

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
June 12, 2019
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York on Wednesday June 12, 2019

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Present
	Commissioner Dunn	Present
	Commissioner Gilheany	Present
	Commissioner Gotti	Arrived Late
	Commissioner McGuire	Present

Mayor Baker: Called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
David Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to accept the May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Commissioner Dunn Seconded by: Mayor Baker

Roll Call: AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
 Abstain: 2 Commissioner Gilheany & Commissioner McGuire

Commissioner Reports:

Mayor Baker stated that the City was notified by the Senate and the Assembly that they have assigned a number and passed the bill that will allow them to hire an attorney from outside Mechanicville, but within Saratoga County. He went on to say that it was originally requested that it be within the adjoining counties but it was dropped from the resolution at the State so the City is limited to hire within Saratoga County. Mayor Baker stated that the City has received several complaints in reference to the City owned building located at 237 South Main Street which the City has tried to sell in auction. He stated he wanted to inform the public that they are looking into it and Commissioner Gotti will be controlling the issues that are present but it won't be easy. He went on to say that in the end the building will probably have to be taken down in order to sell the property. He added no decision has been made he just wanted to make everyone aware of what was going on. Mayor Baker added that on Saturday June 15, 2019 the Elks Lodge will be having their Flag Day Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. and he encouraged people to attend. Mayor Baker stated the City received a home improvement grant for lower income residents. He added if anyone was interested in applying for the grant to call his office and speak with Gina and there will be an application on the City's webpage.

Commissioner Dunn had nothing to report.

Commissioner Gilheany stated her office received their new software and they are working out the kinks. Commissioner Gilheany addressed resolution 53-19 regarding the legal expenses for the Mayor. She went on to say they received an invoice from the Mayor's Attorney which said they are obligated to pay under article 18 and she stated they checked with a NYCOM attorney who stated that Article 18 had to be adopted by the City Council in order for them to be responsible for the invoice and she added they never did. Commissioner Gilheany stated they will not pay it. She went on to say there are items on resolution 53-19 that she finds are false. Commissioner Gilheany stated the resolution states "the City Council declined to explain the basis of said investigation" and she stated that if you read the minutes of the meetings it was explained there were some serious allegations and felt it was a necessity to hire an outside investigator. Commissioner Gilheany stated the Council passed a resolution which states the legal authority to conduct the investigation. She went on to say the resolution states the Mayor had an interview with the investigator and failed to find any misconduct and she asked the Mayor if he received anything in writing because she stated no one else on the Council did.

Mayor Baker stated there were papers in which he signed off on. He added she should be concerned that she hasn't received the report from which she paid \$5,000 to get and he is not sure why she is not.

Commissioner Gilheany stated she has been in contact with him. She referred back to the resolution which read the "Mayor as head of government" and corrected that by saying they are City Council form of government and the Mayor is not the head and they all have equal say. Commissioner Gilheany stated the first invoice received was for \$6500 and then after asking for more detail it was still \$6500 but when she asked for even more detail it went to \$7500 but the resolution is requesting "Payment up to \$10,000".

Mayor Baker stated it could be more because they are continuing.

Commissioner Gilheany asked what they are continuing; she stated she is not paying him.

Commissioner McGuire stated they bought a 2014 Town and County van to use in addition to the City bus for when they have more people than the bus can hold. She went on to say there are no special requirements from DMV to drive and she, Alyssa, Kim or anyone else within City Hall could drive it. She went on to say the van cools off more quickly than the bus so Debbie will probably use it for church on Saturdays. Commissioner McGuire went on to commend her bus driver Debbie for being such a caring individual and taking them time to learn about her riders. She went on to say that Debbie has a particular rider that calls her every Saturday at 11:00 to let her know if she will be going to church or not and on a particular Saturday she did not call so Debbie went to her house and realized her paper was still in the door and contacted someone who had access to her riders children and alerted them and the MPD. She went on to say the MPD got in the house and the rider was sick and had fallen in the bathroom. Commissioner McGuire stated that if Debbie was not such a caring person and pursued this issue this woman may have died. Commissioner McGuire stated she also has a problem with the Mayor's resolution. She stated the first paragraph alludes to "allegations of misconduct" and she went on to say the resolution did not say anything about misconduct it said it was a complaint. She added Dennis's attorney sent a bill with an exact amount and she is not sure

why this resolution does not say what the exact amount is. She stated it is over and she is not sure why we have to give him the right to spend up to \$10,000. Commissioner McGuire stated that paragraph three (3) states “the City Council declined to explain the basis for the said investigation” but she stated that the City Attorney had no concern with the wording of that resolution and she went on to say it may be insinuating but the former City Attorney let a resolution go through without explanation. She went on to say it states “they failed to find any misconduct”, and added there was no findings of misconduct because an agreement was reached before any findings could be had and if the situation had gone on and they didn’t reach an agreement they don’t know what could have been found. She added there is no way to find out what could have been because an agreement was reached. Commissioner McGuire stated the resolution states he is “head of government” which everyone knows is not true. She added it is basically stating that Val (former City Attorney) was not competent. She went on to say as far as she knows Jim Walsh’s expertise is in election law. She went on to say the Dennis never put a resolution in to hire Jim Walsh and therefore never had an opportunity to state he had a conflict with our Attorney. She went on to say that if they never passed a resolution to hire him how they could pass a resolution to pay him. Commissioner McGuire asked Mayor Baker if he signed a contract with Jim Walsh.

Mayor Baker stated he believes he did.

Commissioner McGuire asked if he paid a retainer.

Mayor Baker stated he did not.

Commissioner McGuire stated she would be interested in seeing the contract because if he doesn’t have a contract and didn’t pay a retainer payment how could he have a legally binded agreement.

Mayor Baker stated you could have a contract without a retainer if the people trust you and added there is a lot of mistrust.

Commissioner McGuire stated they were never shown a contract.

Commissioner Gotti stated they just finished cleaning _____ at the water plant and completed an inspection which went very well with only a few minor issues reported. He added they completed smoke testing on the sanitary sewer in which they received good feedback; he stated they did find a few leaks and problems which they were able to address. Commissioner Gotti added the MPD found a sink hole on Third Avenue that turned out to be a _____ into the sewer pipe which needed to be corrected. He went on to say that he has received phone calls and emails regarding turning First Street into a one-way street. He added he looked into it last year and there is a process involved with it and he would like to open it up to the public to get feedback on it. He added that whatever they decide needs to be made into a law so that law enforcement can actually enforce it.

Commissioner Dunn stated that when this came up last year someone found in the charter that it was a one way street.

Commissioner Gotti stated it was and he hasn't been able to put his hands on if it was changed. He added if it was already established that way he wants to look how it was changed and see if it could be reversed and if it wasn't supposed to be change he wants to see how it was.

Commissioner McGuire asked if there is no documentation that it was ever changed to a one-way why can't they put up a sign and leave it a one way.

Commissioner Gotti stated he wants to know how it got changed to a two-way.

Mayor Baker stated that according to a Council Member from the past and a resident from First Street they did pass it at a meeting and they did make it one-way and shortly thereafter the Council changed it back again. He added he is not sure if anyone has done any research on it.

Commissioner Dunn stated there is something in the charter about it being a one-way street.

Commissioner McGuire stated it needed to be pre 1965 since she lived on Second Street and her back yard went to First Street and it was never a one-way when she grew up.

Acting Chief Bill Rabbitt gave his monthly report which is attached to the minutes.

Public Comment:

Nick Rinaldi of 113 Viall Avenue stated he was impressed with the flags entering and exiting the City and commended Commissioner Gotti's department for putting them up. He went on to ask if a Commissioner can't attend a meeting can their deputy go to the meeting and speak for them.

Commissioner Dunn stated that would be up to the Commissioner.

Nick Rinaldi stated that if the deputies were able to come and vote it would prevent a stand still.

Commissioner Gilheany stated if there is something important or urgent she would send he deputy.

Nick Rinaldi asked why public comments aren't at the end of the meeting as opposed to the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Gilheany asked if that was in the Roberts Rules of Order.

Mayor Baker stated no it is just the way it has always been done and that is what they continued to follow. He added it is something they can look into.

Nick Rinaldi stated he is confused with the investigation that occurred over a year ago. He stated he is a union person, he is confused as to why the PBA lawyer didn't handle this opposed to hiring an outside lawyer.

Commissioner Gilheany stated it was an investigator that was hired.

Nick Rinaldi stated he is sure the union would have investigated it. He went on to ask why he is paying for it when union dues are paid for things like this. He went on to say the City is paying money they don't have and he is confused as to why.

Commissioner Gilheany stated she is also confused as to how it all went down.

Nick Rinaldi commended Acting Chief Rabbit for inviting the public to go to him whenever they have a problem.

Annemarie Erno of 35 Mulberry Street stated she lives at the dead end side of Mulberry Street and complained that it looks like a jungle down there. She went on to say she realizes it is not Commissioner Gotti's fault but it is railroad property. She stated the railroad pulled everything out and threw it over the fence. Annemarie asked why the City doesn't hire more man power for the DPW department and stated there isn't enough help to take care of half the City. Annemarie Erno requested a light with an arrow to pull into Price Chopper.

Commissioner McGuire stated that if the Esplanade went in with 247 apartments what a mess that would have been.

Annemarie Erno stated there is an arrow going across Hemstreet Park Bridge.

Mayor Baker stated there are certain lights you can put an arrow on and others you can't but he will look into it and see if one can be added. He added that when the Esplanade was going in they were going to add a new traffic light and turning lane but he agrees with Commissioner McGuire that it would have been a problem.

Annemarie Erno asked why Mechanicville is a City verse a Town or Village she can't understand why the residents are paying City taxes as opposed to Town or Village taxes.

Mayor Baker stated it may be able to through a vote by the city and a resolution but he did state that he owns property in a Town and the taxes are higher than here so it won't make the taxes any cheaper.

Commissioner Dunn asked who decides on adding an arrow.

Mayor Baker stated he would have Commissioner Gotti check with the State. Mayor Baker asked Commissioner Gotti is the State help with that particular light.

Commissioner Gotti stated they do and they don't.

Mayor Baker stated he realizes they won't fix it or pay for it but can they tell us if we can add an arrow.

Commissioner Gotti stated he would have to call and find that out.

Brenda Bull of 231 First Avenue stated she appreciates what the Council does but is looking for a timeline as to how long determining if First Avenue is a one-way or not will take.

Commissioner Gotti stated he is looking into but there is a process involved and he is looking into a time frame to see if and when it was a one-way street.

Brenda Bull stated it is listed on the City Code as a one-way street.

Commissioner Gotti stated there is a section in the charter that lists all of the City streets which he referred to, and went on to say that he will further be researching the issue. He stated it is still on his radar just haven't succeeded in accomplishing the task yet. He went on to say he can't find where the transition occurred from a one-way to a two-way.

Brenda Bull asked if there was anything to do to help him.

Commissioner McGuire stated she could ask her neighbor who is 86 and still lives there and has lived there since she was a child and may have information. He went on to say that he would like to contact the businesses that will be affected by this.

Paul Bull of 231 First Avenue stated that if the street is going north bound it exposes the sidewalks for the kids that are playing.

Commissioner Gotti stated he believes the lane of traffic should stay on the Cumberland Farms side of the street.

Paul Bull stated he has had a lot of damage to his vehicles parked on the road. He went on to say another concern that he has is that before it was built the residents were told there would be no deliveries between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. but that is not the case. He went on to say the tractor trailers are left idling.

Commissioner Gotti asked Acting Chief Rabbitt if there was an idle law.

Acting Chief Rabbitt stated he believes there is one but does not recall it offhand.

Paul Bull stated the deliveries are occurring in the middle of the night at all hours and they are leaving the trucks idling.

Commissioner Gotti stated he was not aware of that occurring but would speak to them about it.

Commissioner McGuire asked if there was anything in writing about what time the deliveries were allowed.

Paul Bull stated he wasn't sure if it was in writing but he does know it was discussed at the meeting.

Mayor Baker asked Gina to look at the meeting minutes from the ZBA meeting to see what they could find and would go speak with Cumberland Farms.

Paul Bull also stated they spoke about having a line of trees acting as a barrier for sound but as of right now there are about four (4) sticks that stick out.

Commissioner Gotti stated he will look into it because if they have not met the requirements we need to handle that.

Mayor Baker stated we will pull the minutes, look at it, and will talk to them if there are any violations.

Roger Shufelt of 233 First Avenue stated he has an issue with where Spring Street and First Street meet, he added Spring Street has no stop sign and First Avenue has two (2). He went on to say that people are parking so close to the corners that when you are traveling down Park Avenue you can't see the stop sign. He added there is a trailer that always parks there that blocks the sign.

Commissioner Gotti stated he knows exactly what he is talking about and he spoke to the owner of the trailer and stated with the trailer being parked there it is forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. He added he would be sitting down with Acting Chief Rabbitt about the situation and come up with a solution.

Roger Shufelt asked if it was against the law for traffic to come down Central Avenue and cut through Cumberland Farms onto First Avenue. He went on to say between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. there are ten (10) to fifteen (15) cars that constantly do it. He stated they fly through there and rarely stop coming onto First Avenue and is afraid someone is going to get hit by a car.

Mayor Baker stated it was against the law and the Chief would look into it.

David Hicks of 241 First Avenue stated that when he first bought his house he spoke with elderly residents on the street and they stated it was voted on that First Avenue would be a one-way street but it was never enforced. David stated he has been recommending meter consolidation which has not been done and he has projected a saving of \$15,000 over ten (10) years. He added he also recommended an energy audit which has also not been done which he feels is in disregard of the taxpayers. He went on to say the taxes keep rising and no one has any concern over the taxpayer and the rates. David Hicks stated holes in certain areas have been patched but there are others that have not been and they are growing. He went on to ask about replacing the water main on First Avenue which was voted on a year ago.

Mayor Baker asked what he meant by replacing a water main.

David Hicks stated it wasn't big enough to supply the fire hydrants.

Mayor Baker stated he was not familiar with that.

David Hicks stated he would dig into that more.

Commissioner Gotti stated he is getting money to upgrade water lines and he could target that area but he isn't familiar with what he is talking about.

David Hicks stated he thinks the title of Animal Control Officer needs to be changed to Dog Warden because the title is misleading to people. He went on to say something needs to be done about the removal of vermin within the City. He stated he spoke with Commissioner McGuire and she stated there isn't anything they could do about cats and he feels there has to be something they could do to protect the citizens. David asked what is going on with the DPW land that was sold and what is going on with the Esplanade.

Mayor Baker stated the Esplanade is on hold and not sure what is going on and the DPW property is up for sale and he said there is possible one part sold.

David Hicks stated there is an incorrect amount of money listed on resolution 52-19.

Gina Kenyon stated that she was aware and corrected it.

Mark Seber of 45 Hulin Street stated at the last meeting Commissioner Dunn spoke about tax collection in her office and she sent notices of reminders out to tax payers and it was the first time that it had occurred.

Commissioner Dunn stated that was not what she said and what she said was that this year 2019 letters were sent and they looked back to see if past years were also owed and that information was passed on which hadn't been done in the past.

Mark Seber stated letters were always sent out in April to residents regarding non-payment of that particular year's tax and for the years he was there if there were any outliers and send them a personal letter. He went on to say what he thought he heard and what he read in the Express was that letters were not sent.

Commissioner Dunn stated that was not what was said.

Mark Seber asked what is being done with the 2014, 2015, and 2016 taxes, and if there was any foreclosure process going on. He went on to say when he was in office in 2017 himself and the City Attorney began the process for 2014 back taxes and he hasn't seen anything and asked if anything has been done.

Commissioner Dunn stated she into a blank desk with no instructions and her predecessor was given a nice document from the previous City Attorney that she wasn't given.

Mark Seber stated she may have not known all the details but he spent many hours with her.

Commissioner Dunn stated he did not.

Mark Seber stated they spent many hours (maybe not going over the tax part of it).

Commissioner Dunn stated they met at a couple of meetings with the insurance companies and that is all they did.

Beth DiCerce of 102 Saratoga Avenue asked about the status of the property located at 96 Saratoga Avenue.

Mayor Baker stated that is the same situation as the property at South Main Street and they are looking into the fact that they may be able to sell the property without auction.

Commissioner Gotti stated he just brought a gentleman over there who is interested in purchasing the property.

Beth DiCerce asked if that was through legal notices or something you were just doing privately.

Commissioner Gotti stated the gentleman showed up at the Code Enforcement and asked if the property was up for sale and he was interested in purchasing it.

Beth DiCerce asked if they are still investigating how that sale has to work legally.

Commissioner Gilheany stated it went out for bid a couple of times and no one bid on it so they are looking to see if they can legally sell it.

Commissioner Dunn stated she sent out the auction notice to twenty (20) or thirty (30) realtors, she went on to say she had people call her office and ask if they could make an offer but she informed them it needed to be done via auction. Commissioner Dunn stated that although people called they don't seem to be interested in the auction.

Beth DiCerce asked if it would be announced before hand if someone is interested.

Mayor Baker stated it would need to be announced before hand in case someone else is interested in it.

Commissioner Gotti stated the gentleman is very interested in purchasing the property.

Beth DiCerce asked if the Code Enforcement Officer has given any report on the condition and if it was a demo.

Commissioner Gotti stated he did not make that assessment yet but he did he did request that it be cleaned up and boarded up so there is no entry. He has not heard any information leading to believe that it needs to be demoed or needing to come down.

Mayor Baker added that he does know that the Code Enforcement Officer did say the main beam was cut out of the South Main Street house so that property would need to come down.

Beth DiCerce asked what will be done in the meantime with the Saratoga Avenue property.

Mayor Baker stated it is boarded up and they are going to try and sell it.

Beth DiCerce asked if they are responsible to maintain the weeds and such.

Mayor Baker stated DPW would maintain it.

Tom Mahoney of The Express asked if there were any competitive bids on resolution 52-19.

Mayor Baker stated there were not.

Tom Mahoney asked if there was anyone else that does what they do.

Commissioner Gilheany stated that on behalf of the Clifton Park Halfmoon EMS that had not had an increase in five (5) years.

Tom Mahoney asked about Malta.

Commissioner Gilheany stated that this contract ran out in December.

Tom Mahoney asked about resolution 53-19 and stated in paragraph four (4) stated an investigation was conduct and failed to find any misconduct and stated that since he has not filed a report evidently he did not find any misconduct. He went on to ask if they are ever going to get a report.

Commissioner Gilheany stated they would and the person who did the investigation does not live around here and she was in contact with him.

Tom Mahoney said he would presume she has been in contact with him prior.

Commissioner Gilheany stated she is hoping to meet with him at the end of this month.

Tom Mahoney stated he thought in the world of email they would have a response and added there are rumors out there that no one would submit under oath because he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Gilheany stated that was not true.

Tom Mahoney stated it has been over a year and \$10,000 down the drain.

Commissioner Gilheany stated she did get a draft but was told not to discuss it until they met and finalized it.

Tom Mahoney asked if a Council member is investigated by an investigator that the rest of the Council hires he/she has no right to Council.

Commissioner Gilheany stated he had a right to Council, Val (former City Attorney) could have done it and also stated he was not being sued and charges were not being brought against him.

Mayor Baker stated Val (former City Attorney) could not do it because the rest of the City Council was involved in it.

Tom Mahoney stated Val (former City Attorney) could not do it because it would have been a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Gilheany stated if he was being sued or charges pressed against him the insurance company would have provided an attorney.

Tom Mahoney stated it is open season on any Council member if the other Council members want to gang up on them with an investigation.

Commissioner Gilheany stated they did not chose to gang up on him and there was a complaint filed.

Tom Mahoney stated the motives were pure but the next time someone else's may not be so pure. Tom went on to say any Council member could be investigated and they will save no say.

Commissioner Gilheany stated if they didn't do anything wrong then there is no just basis for the allegations.

Commissioner McGuire stated there needs to be a resolution to hire someone.

Tom Mahoney stated you could run someone into bankruptcy hoisting lawyers and investigations.

Commissioner Gilheany stated she could understand him having an attorney to go to the interview and have representation but his attorney did not need to come to meetings and ask questions he knew he could not get answers to. She went on to say that when he was being questioned he should have legal representation. Commissioner Gilheany stated it was not the Mayor being investigated it was the complaints that were being investigated.

Tom Mahoney stated it could have been called a grievance.

Commissioner Gilheany stated they would not have been involved.

Tom Mahoney stated but the City chose to spend \$10,000 instead.

Gene Vermilyea asked how many members of the City Council are attorneys.

Mayor Baker stated none of them are.

Gene Vermilyea stated he was wondering why they were answering legal questions. Mr. went on to say they need to pass a resolution to get the speaker system fixed as it is quite difficult for the public to hear and has been going on for years. He went to say that there is a lot of back and forth talking that they public can't hear. Mr. Vermilyea stated he thinks the whole discussion of if he didn't do anything wrong he shouldn't be worried is a disgrace.

Marylou Anatriello asked for her five (5) minute time limit not to start so she could say something positive about her neighbor.

Commissioner McGuire stated her time started.

Marylou Anatriello went on to say that her neighbor passed away earlier in the day and wanted to commend the gentleman for making a difference on his property. She went on to say the microphones that are being used are not adequate and they can be replaced someone just needs the desire to do it. Mrs. Anatriello went on to say the Council is up there representing the City and have been voted in to office and promised to do certain things and they are there to represent the people and all they ask is that they hear them. Mrs. Anatriello stated she is very proud of Jim Herkel (Building/Code Enforcement Officer) who is trying to make a difference in the community. She went on to say that the people of Mechanicville desire a good quality of life and should be able to live in community that they are proud of. Mrs. Anatriello stated codes are made to be enforced and they should be enforced. She stated that First Street was a one-way and there were signs on Park Avenue and stated it changed because people in Mechanicville whether they are a citizen or a Commissioner they do what they want to do.

Fred Hosley of 36 Newman Avenue asked how many years it takes for a house to be reverted back to the City that is vacant and bank-owned.

Mayor Baker stated it will never revert to the City unless the taxes are not paid.

Fred Hosley asked if they are just allowed to let this property sit there and do nothing with it.

Commissioner Gotti stated they are supposed to be maintaining it.

Fred Hosley stated they do ok with the mowing but it still gets very high and the bushes are out of control. He added there are raccoons that live there.

Mayor Baker stated Schenectady adopted a program to take care of properties like he is describing and force the banks to do things but it wasn't working like they thought it would but he would research that issue. He added as long as they are paying their taxes the banks have the upper hand.

Fred Hosley stated it has been vacant at least seven (7) years. Mr. Hosley stated that at the last meeting they stated they would be looking into were public comment is in the meetings.

Mayor Baker stated they have talked about it but now need to seriously discuss it because several people have asked the same question. He went on to say that they are following the agenda that they have been following for years but it may be time to change it.

Fred Hosley stated they should look into changing the five (5) minute rule also because there may be a good conversation going and people should not be cut off.

Mayor Baker stated he tries not to do that but he has to.

Fred Hosley asked if he could give someone his five (5) minutes.

Mayor Baker stated that was not allowed.

Fred Hosley asked if there was enough cohesion to change things.

Mayor Baker stated they could change things if everyone wants to and he would send out emails to see how everyone feels about it.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 52-19: Clifton Park – Halfmoon Emergency Corps

Moved by: Commissioner Gilheany

Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

Commissioner McGuire asked were the figure of \$220,000 came from.

Mayor Baker stated they received a \$50,000 raise which they spoke about at a previous meeting.

Commissioner Gilheany stated she put it in the budget because originally they wanted \$300,000 but that could not happen so they agreed to this amount.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

Abstain: Commissioner Dunn

RESOLUTION 53-19 Legal Representation

Moved by: Commissioner Gotti

Seconded by: Mayor Baker

AYES: 2 NAYS: 3

RESOLUTION 54-19: Betterment Resolution

Moved by: Commissioner Gotti

Seconded by: Mayor Baker

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 55-19: Petty Cash

Moved by: Commissioner Gilheany

Seconded by: Mayor Baker

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 56-19: Home Grant Extension Administrative Plan

Moved by: Mayor Baker

Seconded by: Commissioner Gilheany

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 57-19: Train Station

Moved by: Mayor Baker

Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 58-19: Grass/High Weed Violation and Fees

Moved by: Commissioner Gotti

Seconded by: Mayor Baker

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 59-19: Water System Improvement

Moved by: Mayor Baker

Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 60-19: DeVoe Road Water Storage Tanks

Moved by: Commissioner Gotti

Seconded by: Mayor Baker

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 61-19: Payroll and Vouchers

Moved by: Commissioner Gilheany
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 62-19: Brianna Wickham Recreational Leader

Moved by: Commissioner McGuire
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 63-19: Chloe Newman Recreational Leader

Moved by: Commissioner McGuire
Seconded by: Commissioner Gilheany

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 64-19: Cassandra McMullin Recreational Leader

Moved by: Commissioner McGuire
Seconded by: Commissioner Gilheany

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 65-19: Hannah Labrozzi Supervising Recreational Leader

Moved by: Commissioner McGuire
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 66-19: Momentive Extension

Moved by: Mayor Baker
Seconded by: Commissioner Dunn

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner McGuire stated that on three (3) separate occasions she asked the Mayor for a copy of the quotes for the paving of the lot next to the firehouse because she was not present at the previous meeting and they were not attached to the resolution. She went on to say that he never responded and as a Commissioner she is entitled to the information. Commissioner McGuire stated she FOILED the quotes and they are confusing to her. She explained the quotes are for different amounts of square footage and she stated one of the quotes does not include sidewalks and if only two (2) of the quotes include sidewalks then they do not have three (3) quotes. Commissioner McGuire stated that the resolution from February states they won't need any money from any other source but the resolution in May states any additional money will come from the court. She went on to say the minutes from February 13 state that Mayor Baker stated they need to get three (3) bids not quotes and Commissioner Gotti has them. She added that was from February 13th and they are dated February 22nd. Commissioner McGuire stated he added everything would be included in the \$125,000 grant and the City would not be using any other money. Commissioner McGuire stated she is confused as to where this stands.

Mayor Baker stated that where it stands right now is it is on hold. He added they have quotes which is what Assemblywoman Woerner's office. He went on to say Anthony contacted three (3) people.

Commissioner Gotti said he received three (3) quotes and gave them to Mayor Baker which excluded the sidewalks. He went on to say that Mayor Baker then reached out to the contractors to include the sidewalks and the curbing.

Commissioner McGuire stated that one of the companies does not have sidewalks and curbing.

Mayor Baker stated when they were told they needed to add sidewalks and curbing they did not re-bid the second time, they only submitted the first bid.

Commissioner McGuire stated then there are only two (2) quotes.

Mayor Baker stated he checked on that and it was fine.

Commissioner McGuire stated no one responded to her emails about it.

Mayor Baker stated after Commissioner McGuire FOILED the information he gave it to Commissioner Dunn.

Commissioner Dunn and Commissioner McGuire stated he gave quotes.

Mayor Baker stated that is what he is saying. Mayor Baker stated when he realized there were no sidewalks and curbing in the first quotes they asked them to re-bid because...

Commissioner McGuire asked if they only need two (2) quotes and not three (3).

Mayor Baker stated they said to ask for three (3) and they did put in for three (3) but when they only got two (2) back and the third one didn't submit they were fine with that. Mayor Baker added that he realizes there has been a visit to the Comptroller's Office and supposedly now the City has to do sealed bid which he is ok with it but he is waiting to be told that is what needs to be done but added he hasn't heard that yet. Mayor Baker stated the project is on hold at the moment and he spoke with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner's office earlier in the day and they told him he did everything the way he was supposed to do it but if he has to do sealed bids he will. Mayor Baker stated it would change everything because when they do sealed bids and engineer will need to be involved and then need to advertise which will take money away from what needs to be done.

Mayor Baker asked if that answered the question.

Commissioner McGuire stated she did not know because she does not know if what he is saying is the truth, she added she doesn't know if he called Carrie Woerner.

Mayor Baker stated he said he called her personally, he stated he spoke with her Chief of Staff.

Close Meeting: 8:26 p.m.

Moved by: Commissioner Gilheany

Seconded by: Commissioner Dunn

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Executive Session began: 8:35 p.m.

Moved by: Commissioner Gilheany

Seconded by: Commissioner Dunn

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Executive Session End: 9:02

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03

Moved by:
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June 12, 2019

- Totals:
 - Arrests 83
 - 9 Violation
 - 66 Misdemeanor
 - 8 Felony
 - 173 Traffic tickets
- The 3rd running of the Paul Luther Memorial Run is on Family Day, July 7, 2019 at 1030am in Tallmadge Park.
- Body Cameras are being placed in service soon. All updates are completed and training is underway.
- Viall Ave
 - 5/13/19--1247-1333
 - 85 Vehicles average speed 25.77mph
 - Highest 40mph
 - 5/14/19--1305-1335
 - 90 Vehicles average speed 26.17mph
 - Highest speed 37mph
 - 5/15/19--0954-1030
 - 77 Vehicles average speed 26.27mph
 - Highest speed 36mph
 - Three day total: 112 minutes--252 vehicles--26.07mph--highest speed 40mph.
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