that tomorrow. Then, they are going to set the steel on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month on the bridge on Francis Street. That's all I have.

**Mayor Baker:** I just want to add to his PFOA comment so everybody doesn't get panicked. We do not believe there is anything wrong with our water, but, I said to Dave, before we spend all this Grant money that we are trying to accumulate on the reservoir, let's make sure the water is okay before we do it. We are just double checking, that's all.

**Dave Hicks:** Did you get cultured water or take it right out of the reservoir?

**Mayor Baker:** I do not know. Dave took the samples.

**Commissioner Higgins:** No, it was not processed. I am pretty sure he got it right out of the reservoir.

**Dave Hicks:** Pretty sure?

**Mayor Baker:** It came before the chemicals, whether it was at the plant beforehand or at the reservoir, which I am not sure.

**Commissioner Higgins:** I am not sure where he got it.

**Dave Hicks:** So, we are not sure if it came out of the reservoir or someplace else.

**Commissioner Higgins:** Believe me, he knows what he is doing.

**Dave Hicks:** How many times have we heard that?

**Kimberly Connors Dunn:** This isn't something we normally do but we are testing the water because of all the water problems around us, who is doing the same?



**Mayor Baker:** Absolutely. It is not a test anybody was conducting anywhere and what happened at Hoosick Falls because that test was never taken, Dave and I decided to let's get it tested to make sure everything is okay. We want everyone to feel safe. We have great water. I know that, but, we are just low on our water and we are trying to fix that problem.

**Commissioner Hipwell?**

**Commissioner Hipwell:** on April 21<sup>st</sup>, NYSEG called my office. They are going to be using the Senior Center from 1:00 to 10:00. Something about a seminar. I did not get all the details. I am going to get more details. If anything to do with the public, I will let you know.

I stated a couple of months ago that South Main Street Playground is probably going to be worked on this month. I called the gentleman because where they get the stuff from it is closed down. That job will be done this year. I told them I have to have at least two weeks' notice so I can notify the rest of the Council and the people on South Main Street. Don't think someone is going to go in there with a bomb so they can start working on it.

**Commissioner Higgins:** What are they doing?

**Commissioner Hipwell:** They are doing the tennis court all over. I believe they are ripping it up and doing everything and it won't cost the City money because I got \$6,400 from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, myself and my Deputy went out to get donations, and on the phone we got other money all donated. People don't want me to tell how much they donated but I will tell you when it happens, who the people are that donated things to the playground. That's it.

**Mayor Baker:** Mr. Serbalik?

**Attorney Serbalik:** I would like an Executive Session on litigation.

**Commissioner Hipwell:** I did get a phone call today. I don't know what the answer is. Is there a restriction on open burns in the City? Does anybody know that?

**Mayor Baker:** As far as I know, we have a restriction in all of the County on open burns. I don't know if that has changed.

**Tom Mahoney:** We have a restriction until May 14. That's is what was put in the paper this week from Chief Alonzo.

Commissioner Hipwell: Thank you.

Mayor Baker: Anything else? Supervisor Richardson is not here, Chief Waldron is not here, nobody is here from the Fire Department, so, we are done with that. We will now move to Public Comment. Go up to the podium, identify yourself and you have five minutes. Hopefully, you will talk faster than usual. Go ahead Kim.

Kimberly Connors Dunn, 250 South Main Street: I want to express my disappointment about a Resolution that is on the table tonight: 30-16 which references Title V and Article 53 of the City Charter. The City Council has the power to set meeting dates and times.

So, here are my questions, although, I would like to read the whole thing before they are answered and I will repeat them, if need be.

Is this a Charter change? If so, why didn't we have a Public Hearing about this? We have had them for other Charter changes, why not this one? As a member of the public, I would certainly have appreciated giving you my input and hearing your reasons before you voted on it. I am going to state the obvious.

You were all elected by the public, that would be the registered voters of the City of Mechanicville, to work for the public. You have public meetings so that members of the public can attend and see firsthand what is happening.

Whether someone is a taxpayer or renter, what you all do or don't do, impacts everyone.

So, to only have one meeting per month is irresponsible, in my opinion. You can call special meetings, but in my personal experience, over the last three and a half years, that makes it difficult for the public, the people that you serve, to get the information to be able to attend special meetings and follow what is going on. Quite frankly, I have to wonder how much business would be conducted outside the public's view, should you only have one meeting a month.

Change can often be good, if it is for the right reasons. To change something just because you can, is foolish. As a taxpayer resident of the City, I would like to hear from each of you the reason you think this change is a good one and how it would be beneficial to the residents and taxpayers of this City. So, I hope each one of you are going to answer that question.

I also want to point out that our attention to policy and procedure is severely lacking. We do things one way this time and another way the next time. I would like to know what our vision is? Where we are going and how are we getting there? What's our plan? Because after coming to all of these meetings, then again I have expressed this many times, I don't come here because I don't have anything better to do, I come here because I actually care.

I want to know what is going on. I want the City to move forward and get better. But, we all have to be on the same team for that to happen. It certainly doesn't feel that way. I should kind of know what is going on if I don't miss meetings, which I obviously don't very often. So, for me to feel like I really have no clue on where we are going, is very troublesome.

Thank you. Now I would like to have each of your answer that question. I will repeat it, if needs to be repeated.

Mayor Baker: Anybody want to comment? I will go first. I don't think we should go to one meeting a month. We have a lot of projects going on, we have a lot of papers we need to accept and get signed and waiting for 4 or 5 weeks to have another meeting, that's too long.

Commissioner Duell: I also do not agree with going to one meeting a month.

Commissioner Higgins: I think we should. The second meeting is usually for five minutes.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: If I can respond to that. I don't think that is the point. The point is, once a month there are other places that have done it that I disagree with.

Commissioner Higgins: The school did it.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Yes, but that does not make it the right thing. I could do something and then you could do it. But just because I am wrong, does not make it that you should be wrong too. So, they did not do it when I was there. I disagreed with that. But, I don't have any say over that.

I give my opinion here because I have a great attention to detail but coming to these meetings, I have to tell you, is a lot of work on my part. I do a lot of research. My time spent on things, etc. I try to have my questions understandable when you go after certain things, because there is not time enough for everything. But, if we are going to do this, I really hope I am going to get at least ten minutes because it is going to be very hard to follow.

And, for people who don't come to meetings, and they read the Minutes, I think it is even more difficult. I think it is the wrong move. That is only my opinion. I don't get to vote on it. But, I am just letting you know how I feel about that. Thank you.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else up here want to comment?

Commissioner Gilheany: My reason is that we don't have that much going on. The last two meetings there have been two or three resolutions. So, time wise, for me, is my personal opinion.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Can I say one more thing in response to that. Although I get it that not every meeting has 27 things on it and I can understand that, but, you are working for the public.

So, I have to wait a month to come here and then have a laundry list of things that I can't possibly, no matter how fast I talk, get through. Or, I have to seek each one of you out. Which, that is time out of my schedule. Then, I have to hope that you will be in, hope that you are going to be receptive to me showing up on your doorstep 24/7, some of you are and some of you not so much.

Again, I think you work for the public and you need to remember that and really think about why you are trying to make a change. As I said, change because you can make a change, makes no sense.

Mayor Baker: Thanks, Kim.

Commissioner Hipwell: My comment is I think there should be one meeting a month. If we have anything important, we can always call a special meeting. That's my opinion. My door, and I think the rest of us, our doors are open 24/7. If you can't get hold of me, I have said it a thousand times, if you can't get a hold of me in my office, call me at my house. Call me. I don't have a problem talking with anybody. But, my opinion, I agree.

The last meeting we had was fifteen minutes for two things. I can't see it. If something is important, you can call for a special meeting.

Mayor Baker: Thanks, Tim. David?

David Hicks, 241 First Avenue: On this meeting once a month. There is a problem here. The Agenda at the moment only comes out like a day or so ahead of time so it is tough for us to even try to research or digest it where you have had an opportunity throughout the Board to have time the additional time. So, it is like trying to read a book and put a book report out in an hour. So, you want to go once a month, you can overwhelm everybody and nobody knows what is going on.

As far as it goes, this has always been two meetings a month. It is like an established thing. Nobody knows on this side what's going on that side until it is presented and the time factor when you present it is poor, because we can't react to it in the short period of time that you give it to us. You have had time to handle it with whatever time you had to bring it up to us. That's the biggest problem.

Number two. We can't report back on what happened previously. The questions I asked earlier this month, I have not received any answers. So, this is the second meeting. Two weeks have gone by and I still haven't received any answers on the first time. We can go on from there.

Now, on these things here beyond that, Resolution 32-16. It says for book cases, desk shipping in the Commissioner of accounts office. What did you buy that was not there before? I mean, why is there 2.8 thousand dollars that was spent on what you did not have and suddenly you needed all this equipment?

Commissioner Duell: The desks and equipment that was in there was dated from late 40's to early 50's. It was metal and chipping, the paint was falling off of it and you could not even get the drawers open.

Dave Hicks: Okay, but the State has stuff that you can get through when they have their auction.

Commissioner Duell: I did cross price all of that and for the quality of the furniture that was purchased, these items will last decades.

Dave Hicks: Still, I think it was an unnecessary expense for what could have been done otherwise.

Now on 33-16, you are taking on New York State employees' retirement and putting it in advertising and contracting services longevity?

Commissioner Gilheany: It is just moving money around in the budget.

Dave Hicks: Okay, but you are robbing Peter to pay Paul but what is Mary going to do?

Commissioner Gilheany: It is a budget, Dave. We are just covering the expenditure. Budget is one total amount. Some of Mary's went over and some had extra money.

Dave Hicks: Central processing and network. That's \$28,000. That was already done earlier this year.

Commissioner Gilheany: No, but I thought so too, to be honest with you.

Dave Hicks: Oh yes, because Commissioner Seber said that.

Commissioner Gilheany: We actually went and bought equipment for like \$23,000 but when that contract was voted on with Diagnostic Services for the five years, that was another \$21,000.

Dave Hicks: That wasn't put up ahead of time from the previous Clerk.

Commissioner Gilheany: Actually, you know for some reason, we did not realize that we did not get the invoice and it was dated November for the \$21,000 that was part of the contract, that came out in May. And, I did question it. I looked at the contract.

Dave Hicks: There are too many things with people falling asleep at the switch here.

Okay, we have other stuff going on here. Materials and supplies for the Fire Department. \$10,500 for materials and supplies that you are taking away from phones, etc. What did they need for \$10,500?

**Commissioner Gilheany:** I can't remember exactly what they purchased, but they had the money to do it. Again, it is just moving money around. They did not go over their budget, there is a Fire Department budget and there is a Fire Department building budget. They use the money that they had left to purchase these items.

**Mayor Baker:** As you know, OSHA requires a lot of things. I am pretty sure, if I remember right, Jodie, and I am not positive, it was buying equipment that OSHA required them to replace.

**Commissioner Gilheany:** Yes. There is also an issue with equipment and supplies because if an item is under \$500, I consider it a supply and not equipment. Equipment is something that you are going to insure. That is why I keep equipment code. An item has to cost at least \$500 because you are not going to the insurance company. They were putting in light bulbs. But, they did have the money to cover these items.

**Dave Hicks:** You are taking money out of social security and putting it in grants and administration. What is that all about?

**Commissioner Gilheany:** The grants administration went over budget because we hired them to write up the whole grant. So, I only took it out because it was right there. Again, it is just moving money around.

**Dave Hicks:** Is there going to be a lost where we are going to have to go back and put it back into social security?

**Commissioner Gilheany:** No. We took it out of social security budget. That doesn't mean that we owe social security. The budget numbers are all estimate on what we plan on spending. What we paid into social security was what we legally had to pay in. I estimate, just like salaries. You estimate over time. I might have come in lower, like the sewer fund. There was like \$40,000 for someone who retired but I estimated social security to include that.

**Dave Hicks:** Okay. But, my whole idea is, you take it out of one for that large amount of funds, and you are depleting that. Something else is going to have to come out of some other place to go back into that fund to build it back up?

**Commissioner Gilheany:** No.

Commissioner Duell: This is yearend. This is closeout. There is nothing else going back in. This is the 2015 budget, so there is nothing else. These are all yearend closeouts to bring the budget in line. Anything that was overspent in one line item is now brought up to being a zero balance and money that was not spent is moved to those line items to bring them up to a zero balance. That's all it is.

Commissioner Gilheany: If you look at the report that I gave you....

Dave Hicks: Don't forget, the answers are not on mine.

Mayor Baker: Yes they are.

Commissioner Higgins: Go to the County, they will not even answer you.

Dave Hicks: What is the scoop on the Esplanade?

Mayor Baker: I don't have a crystal ball and nobody has had one over the last eight years. We are hoping that it is going. The guys told me it is going. We will see what happens.

Dave Hicks: Okay. So, going back. Am I going to get the answers to my previous questions?

Mayor Baker: Probably not tonight. Thanks Dave. Next?

Tom Mahoney with THE EXPRESS: I have a couple of questions regarding the reservoir. What is the level now compared to what it should be?

Commissioner Higgins: It is going over the spillway.

Tom Mahoney: So, we are in good shape?

Commissioner Higgins: 12 inch splashboard on it.

Tom Mahoney: So, within the next few weeks we are not going to get much snow. And, we are probably not going to hook up to Saratoga County this year?

Mayor Baker: We are hoping this year.

Tom Mahoney: Maybe by the end of the summer?

Mayor Baker: Yes, we are hoping.



**Commissioner Higgins:** We are hoping to have the lower reservoir dredging done this fall.

**Mayor Baker:** Which also helps because that is more storage.

**Tom Mahoney:** Right, because the chances are we might have to have water rationing again this summer. Right?

**Mayor Baker:** We never know.

**Tom Mahoney:** Okay, that is all I need to know.

**Mayor Baker:** Okay. Thank you. Yes sir.

**Roger Jackson, 130 North Main Street:** As representative of the American Legion, I would like to know if you would reconsider reinstating the Memorial Day parade to recognize our veterans? We are losing them left and right.

**Tim Hipwell:** I checked with Jim Peluso and Joe Maiello. They are talking about it because we have a Veterans Committee going. Hopefully, we can do it but if we don't do it this year, definitely next year.

**Roger Jackson:** That is all I wanted to know to recognize our officers and our firemen.

**Mayor Baker:** Probably closer to next year because of all the construction, but we are looking at it.

**Roger Jackson:** Thank you.

**Mayor Baker:** Next?

**Kimberly Connors Dunn:** Although I don't need the answer right now, but Resolution 34-16, I hope it is going to be explained in detail, but I am not following it. So, when we get into voting on that, if you could explain if that is a change we are doing now?

One last comment. I said this before, but your job is open and transparent and receptive to what people are saying. You do not have to agree with me, you don't even have to like me, as I really don't care. But, you really need to start listening to what people are saying. All of you. Just because the school went down to one meeting, we are not the School, we are the City of Mechanicville. If the County doesn't listen to people, I could care less, that's their problem.

Do you have time to talk to us – no. But, why wouldn't you? Because if you do not, that's speaks to me that you have everything to hide and could care less what anyone in the City of Mechanicville has to say. So, I think you all need to think long and hard about that because I am getting very disappointed lately.

Mayor Baker: Thanks, Kim. Anybody else? Then, we will go to Resolutions.

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 29-16: SUPERVISOR RICHARDSON HAS ASKED US TO PUT THIS FORTH. SUPPORT OF FUNDING IN 2016-17 STATE BUDGET FOR HHR PARTNERSHIP.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Duell  
Seconded By: Commissioner Hipwell  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 30-16: CHANGE NUMBER OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS PER MONTH FROM 2 TO 1.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Higgins  
Seconded By: Commissioner Hipwell  
Roll Call: Mayor Baker No  
Commissioner Duell No  
Commissioner Gilheany Yes  
Commissioner Higgins Yes  
Commissioner Hipwell Yes

Mayor Baker: We will now have one meeting a month. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 1, 2016.

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 31-16: PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS:**

Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany  
Seconded By: Commissioner Higgins  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 32-16: BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany  
Seconded by: Commissioner Duell  
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 33-16: BUDGET TRANSFER FOR THE YEAR 2015.**

**Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany**  
**Seconded By: Mayor Baker**  
**Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 34-16: LOSAP CONTRACT WITH RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT.**

**Introduced By: Commissioner Duell**  
**Seconded By: Commissioner Higgins**  
**Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Commissioner Duell:** I would like to give a little explanation as to what this is. This was done back when this Program was first brought on ten years ago and the people who were in office at that time are no longer in office now. So, we needed to resign the contract changing the people who were authorized to handle anything with the account. We are just bringing it up-to-date. In doing that, we have also had to do a new Resolution.

**Mayor Baker:** New business? Old Business? No. Can I have a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session? I also want to announce that we will not be coming back into public session to take any action.

**Introduced By: Commissioner Duell**  
**Seconded By: Commissioner Gilheany**  
**Any objections? No**

**Mayor Baker:** Done. Thank you everybody.

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April, 2016  
Michelle L Duell  
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