

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizens Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2011. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said just a reminder there will be one meeting for the months of June, July and August which will be the first Wednesday of the month in the evening. Said he had a letter from Jason Perkins for the Mechanicville Indoor/Outdoor Track Team asking for a Tag Day, Sunday, June 5th, 2011 from 9 AM to 1 PM. They will abide by the rules of the road, and safety, and insurance obligations requested by the City of Mechanicville. Said he had another letter addressed to him and the council from Frank Fuschino stating he was retiring from DPW on May 31st, 2011 after 34 plus years of public service to the community. He wanted to thank everyone in the last couple of months that had helped him in the process leading to his retirement. Said he had an invitation from D.A Collins Company to see a demonstration highlighting an innovative dredging technology called Tornado Motion which uses the Eddy Pump. Said that is what they are interested in looking at for when they dredge our reservoir. Said they also have these massive bags that they put on the ground and you put some sludge and stuff in that and the water seeps out through something like a hose that's used for a garden. Said they will go up and take a look at that on June 16 or 17 at 10:00 a.m. Said they will have to get together to see which day they can do it and they can take the new bus they have. Also, he thanked Nicky Izzo for all his help with the Colonel Ellsworth ceremony that went very well. Said it probably would not have gone as well as it did without the help of Nicky who set up everything. Thanked him very much for that.

Comm. Seber said water and sewer collection ended yesterday. Said the collections were about the same this year as last year; they collected about 75% of the warrant water compared to 74% last year and 74% in sewer compared to 72% last year. Said water and sewer in the City is something that if they are not updated by January of next year they will be re-levied onto the tax bills next year so they will be paid in year or so. Said they will have an executive session on a possible litigation regarding the tax sale. Said Val went to court last week so they now can proceed to set a date for two properties that we will be foreclosing on. Said obviously they will still have an opportunity to pay their taxes. Said sometime in July or August they will have a tax sale. In addition, they will probably try to sell the old fire house on Saratoga Avenue and any other pieces of city property that we want to get rid of we will tack it on to that sale as well. Probably in late July or early August the sale will take place.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said Saratoga Avenue was paved last week and it came in about \$8,000 under the estimate. They did a nice job.

Mr. Hipwell said the City fire alarms will be shut down very shortly. The alarms will be moved from where they are located now to behind the Central Station. They will be out of service for one or two months.

City Attorney Serbalik had nothing to report at this time.

Chief Waldron said talked about Comm. Higgins and Ernie Drymiller finding a place to put a transmission into one of the police cars. Said it didn't cost as much as the last transmission and it was done in less than a week and the car is operating very well. Said another vehicle ended up only costing \$85.00 and is working phenomenal. Thanked the council for thinking out of the box by offering money if he needed it but he didn't need it at this time. Said they have been on a seatbelt enforcement campaign. Said as they know they get \$4,000 from New York State to put out a detail in which they have issued several tickets for seatbelts. Said they will be setting up several more details for seatbelt enforcement and one will be on South Street Hill heading up towards the school. Said they held a seatbelt check at the school itself and found that a majority of the kids that were driving had seatbelts but the parents didn't. Said this will run until June

5th. Said they will also have an aggressive driving detail for which they received \$3,000. Said probably the end of this week and all next week they will be setting up details up on Saratoga Avenue to slow people down. Said right now that's the biggest complaint, Saratoga Avenue. Said he wanted to congratulate Frank Fuschino on his retirement, 34 years is a long time. Frank has been an outstanding person to work with. He really enjoyed Frank and he's sorry he will be gone.

Supervisor Richardson had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment. Said anyone wishing to speak state their name and address.

Robert Murphy, Second Street said he had two questions. Asked if the meetings are covered by the media.

Mayor Sylvester said when they used to be in town they were; we don't have a newspaper in town. Said once in a while they come to the meetings.

Mr. Murphy asked why clean-up week has been stopped in the city.

Comm. Higgins said it's not stopped, they do it all the time now. Said all they have to do is call the garage and they will come and get it. Said his theory is that people were coming around picking up all the metal, now they are taking the metal for scrap and getting money back for it. Said the city looks better without all of the junk all over the streets.

Mr. Murphy asked about the use of water for the summer. Said last year there was no water for use for people to use outside. Wanted to know what they have done so it doesn't happen again this summer.

Comm. Higgins said they have to dredge and have a soil test from DEC. Said right now we have quite a bit of water but don't know how it will be for the summer.

Mr. Murphy asked if the city would be supplying water for the project going in at the old mill area on North Main Street. Said he doesn't think there will be enough water in Mechanicville for the project too. Asked if they will have a contract with them.

Mayor Sylvester said right now they are entitled to Mechanicville water. Said they don't get into a contract with them, they buy it just you like you buy it at your own home.

More discussion was held on water and discussion of going onto Saratoga County System.

Mimi Izzo asked how long does it take DEC to get back to us.

Comm. Seber said they took samples on the ice, it's been about six months.

Mayor Sylvester said he can't complain about the DEC, they have been very good to us.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 44-11 PAYROLL & VOUCHERS

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

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion at 7:25 to close the regular meeting to go into executive session, seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester, moved that the executive session be closed at 8:10 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.