

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, November 2, 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. Hipwell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2011 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said on November 5th there will be a school regatta of 400 athletes on the Hudson River from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. starting near Galante's all the way up to the bridge. There will be a lot of people there. Said the Mechanicville/Stillwater Elks Lodge invited the Mayor and Council to their November 11th at 2:00 p.m. Annual Memorial Service for their departed members with a reception immediately following the service. Said he and Tom were invited to take a ride on the Champlain Canal on Friday at 1:00 p.m. up at Schaghticoke and go down to Waterford. Said they were on the Erie Canal last week. Said he got an email from the Governor's Office today announcing the launch of "Jobs Express", which is a new website designed to help New Yorkers who are seeking employment. Said the website makes it easier to learn about what jobs are available in the state and to know where to find them. Said the site has over 42,000 job openings and sorts them by region. It also has other helpful features such as video tutorials on resume writing, interview techniques and transitioning to a new career. Said the website is www.labor.ny.gov and then click on jobs express. Said it's a good thing to have, Global Foundries is on there.

Comm. Seber said they finished water collection this week, Monday was the last day. Said they billed \$329,515.89 and they collected \$200,216.53 so they collected about 60.76%. Said last year they billed out \$341,259.69 and collected \$186,454.21 which was around 53.24% collected. Said if people don't pay their water bill by the end of January they assess it onto their tax bills in March so eventually they get the water bills.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

City Attorney Serbalik said there's a litigation issue he wants to talk to the council about in an executive session.

Mayor Sylvester said Chief Waldron isn't here tonight as his uncle passed away, Frank Waldron.

Supervisor Richardson said the walls are up on the dock. Wanted to mention that they know that he has been working on bringing the zip trail into Mechanicville but they ran into some difficulties over the last couple of weeks. Said, however, their good friend Ed Kinowski who is the Supervisor of the Town of Stillwater is also Chairman of the Trails Committee in Saratoga County took a lead on this and he's very concerned about making sure the trails come into Mechanicville. Said he was able to help us to get the county to appropriate \$180,000 to do the survey for the trails to bring it down to Mechanicville. Said also some of that money will be used to purchase some small pieces of property alongside the rail yard that is privately owned. He just wanted everyone to know that Ed has really helped us and we really appreciate what he did.

Mimi Izzo asked where the trail would come from.

Supervisor Richardson said it will come down from Coons Crossing along railroad property down to Elizabeth Street Extension down to XO tower and train station right down the hill to the Waterford dock. Talked about the Erie Canal Trail. Said he has a meeting today with Jason Kemper who is the Director of Planning Department of Saratoga County, they had a company do a survey on all these trails and everything and he said we have over 40,000 people on the Zip Smith Trail this year. Said with 40,000 people, hopefully some of this people will continue into Mechanicville and spend some money which will help with the economics of Mechanicville.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Sam Carabis said someone asked him today about the Frances Street Bridge and when it will be replaced.

Supervisor Richardson said it's on the table for 2014.

Mimi Izzo asked what was going on with the fire hydrant on the bottom of Main Street.

Comm. Higgins said they are waiting for parts.

Mrs. Izzo asked where the closest one was. Said there is one on top of Maple Street.

Comm. Higgins said where Mike Rinaldi lived. Said Oscar is on the hydrant for the parts. They called Monday about it. Said someone came from Massachusetts and looked at it and they brought the wrong parts.

Mr. Carabis said there are 149 hydrants in the city; he did a drawing on them.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 65-11 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

Comm. Chauvin introduced the resolution, seconded by Comm. Higgins. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m. to go into executive session, seconded by Comm. Hipwell. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the executive session be closed at 7:33 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.