

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Sylvester _____
Comm. Seber _____
Comm. Chauvin _____
Comm. Higgins _____
Comm. Hipwell _____

Chief Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of January 4, 2012 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said he received a thank you note from the school for them going up there for You've Seen Enough about the Smoking Campaign.

Comm. Seber told the Mayor that he did a good job.

Mayor Sylvester said he received a letter from Engelhart, Executive Director of the Adirondack Architectural Heritage in Keeseville, New York, thanking him for sharing his thoughts and wisdom with them about their revitalization efforts in Keeseville. Said his points are well taken and were well received when he read most of his letter at their last meeting. Said they will take his experience and example with them as they move forward. Said he read about them in the Press-Republican and they have the same problem we have here, they are a small town, businesses have moved out and they are trying to get things back on track. Said he got a letter from Norfolk Southern along with Mindy Wormuth and Ed Kinowski informing them that Pan Am Southern will begin partial operation of the Capital District Intermodal & Automotive Facility located at 50 Route 67, Mechanicville, NY, during the week of January 15th. Said he respectfully requests that this information be shared with appropriate public safety personnel in our communities. He talked about the operations at the facility. Said it's anticipated that all facility elements will be in full operation by the end of the 2nd quarter of 2012. He wanted to extend their sincere appreciation to the Mayor and his staffs for helping make this important regional economic driver a reality. Said all they do up there is switch from double stack to single stack, nothing going up the highway yet.

Comm. Seber said he had announced that they would have a public hearing today on the 4 way stop on Third and Park and the No Parking Signs on Saratoga Avenue and Greenwood Avenue but he couldn't get the publications in on time. Said they will schedule the public hearing for the February 1st meeting. Said the publications have gone out so they should be in the paper this time.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said he has gotten four loads of salt and he has a lot of it in the

salt shed, about \$6,000 worth of salt. Said last year they went through almost \$50,000.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

City Attorney Serbalik said you sent that letter out to enter into a contract, did they construct the line to open that water line at Pan Am.

Comm. Higgins said he heard today that they had some leaks but nobody told him.

Mr. Serbalik said they will maintain it all, right. Said one of the deals that they agreed to by that letter of May 5th is that if we had any engineering costs or anything they were going to pay for them.

Comm. Higgins said he guessed that when they ran the pipe across the road they were 39 ft. below grade and they couldn't find it, it was supposed to take them 3 days, it took them over 3 weeks.

Chief Waldron said they had some issues with the power outage. Said whenever they lose power it kind of upsets all their systems. Said they lost power over the weekend and it's causing havoc to all the computer systems. Said Tenn was there today trying to get it all straightened out, it's not a simple process. Said they couldn't get the generator back up. Said Comm. Higgins and Comm. Hipwell came down and got things back up.

Comm. Higgins said he called Mike Kerls about the generator and he said it's another month off.

Chief Waldron said he wanted to make sure that the City Council is aware that it could become very costly.

Comm. Higgins said he would take that generator inside because it's so cold that's why it wouldn't work.

Chief Waldron said they have a server issue. Said he's been working with Comm. Hipwell to move that server up in his office from the back stairwell where it is currently, it's the easiest office to get to and the most control. Said he spoke with Comm. Hipwell and he will be making that arrangement with Tenn Chen. Said the problem they had was the server crashed. Said it crashed 3 weeks ago because of overheating, it was 110 degrees at the server, it's supposed to be 50 degrees in a cool climate environment and 110 made it crash. Said it would be the easiest to move it to Comm. Hipwell's office.

Comm. Hipwell said Tenn did get a hold of him something about the noise; he wanted to make sure that it doesn't affect his office and he told him it wouldn't.

Chief Waldron said they have fans blowing on it but he won't need them in his office because his office is temperature controlled. Said it's a lot better than the back

room where the boiler is and they have no control.

Comm. Seber said what they need to do is move it off premise. Said they could bring it over her but doesn't know what kind of expense it would be. Said maybe in next year's budget they can move it off premise.

Chief Waldron said the two vehicles are back thanks to Comm. Higgins for going out with his guys to fix the cars, he really does appreciate that. Said the cars are ready to be sold as is. Said he will give the final overall year report he will give February 1st.

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 13-12 CITY OF MECHANICVILLE ADOPTS THE
THE ATTACHED GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE POLICY

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 14-12 HOURS OF THE CLEANER'S POSITION BE
REDUCED FROM 40 TO 30 HOURS PER WEEK, 60 HOURS
PER PAY PERIOD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 2012

Introduced by Comm. Hipwell, seconded by Comm. Seber.

Roll Call: Mayor Sylvester - no
Comm. Seber - yes
Comm. Chauvin - abstain
Comm. Higgins - yes
Comm. Hipwell - yes

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 15-12 MECHANICVILLE CITY COUNCIL
APPROVES MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
TO BE ON THE LOSAP COMMITTEE

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 16-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

Introduced by Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Mayor Sylvester.

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.