

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mayor Sylvester	- present
	Comm. Seber	- present
	Comm. Chauvin	- was going to be late
	Comm. Higgins	- absent
	Comm. Hipwell	- present

Sam Carabis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of 12/21/11 and the special meeting of 12/29/11 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said he got a letter from Time Warner saying basic cable went up a dollar, from \$9.50 to \$10.50. Said he also got a note from Global Foundries saying up at the Supervisor's Headquarters in Ballston Spa they will have a job fair on January 12th from 4 to 7:00 p.m. Said if they know of anybody, please let them know.

Comm. Seber said the Traffic Commission met back in November and they addressed two areas that people approached them about. Said one was a request to put a three-way stop sign on Greenwood Street and Saratoga Avenue; the Commission decided to erect two no parking signs, one 20 feet west on Saratoga and 20 feet east on Greenwood on the south side. Said they also received a request for a 4-way stop at 3rd and Park and the Commission approved those requests. Said they will be having a public hearing on these at the next council meeting on the 18th for the council to vote on amending the local codes.

Comm. Hipwell said the new 24 passenger bus is in service, so we're set to go.

Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting to public comment.

Nick Izzo asked if they are looking into the solar panels.

Mayor Sylvester said yes, he signed the contracts after the last meeting.

Comm. Seber said they approved it when they adopted the budget. Said they will go on City Hall, DPW Garage, the Water Plant and this building here.

Sam Carabis said at a meeting of the Community Center last night they passed a resolution to put the panels on top of the building. Thanked the city for giving them permission.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NOS. 1-10-12 ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2012

Mayor Sylvester said they don't have the Bank of New York any longer.

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

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 11-12 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE
MECHANICVILLE AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES
CENTER, INC.

Introduced by Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell.

Comm. Seber asked if they could at some point get a report from the Community Center about how many people they see. Said they give them \$10,000 a year to do the service so he would like to see a report on how many City of Mechanicville people they see on an annual basis.

Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 12-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

Mayor Sylvester said the Sewer Plant had a problem with their incinerator, it's been down for 3 or 4 months, it will cost 3.5 million dollars so he would say sewer rates will go up again without a doubt.

Comm. Seber said they have gone up \$47.00 a unit in three years.

No old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:11 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.