

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 190 North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. 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. Chauvin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 2012 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said he received an email today from Thomas Baird of Barton & Loguidice regarding the South Street Hill and Native American Consultation. He also emailed letters sent from Tanya Thorne, Department of Transportation to the Native American Tribes – Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians saying that if they uncover any artifacts while doing the South Street Hill that the tribes will be notified.

Comm. Seber said the first meeting in February he gives his 2011 Annual Report for the activity that was conducted in the Account's Office (see attached). Said on the tax searches, two years that was almost 200 at \$50.00 each so we are down 100 so it shows where the economy is going.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said they took delivery of the new sewer truck.

Comm. Hipwell thanked Comm. Higgins and the Police Department for helping him out with a rabid skunk.

Attorney Serbalik said the railroad said they sent the contracts out but they haven't gotten them back yet.

Comm. Seber said today they issued about \$55,000 for development through revolving loan money they got from a grant. Said six businesses in town got the money to expand their businesses and it has to be paid back over 5 years.

Chief Waldron gave his power point presentation for the Year of 2011 (see attached). Said the worst intersection for accidents is South Central Avenue because there are a lot more cars traveling in that area so you have more crashes. Said the dispatching from the county is working perfect, they are feeling good regarding that.

Supervisor Richardson said through the help of Senator MacDonald the University of Albany is dealing with them to bring businesses to locate here. Said RPI is talking to them too. Said right now he is in conversations with 3 different small businesses that have an interest in coming in. Said they are initial conversations right now.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting at 7:19 p.m. to go into a public hearing on Amending Section 183 of the Mechanicville Code, seconded by Comm. Hipwell.

Comm. Seber said the notice was duly advertised in the newspaper.

Mayor Sylvester said the hearing is on creating no parking zones on the south side of Saratoga Avenue extending into Greenwood Avenue and a 4-way stop intersection is created at the intersection of Park Avenue and Third Street. Asked if anyone had any questions. No one did.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the public hearing be closed at 7:21 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester read ORDINANCE 2012-2 AMENDING SECTION 183-4 (B)
AND SECTION 183-11 OF THE MECHANICVILLE CITY
CODE

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

Attorney Serbalik said the Ordinance takes effect 10 days after publication.

Comm. Seber said it would be published in the Express on Monday or Tuesday.

Comm. Higgins said he thinks they should have no parking zones at every intersection.

Chief Waldron agreed, said parking at intersections is very dangerous. Said no cars should park at any intersection, they should be 20 feet away from it.

Sam Carabis talked about how dangerous the intersection is at 3rd Street and South Street.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting for public comment.

Noreen Cunningham, Tenendaho Lane, said she was there to talk about the Tenendaho Park. Said nothing has been done there. Said she talked to Comm. Hipwell and he said they had to do Park Avenue first. Said she had a petition signed by not only people that live there but others and also 15 to 20 kids that live in Tenendaho.

Comm. Hipwell said they have 3 playgrounds in Mechanicville and he is concerned about all three. Said the bottom line is the money issue. Said he is working on getting money for them this year. Said they need a lot of work.

Mrs. Cunningham said she hopes to get picnic tables there.

Comm. Hipwell said Comm. Higgins brought up two picnic tables there, one was destroyed and the other had awful graffiti on it.

Mayor Sylvester said he looked into lights but there are too expensive. More discussion was held on this.

Emilia Izzo, Mulberry Street, wanted to know what Res. 19-12 is.

Comm. Seber said it's to continue revitalization, the \$40,000 is in the grant. Said the city works with Barton & Loguidice on different projects.

Mrs. Izzo asked if it was for the train station.

Mayor Sylvester said it wasn't.

Supervisor Richardson said that Barton & Loguidice brought in \$12,300,00 in grant money to the city. Said they help to find the money and they make sure the projects are done right. Said they get paid from the grant money.

Mrs. Izzo asked if that was what we were paying the \$40,000 for.

Supervisor Richardson said yes, they have to pay for engineering services that they perform. Said they make more than the \$40,000 but they are the ones that find us all the money.

Mrs. Izzo said she just wanted to know what it was for.

Supervisor Richardson said they've had several people look at the train station to make sure it was safe with no cost to the city.

Mrs. Izzo asked if we pay school taxes on the train station.

Comm. Seber said they will have to.

Mayor Sylvester said the Heritage Society will take care of it.

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 17-12 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH CAMOIN ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SECOND MICROENTERPRISE GRANT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000

Introduced by Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester.

Comm. Seber said the \$16,000 is for the administration cost.

Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 18-12 CITY OF MECHANICVILLE
AUTHORIZING BARTON & LOGUIDICE, P.C.
TO PROCEED WITH THE SERVICES DESCRIBED
IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
PROPOSAL WITH REGARD TO THE COURSE OF
ACTION WITH THE WATER SOURCE AND SUPPLY
FOR THE WATER SYSTEM

Introduced by Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell.

Comm. Seber said for the record this accomplishes two things. Said any community with a dam is directed by 2014 to do an engineering study. Said they are doing it in 2012 because in addition to complying with the State requirements if the dam is in good shape, the next step is dredging the reservoir. Said if it comes back with a problem they have other areas to look at.

More discussion was held on the dam, dredging and water supply.

Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 19-12 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH
BARTON & LOGUIDICE, P.C. FOR THE 2012
REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES PROGRAM AT A COST
NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000

Introduced by Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Seber.

Comm. Seber said this was a budgeted item that comes out of the grant.

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

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 20-12 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ATTACHED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM AND NOTIFY INTERESTED AND INVOLVED AGENCIES OF THE CITY'S INTENTION TO BE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE SOUTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 21-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

Supervisor Richardson wanted to say that if we didn't get grant money to do our projects, we would have to bond them which is about \$50,000 a year in interest. If they had to bond over \$11,000,000 unfortunately that would be \$550,000 more in taxes they would have to pay a year so everyone's taxes would go up 40%. Said he just wanted to clarify that.

Mrs. Izzo said so that's why we pay them, to help us get the grants.

Supervisor Richardson said yes. Said DEC tells them they have to do these projects. Said other communities have the same problems and if they don't get grants they have to be bonded.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

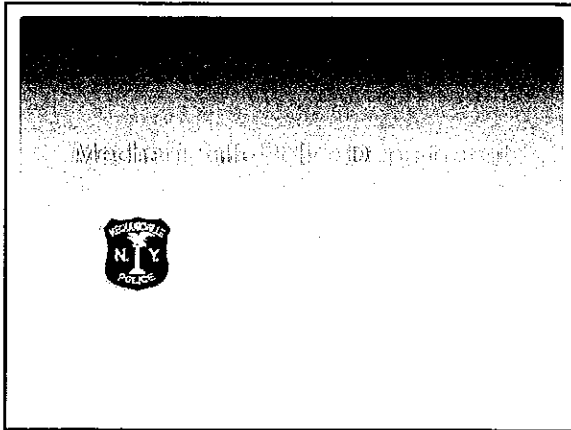
2011 ANNUAL REPORT FROM ACCOUNTS OFFICE

C. Mark Seber, Commissioner of Accounts for the City of Mechanicville, has released his 2011 Annual Report for the activity that was conducted in the City's Accounts Department.

The following is a summary of the 2011 activity:

Delinquent Taxes Collected		\$ 258,825.02	(owed as of 12/31/10)
Interest and Penalty on Delinquent Taxes		\$ 56,166.59	
Dog Licenses	137 issued	\$ 808.00	
Marriage Licenses	42 issued	\$ 315.00	
Marriage Certificates	35 issued	\$ 350.00	
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	62 issued	\$ 202.40	
Bingo Licenses	4 issued	\$ 375.00	
Bingo Proceeds		\$ 705.81	
Bell Jar Licenses	3 issued	\$ 30.00	
Birth Certificates	14 issued	\$ 140.00	
Genealogical Searches	8 issued	\$ 88.00	
Death Certificates	96 issued	\$ 960.00	
Tax Searches	99 completed	\$ 4950.00	
Residency Certificates	61 issued	FREE	

C. Mark Seber
Commissioner of Accounts
City of Mechanicville



Mechanicville Police Department

- **Vision Statement:**
- "To become a leader in the law enforcement profession through a commitment to quality performance and continuous improvement as we strive for excellence in the delivery of public safety services. To improve the quality of life and reduce crime and disorder through a Police-Community partnership."

Mechanicville Police Department

- **Mission Statement:**
- "We, the members of the Mechanicville Police Department, are dedicated to protect life and property, to work with our citizens to reduce crime, disorder, and the fear of crime. Through community oriented and problem oriented policing we will provide personalized police services with respect for human dignity according to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and accountability."

Mechanicville Police Department

- **Accidents Investigated**

	2009	2010	2011
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0
Property Damage	226	195	239
Leaving the Scene	18	37	47
TOTAL	225	244	286



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- **Worst Intersection by Accident Data**
- South Central (Cumberland – Stewarts)
- **Most Likely to sustain Injury**
- North Central & Mabbitt (28)
- **Most Likely to get a ticket**
- Central Avenue

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Open Doors

	2009	2010	2011
	27	48	107

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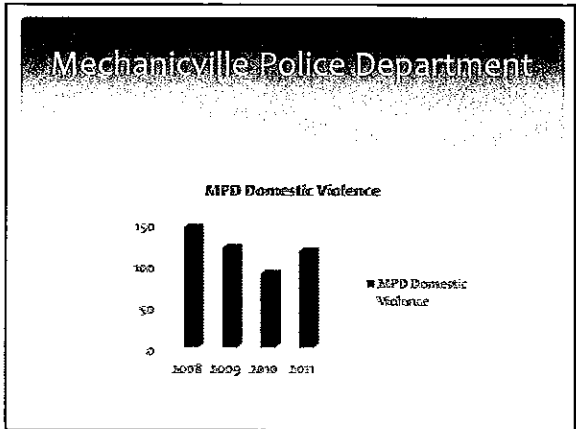
Ambulance Calls

	2009	2010	2011
EMS Calls	1,123	1,033	940

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Domestic Violence Calls

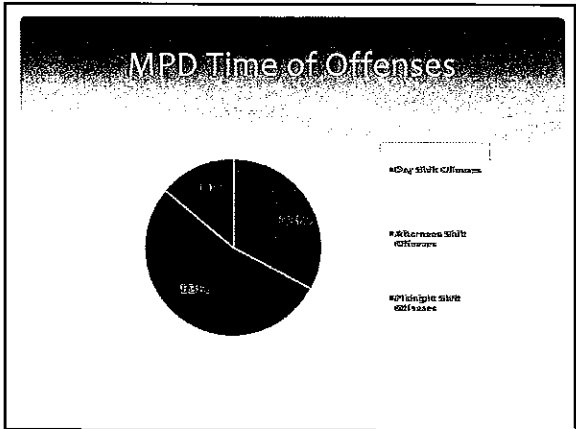
	2009	2010	2011
	120	89	116
			+30%

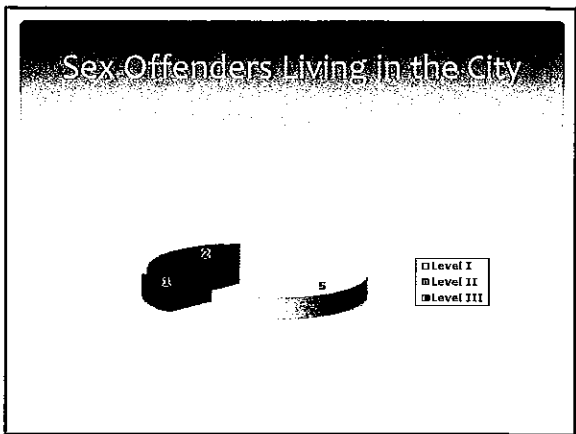


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Arrests

	2009	2010	2011
Felonies	91	50	60
Misdemeanors	374	330	316
Violations	140	128	112
Total:	605	508	488
			-4%





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Vehicle and Traffic Enforcement

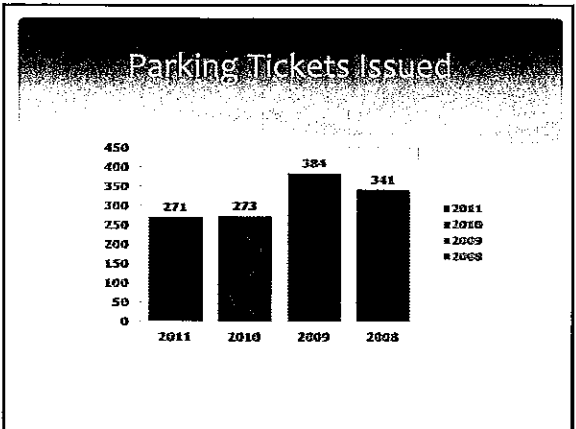
	2009	2010	2011
Speeding Tickets	135	197	184
Red Light	27	44	44
Seatbelt	75	53	38
DWI	55	76	55
Suspended Drivers	86	83	68
Cell Phone	118	135	113
Other	421	451	382
Total:	917	1,039	884

License Plate Reader (LPR)

- Over 80,000 License Plates Scanned
- 68 Aggravated Unlicensed Operators
- 30 Suspended Registrations
- 6 uninsured MV

Mileage on Vehicles for 2011

- Unit 8 Starting Mileage 80,087 Ending Odometer issues Out of Service
- Unit 9 Starting Mileage 71,700 Ending 82,350 Total 10,650 Out of Service
- Unit 10 - Starting 3,073 Ending 26,209 Total 23,136
- Unit 11 Starting Mileage 24,494 Ending 36,138 Total 11,644
- Total: 45,430



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Fines/Revenues Collected

Total Revenue V&T	\$ 37,699.00
Total Revenue Parking	\$ 4,950.00
Total Rev Reports	\$ 273.00
Total Revenue For DWI	\$ 3,533.82
Total Seatbelt/LPR Grants	\$ 3,702.20
Total Child Safety Seat	\$ 1,300.00
Total Revenue Unified Court	\$ 36,758.53
Total	\$88,216.55

