

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, July 6, 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. Higgins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester said they just received a \$99,000 Revolving Loan that will be open to small businesses. Said they haven't figured out the interest yet, it will be very low interest or no interest. This is for people in small businesses to buy equipment for people who do construction work inside their businesses. As they pay the money back, the money will always stay with the city and they will be able to re-loan the money to other businesses. If they get it all out at once, they will be eligible to ask for more.

Comm. Seber said he had nothing except you want an executive session for police negotiation.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Hipwell said they have a grant on another new bus yesterday for the city, for the seniors. Said last month he reported that the fire alarm system would be down a couple of months but its back in service already. Chief John Dunn and the power company did an outstanding job. Wanted everyone to know they caught a fox up on 8th Street last week. They could have rabies so if you see small kids out there, be extra careful.

Chief Waldron said they are keeping their vehicles together with band aids, stretching them out. Today they had a transmission done on Unit 8 by Ernie and Unit 9.....was replaced. Said they are ready for Family Day, it should be rather a safe event. Said Spring Street will be shut down and only dignitaries or people that reside there or handicapped will be allowed there.

Mayor Sylvester said as far as the firecracker race goes, because of lack of volunteers is the reason it's not going on. It's nothing the city decided not to do, we don't run that program.

Supervisor Richardson had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Supervisor said Don Fletcher of Barton & Loguidice on our reservoir.

Mr. Fletcher said on the status of the reservoir they did a shared services study which is an option. Said they next step as they are looking at dredging is a sediment

analysis where they take samples out and test it. They did the first round of testing and talked to DEC about that. Talked about their plans and said that DEC agreed to the plan. Said that's where they are at with the reservoir. Said there is potential technology to be looked at. Said they are looking to evaluate the dam. Said in talking to DEC it doesn't look like it will hold up the reservoir dredging.

Comm. Seber said much of the work in the resolution we're doing tonight has been completed. Said a portion of this, this resolution doesn't deal with the direction the council wants to go with. Said basically this work is completed or nearly completed.

Mr. Fletcher said it was and the remaining work will be field work.

Comm. Seber asked for a sense of what this project will cost because they need to bond it.

Mr. Fletcher said he thinks it will be the end of September, early October where they will have an idea of estimates for bonding purposes.

Mayor Sylvester said a few weeks ago he read in the paper that we are not doing anything with the dam. Said they have been working on this since that last meeting we had a public hearing. Said they will be meeting with Saratoga County. Said they looked at dredging up at Ft. Ann. Said one of the techniques is this big bag that is 50 ft. long by 30 ft. wide that goes to 6 ft. high as you pump the water into it and the water comes out and the sediment stays in. Said that big bag was \$2,500 and non-reusable. They figured they would use about \$3,000,000 worth of bags before they could start there so they are looking for a different way without bags. So they have been working on this.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2011 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting for public comment.

Dennis Baker, Broadway, about a year ago I asked maybe if you would investigate moving the monument from North Main Street to where they had ripped down the building that was Tancredi's on Elizabeth Street. Said he doesn't know if anyone has looked into that, he thinks it's a great possibility of getting everything off of the main street, in the same area and give the veteran's a park of their own. Said also people use that as a parking lot for abandoned cars which could be avoided by doing this.

Mayor Sylvester said the problem is that kids could vandalize it.

Mr. Baker said he also had asked about the letters that had gone out from the building inspector to nonresident owners of property here.

Mayor Sylvester said anyone that is 30 miles outside of the city they have to have somebody who is a representative for them to contact them about keeping up their buildings.

Mr. Baker said a lot of people are doing a great job with their property and he just wanted to make sure that we're following up with absentee landlords that don't seem to care what their property looks like.

Mayor Sylvester said John gets out there and checks on them.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 45-11 CITY OF MECHANICVILLE REAFFIRMS THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2000 AS THE OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY UNTIL A NEW PLAN IS PREPARED

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

Comm. Seber said they reason they are doing this is because they are applying for another grant and they require a comprehensive plan. Said we don't have one since 2000 so they are just reaffirming it to bring it into compliance.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 46-11 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, P.C. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,000 TO INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL TO REMOVE THE SEDIMENT IN THE EXISTING CITY WATER RESERVOIR

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 47-11 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, P.C. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 TO INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL TO REMOVE THE SEDIMENT IN THE EXISTING CITY WATER RESERVOIR

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 48-11 PAYROLL AND 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 to close the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss the upcoming police contract at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester, moved that the executive session be closed to reopen the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Seber, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.