

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, September 7, 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. Seber led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes from the regular meeting of August 3, 2011 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said he got a petition from Paul Vlachos of 49 Saratoga Avenue recommending assistance for the elderly and disabled residents during emergency snow removal who are unable to dig their cars or trucks out will be assisted by the DPW to avoid them being ticketed and towed. Said a registry list with the names and addresses of these residents will be put in place to avoid misuse and the owner of the vehicle has to be present to receive the help. Said by signing below you agree to have this legislation adopted. Said there are signatures below but if they do it for one, they have to do it for everyone and they don't have the manpower. Said it's out there if you want to think it over.

Comm. Seber said water meters will be read October 1st and the bills will go out. Said on the 11th of August they scheduled a tax sale and at the last meeting there were two properties that they thought might go for foreclosure but both properties paid their taxes before the tax sale so there were no foreclosures at the tax sale. However, they did sell the old fire house on Saratoga Avenue for \$20,000 at the auction so it will get back on the tax roll so there's a resolution tonight accepting that. Beginning next week the city will have a small business loan program of \$99,999.00 the city received. It will be a loan program with zero interest. Small businesses under 50 employees can borrow a minimum of \$2,000.00, a maximum of \$10,000.00. Said it's a payment plan from \$2,000 to \$4,999 is over a three year period and \$5,000 to \$10,000 is a five year payback period. Said they will be announcing that next week and hopefully will help some of the small businesses out that may have problems getting funding through regular sources.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said the samples were taken at the reservoir last week so they are testing those. Said on Monday the Army Corp of Engineers inspected the dam to make sure it was okay.

Comm. Seber asked if they got a result.

Comm. Higgins said no, they just wanted to make sure it was okay because of the storm. They just looked at it.

Comm. Hipwell said on the 20th of August Irene came through the city and the fire department and police department did an outstanding job. The fire department had a lot of pump outs and trees falling. He wanted to thank them with the rest of the city council. Said two days after the fire department got a call from Waterford to help the people down there. Said also along this, they got a second fox down on South Main Street, those results on rabies came back negative on both of them. Wanted to thank Police Officer John LeClaire for helping him out on that one. Said they ordered another new bus from the state. Said it will be three to four months before it gets here. Said on November 22nd from 1 to 3 will be flu shots at the Senior Citizens.

City Attorney Serbalik had nothing to report at this time.

Chief Waldron gave his report on department stats through September (see attached). Talked about having to get new radios for the police cars. Said Dave Higgins and Ernie found a place to put a transmission in a car and the car is running smooth. Said this is the second one replaced on this car. Talked about needing new cars but doesn't have money in his budget. Needs about \$25,000 to get the vehicle. Said if he can't find it, they won't buy it. Said on September 11th they will have the 711 Ceremony at the Elks Club at 2:00 p.m. for the 10th year Anniversary. Said no one will ever forget the sacrifices made that day by first responders.

Mayor Sylvester asked if they had money for the department.

Comm. Chauvin said they will find it if they have to.

Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting up to public comment.

Jack Messoro asked if it was an acceptable practice to repair public vehicles with DPW.

Comm. Higgins said she had a flat tire and she had surgery last week. Said he would do it again. She just had hip surgery and she had a flat so he had Ernie plug it.

Nick Izzo asked when people running for election can put their signs out.

Comm. Seber said 35 days before the election.

Chris Sgambati wanted to thank the Mayor for the article in the Express on the update of the water situation. Said he's glad to see that you are looking at the situation. Said 6 months ago they had a group look at the problem and they came up with the fact that there was silt going into the reservoir. Said he doesn't remember them having any solutions for taking that out. Doesn't know if anyone has, but he imagines they have, taken a ride up Devoe Road all the way up Cold Springs Road, all the way up to the lake,

what used to be just a plan rode is now something like a super highway, believe him it's a highway.

Mayor Sylvester said Cold Springs is all repaved now.

Mr. Sgambati said its paved just like a regular highway is and you can see where it's dug on each side of the road, all the way down to Saw Mill River Hill. His belief is that what they are doing up there is part of our problem, it's not all of our problem. He thinks the City Council should look at the fact that if that is part of the problem or most of the problem that they should help pay for any problems that we have cleaning it up. Said he thinks that is what the problem is, if it isn't, he will gladly apologize if they can convince him that that is not part of the problem. Said we're talking about millions of dollars from the people that caused the problem.

Mrs. Izzo asked if it would be feasible to put something in the water bills for people who are wondering what's going on with water, the reservoir and everything that is happening up there.

Mayor Sylvester said they can put anything in the water bills, in fact, in last year's water bill they put the announcement for the meeting they had last October about the water. Said they can put something in it if the council wants to, he has no problem with that.

Mrs. Izzo said she thinks that people would appreciate that.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 58-11 APPOINTING MARY-LOUISE CEBULA TO
THE POSITION OF DESK OFFICER IN THE
MECHANICVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Comm. Seber said it's not a mystery, if we had had two meetings in the summer, they would have appointed her before this but because they didn't, they moved it to today but she was actually put on the payroll full time on August 17th.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 59-11 ACCEPTING THE BID OF \$20,000 FROM
WILLIAM CONNORS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 38
SARATOGA AVENUE AND THE CITY WILL CONVEY A
QUITCLAIM DEED

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 60-11 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the meeting be
adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.