

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Central Fire Station, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. Mayor Sylvester opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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

Comm. Hipwell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2012 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Seber said they finished tax collection on the 15th and they are up about 3% this year over last year. Last year they collected 81.54% which was \$2,508,655.08 and this year they collected 84.19% which is \$2,676,110.04. Said bids for the pumping stations will be out in the next couple of weeks. Said they need to put out bids to do administrative work. Said Camoin has done it for 3 years but now it has to be put out to public bid.

Comm. Higgins said they are installing a generator in the police station and it should be up and running.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

City Attorney Serbalik said he got served with a summons and complaint from Halfmoon and would like to discuss it in executive session.

Supervisor Richardson said the weekend of March 31st and April 1st. Mayor Martin of Stillwater approached us about having a water and diaper drive for the people of Schodack who are still out of water and also need diapers. Said they will have a truck in the Price Chopper Parking lot if anyone wants to donate these items or donate money.

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Howard Newman, Grand Street, said the Park Avenue Playground is out of control, there is 70 kids their everyday. Said they are loitering, play music really loud and one of them does donuts with his car.

Comm. Higgins said that should be on the cameras. Said they just turned the lights on today and they will be off by 8:00 in the evening.

Mr. Newman said they should step up a patrol there. Said parents go there with little children and only stay a little while and leave because of all of the swearing, smoking and loudness.

Mayor Sylvester said if they lose control of their car they can run someone over.

Comm. Hipwell said during work hours they watch it 24-7, it's got to be after they leave.

Mayor Sylvester said they could go up past the city garage and hang out and no one would throw them out of there because they wouldn't be bothering anyone. Said he will call Joe to do something about it.

Attorney Serbalik said we have a no loitering law so we can prosecute them. Said if we have an ordinance up there then they can charge them. Said he will give Joe a call. More discussion was held on this.

Sam Carabis said they received 13 bids which came in under the estimate for the library. Said the architect is reviewing them right now and they will have a meeting on the 30th.

Comm. Seber said they will be conducting a public hearing on April 4th to amend Chapter 200 of the City Code to create a new zoning district to be known as a Planned Development District.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 27-12 APPOINTING GARY SWEENEY TO THE
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR TERM
EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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

Comm. Seber said he has to go to a training session.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 28-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting to go into executive session at 3:22 p.m., seconded by Comm. Seber. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the executive session be closed at 4:05 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all.

Negative – none.

Comm. Seber, seconded by Mayor Sylvester, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 4:06 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.