

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Station, North Main Street on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mayor Sylvester	- present
	Comm. Seber	- present
	Comm. Chauvin	- present
	Comm. Higgins	- absent
	Comm. Hipwell	- present

Judy DiVirgilio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Mayor Sylvester had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Seber said on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> the Accounts Office will be open from 9:00 to noon to collect taxes. Said hopefully the tax bills will be out by the end of this week or the very beginning of next week, they will be out early this year. Said they re-levied the water and sewer onto this year's taxes for people who weren't paid as of January 30<sup>th</sup> and the total that they re-levied was \$111,721.55 as compared to \$94,308.28 from last year. Said it's a 19% increase in re-levies, function of the economy or what but it's up quite a bit.

Mayor Sylvester said they are putting the old water bills on top of taxes, what if they don't pay their taxes. Asked if it would be better to shut the water off.

Comm. Seber said there are a lot of people on that; it would encourage them probably to pay. Said this way they are assured of eventually getting it, it was always re-levied to taxes. Said they get the vast majority back on taxes, most people pay their taxes. Said they do shut the outside water users who they can't re-levy on, doesn't know if they actually shut anybody off or not. Said they have to notify the Department of Health, there's a process they have to do, they can't just shut them off.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Sam Carabis said the big water distribution map is finally done, it's 8 ft. one way and 6 ft. the other and shows every water line. Said it shows Halfmoon, parts of Stillwater, Hemstreet Park, if you run a waterline any place it shows on that map. Said all the fire hydrants and their numbers are on it, has numbers for each street. Said the original map goes back to 1893. Said he had to go to the Town of Stillwater, Town of Halfmoon, Schaghticoke and looked at all their maps. Said John wants a copy for the

water department. Talked more about this.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 22-12 THE MECHANICVILLE CITY COUNCIL,  
AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 11-A OF THE NEW  
YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, DIRECTS  
THAT THE MECHANICVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINT SYSTEM  
CATEGORIES SHALL BE AMENDED AND CLARIFIED

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

Comm. Seber said on the payroll resolution they haven't seen the abstract so he  
thinks they should see it before they vote on it.

Mayor Sylvester said they can vote on it Friday when they meet with John Frank.  
Resolution No 23-12 Payroll and Vouchers is tabled until Friday.

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Seber, moved that the meeting be  
adjourned at 3:12 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.