

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held in the Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Sylvester - present
Comm. Seber - present
Comm. Chauvin - present
Comm. Higgins - present
Comm. Hipwell - present

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

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2011 be accepted as prepared.
Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said he got the results from Barton & Loguidice on the reservoir water. Said he would email a copy to the Council. One section had DDD in it. Said they are waiting for DEC to get back to them.

Comm. Seber asked if they were telling us if it's clear or clean.

Mayor Sylvester said they are waiting for the results. Had people from the Ellsworth Ceremony leave pins and buttons behind that day. Nick Izzo asked what to do with them and I told him to throw them away as I thought they were regular safety pins.

Comm. Seber said they called and wanted them back as they were buttons and pins they were going to issue to people. Said water and sewer bills are due by the 31st of the month. Said they got a \$360,000 bond at 3.44% from Greene County Bank and it will be available in our account at the end of the month. Said they will hold an executive session after the meeting as a possible legal situation on Route 67.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report.

Comm. Higgins said at the last meeting they were supposed to pave Saratoga Avenue earlier but now they will mill it on Wednesday and pave it on Friday.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report.

City Attorney Serbalik had nothing to report.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Howard Newman, Grand Street, said the Park Avenue Playground is not being locked up at 8:00 p.m. at night. Said sometimes its 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 or not at all. The kids stay in it until it's locked and make a lot of noise and it's hard to get the kids to sleep. Said it should be locked by 8:00.

Comm. Hipwell said he will check on that tomorrow.

Ed Kinowski, Supervisor of Stillwater, told the council he was grateful on how well his town and Mechanicville work so well with one another on many things. Said he will try to give them information on what's happening in his township. Said the Esplanade Project will have a great impact on them. A lot happened on Rt. 67, they are rezoning it. This will give the greatest benefit to all landowners up there; the land would be rezoned with no cost to anyone. Said utilities and water could benefit the city and hopefully so. Asked if he could go into executive session with them regarding Rt. 67, if not, he understood.

Mayor Sylvester said they need him here.

Comm. Seber asked if the zoning starts at the city line.

Supervisor Kinowski said right at the line to George Thompson Road.

Comm. Seber asked if it could be heavy industrial.

Supervisor Kinowski said their zoning is all industrial. Said everything that will be built requires a special use permit so they can have control on it. Their Planning Board makes those decisions. Said there will be a greater use of water.

Comm. Seber said they like that, especially in the water account. Asked if he had any idea when the bridge will be open on Saratoga Lake.

Supervisor Kinowski said at the end of the month and then it will be closed again at the end of June for a couple of weeks to put in a culvert. Invited them all to Family Day in Stillwater in June.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 41-11 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR A GRANT TO PURCHASE A NEW CITY BUS

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 42-11 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO NYSDOT AND FHWA FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FUND NEW SIDEWALKS, CURBING AND STREET TREES

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

Comm. Seber said this is an 80-20 match. Said the grant would be from North Main Street up Hill Street to Francis Street to Saratoga Avenue. Said they can use in-kind services to help with this and save money. Said they also have \$50,000 available so out of pocket expenses won't be much.

Mayor Sylvester said anytime we use our own equipment and work force, the cost is less.

Comm. Seber said we are just applying for this grant, it doesn't mean we will get it.

No old or new business.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting at 3:17 p.m. to go into executive session for a legal matter pertaining to water on Rt. 67 in Stillwater, seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Seber, moved that the executive session be closed at 3:55 to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 3:56 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.