

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, November 15, 2011.

Before the meeting was called to order, Ptl. Anthony Toleman, who returned from Afghanistan, wanted to recognize his bosses for their outstanding support in his transition from his deployment back into the department. Said he couldn't say enough about the Mayor, he made sure his family was taken care of, that he had the time to spend with his family before he was deployed. Said the same thing with the Chief, said he can't say enough about him because he helped him tremendously dealing with civil service, getting his retirement straightened out through the military for being deployed, for all his time that has been recouped now, he didn't lose any of his time there. Said with the military today they try to build that bond between their employers and the warrior citizens that we are. Said they just want to say thank you to these two gentlemen for their outstanding support that they have shown. He presented Mayor Sylvester and Chief Waldron with an Outstanding Employer Award; it's a medal, a coin, the Minute Man Citizen's Warrior Flag with a Certificate from the Department of Defense and the Joint Past Work in Iraq. Thanked them again for all that they did.

The Mayor and Chief thanked him.

Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting up at 3:03 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. Higgins, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2011 meeting be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said just for everyone to know, the Summit up at the Elks Club at 5:30 tomorrow night and it should be very interesting. Asked for an executive session regarding a personnel matter and a legal matter.

Comm. Seber said Dave has been doing most of the work but they have been talking about our trash removal contract which is up at the end of this year. Said he and Dave met with a gentleman who is going to kind of help with the way they approach this thing and hopefully save them some money. Said Dave has had subsequent meetings on this issue. Said they are contacting our current vendor and asking for a three month extension of the current bid. Said before they do it, he wants the consensus of the council to see if they are okay with it. Said hopefully in the long run this will save them some money. Said they thought maybe a separate deal individually with the landfill and also an additional deal with the recycling company that we would actually get the

proceeds from the recycling. Said it's a little more complicated than our current bid specs so they want some additional time to go through this and if the council has no objection he will contact our current vendor and see if we can get a three month extension to put the bids together so that the beginning of January they can put them out for public bid. Asked if any of them had any objection to that. No one did.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said on the dock the floor is in, the walls are in, the rough plumbing is in and tomorrow or Thursday the gentleman is going to start putting the walls up. Said hopefully they can get it closed for winter.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

City Attorney Serbalik had nothing to report at this time.

Chief Waldron said Unit 9 is down and so far they put \$4,000 into it and they still can't find out what is wrong. Said as they know Unit 8 is down and out of service. Said he hates to say but he thinks Unit 9 is on its last leg too. Said he contacted this guy in Montauk, down in Westchester County but he seems to be very slow in getting back so he may actually take a road trip down there to see what they have on the ground right now. Said they really do need a vehicle.

Supervisor Richardson said everyone should be aware that the county is taking a look at several different avenues as far as trying not to increase any type of property taxes, whatever. Said there hasn't been a consensus yet or vote on, it appears they are looking at raising the sales tax revenue up one point. Said usually Saratoga County has a \$30,000,000 surplus but the end of this year going into next year the surplus will be around 3 or \$4,000,000. Said they are taking a look at several other items for example the landfill up in Northumberland that hasn't been used in three years so they may possibly use it or sell it to make an industrial park out of it. Said Maplewood Manor is a large problem with a 10 to \$14,000,000 deficit each year. These are basis for the sales tax to go up. Said even though they want the sales tax to go up and they pass it at the county it has to go to the assembly and they have to pass it. Wanted everyone to be aware of this. Said they have had a wage freeze and there has been no hiring in the last year and the county does not replace people that leave. Said if they raise the sales tax revenue then everybody pays, not just homeowners. Said it's in the newspapers. Said last night there was a vote on three parcels of land, one in Northumberland, one in the Town of Stillwater and one in Clifton Park and there were several discussions going on the floor about them. Said also what went on last night was the racing committee giving away \$30,000 to different organizations in Saratoga County and our Community Center received \$2,000 for their afterschool program.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment. No one had anything to say.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 66-11 APPROVING THE PROPOSED

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT ON PROPERTY
LOCATED ON 80 CENTRAL AVENUE,
MECHANICVILLE, NY

Comm. Seber said basically this is a settlement on a tax issue that was going to go to the Supreme Court and it was negotiated to the best deal they could make at this point.

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. 67-11 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

There was no new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the regular meeting be closed to go into executive session at 3:08 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Seber moved that the executive session be closed at 4:15 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 4:16 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.