

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY, on Wednesday, June 6, 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

Chief Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2012 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said the only correspondence he has was from Cline Inc. who did the assessments on some property they will have to disturb when they do the South Street Hill. Said they came back with things that people have to fill out. Said he dropped off the books and appraisals that the people must have.

Comm. Seber said they finished the May 31st water and sewer collection. Gave the percentages (see attached). Said anything that comes in now will have a penalty, a percent a month for however long they take to pay. Said sewer and water are a little different, if they don't pay the winter cycle, they take the outstanding amount and put it on their tax bill so that is money they will eventually receive. Said they will have a couple of bid openings, next Wednesday the 13th at 10:00 a.m. their garbage bid will be open and then the 26th of June at 2:00 p.m. the South Street Hill Project bid will be opened, that is one that they have been waiting for. Said they are applying for a \$400,000 home grant through CDBG, the deadline for the grant is July 16th and they need two public hearings. Said unfortunately because they meet only once a month so there is only one regularly scheduled meeting so they will hold a special meeting on June 25th at 3:00 at the firehouse to do the public hearing and at that point if they have other resolutions or stuff that they have to deal with, they can do that. Said the second public hearing will be at their regular July 3rd meeting here and then they can make the application.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said they had docks that were damaged from Hurricane Irene; he just finished welding them tonight so hopefully he will have them in the water by Friday. Said they had part of the Park milled today so they will pave tomorrow.

Comm. Hipwell said starting on July 6th for 8 weeks they will go back to holding movies in the park. Said summer is here and they have a lot of dogs on the loose, please have them on a leash, if not on a leash, please have a dog tag on them so that he, his animal control officer and the Mechanicville Police Department don't go nuts walking

around.

City Attorney Serbalik had nothing to report at this time.

Chief Waldron said they brought the Charger up to City Garage because it was making some really weird noise. Said Ernie said it may be something that is covered under warranty, thank God it was, lifters had collapsed on the car so they had to take off the head of the engine to get to the things that were necessary, he said it was lucky we got there when we did, it was a heartbeat away from totally being gone. Said it's all covered under warranty which is great news for him and the city as a whole. Said it's been out of service for a week and a half but it will be back in service in about a week or so, said they had to order all the parts. Said he attended the Police Officer Memorial in May where police officer's names were placed on the wall. Said one of the most disturbing facts is that 14 of those officers were killed in the line of duty last year in New York. Said they always do their part, they know how it is to lose someone so they are always there every year representing Mechanicville since this wall has been put up. Said May 16th and 17th he attended the Tracts Conference in Syracuse. Said Tracts is the software that allows them to write tickets in the car. Said out of all 300 people using Tracts, Mechanicville will be the pilot program to run the brand new version "Tracts 10" which is coming out. Said he would like to say it's partly due to two of the workers who happen to live very close to Mechanicville and can be at our station at a heartbeat of a minute to fix and repair anything that goes down. Said they will do it for about a month, really testing it and making sure it works and has no flaws in it. Said it will be released out to the State Police and another agency to pilot it and then it will be released to the whole state by year's end. Said he doesn't say it's a good thing to be on the front end of it sometimes but in this case it really is because we have a local kid, Mr. Chauvin's son who happens to be very fine with this and is actually one of the people who has written software to make this work, so we have an important guy with us. Said he called a meeting of all law enforcement agencies and the railroad and they met at the city garage to go over the intermodal facility, go over the security measures, responses and find out exactly what is inside the yard itself, whatever is in the containers that are there. Said the meeting was very productive, they learned a whole bunch about the new security measures that are being placed there which will be beneficial to law enforcement. Said it's hard to find and apprehend people that go into the yard itself. Said they have some jurisdictional issues, they talked about jurisdiction and response, clearly everyone at the table realizes that Mechanicville will probably be the first one if anything goes really bad up there and they used the case that they solved up there by people that cause \$37,000 worth of damage by taking a car and ripping it all up. Said they caused a lot of damage and they were very active in getting it solved very quickly. Said he told them they would hold them down until the proper agency gets there because a very little part of that is in the city, most is in Halfmoon and will be taken care of by the Sheriff or State Police. Asked to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Supervisor Richardson said he had the opening of the bids for the South Street Hill for the 27th.

Comm. Seber said no, it's the 26th at 2:00. Said what happened was they moved

the announcement up one day so he guessed that he assumed they moved the opening day but they didn't, they kept it the same, the 26th.

Supervisor Richardson said next week, Thursday the 14th, a couple of people from Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce are coming down to meet with the Mayor and him. Said the Saratoga County Supervisors pay the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce a lot of money a most years they do an outstanding job of advertising for Saratoga and Saratoga Springs. Said the Supervisors have asked them to now to come to each community to see what they can advertise for them so they will be here at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting to go into a public hearing at 7:11 p.m. to receive input from the public on a proposal to establish a public street in the former rail yard, currently the Industrial Park, seconded by Comm. Hipwell. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber verified that the legal ad was duly published according to law.

Mayor Sylvester said the Industrial Park Road to City Garage has never been dedicated as a city street, it's just there and there is a right away along it so they are going to make it a regular street to get rid of the right away that the railroad has but the Railroad will always have access to it because it's a public street. Said he doesn't think they will use it anymore because everything up there is fenced in up there on the other end because of security.

City Attorney Serbalik wanted to add a couple of things to that. Said in conjunction with the public notice they also served the B&M and Pan Am Railroad. Said what happened was in 1996, as Anthony was saying, the railroad retained two easements that run with the land, meaning that it goes to whoever owns the property and it basically provided that they had a right of way to access the adjacent property. Said according to the agreement with the city at that time that in event this easement would continue until such time the city dedicated it as a public street. Said what the city is doing now is by dedicating it a public street will clear the title as far as the private easement the railroad had over the property. As he said, they were given notice by certified mail of the public hearing tonight and he doesn't see anyone here so when this becomes effective, those easements are no extinguished.

Mayor Sylvester asked if there were any questions from the public on this.

Sam Carabis, 908 Elizabeth Street, said at one time the Leonard Bus Company was interested in that property up there. Said from what he recalls they were planning on closing off that street if the bus company ever went up there. Asked if there was any possibility that that street could be closed off if another company wanted to come in.

Mayor Sylvester said it's going to be a Planned Development area so they will pick and chose what type of businesses goes in there. Said they won't have any mills or anything like that to make noise for a neighborhood. Said he can't answer yes or no on

that but he doesn't think so because they will need access for fire trucks, said he doesn't see anyone building across the road, put it that way, the dead end he is talking about is in the Town of Halfmoon.

Mr. Carabis said if it was ever closed off then they would use Elizabeth Street.

Mayor Sylvester said they are not looking to run trucks up Elizabeth Street, that's why they are making that a public street so the truck traffic can come in through there.

John Farina, Philadelphia Avenue, asked if this new access road will reduce or eliminate some of the additional trucks going up and down Saratoga Avenue because it has increased immensely. Asked if tractor trailers will be increased going up and down Saratoga Avenue.

Mayor Sylvester said unless they are making local deliveries, the majority of them go up through the by-pass to the Northway. Said they will have automobiles in there in July, Jack Byrne will have them go through there instead of coming down Rt. 9. More discussion was held on this.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the public hearing to re-open the regular meeting at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

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

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 38-12 ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD

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

Comm. Seber read RES. NO. 39-12 ADOPTING POLICY 1014 ENTITLED "ACCEPTABLE USE COMPUTER POLICY"

Comm. Seber said this was a suggestion, said we had a State Audit but haven't gotten the report yet and this is one of the things they suggested. Said everyone will read it and be able to sign off on it.

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

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to table RES. NO. 40-12 until the 25th meeting, seconded by Comm. Seber. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 41-12 INCREASING GINA KENYON'S SALARY

RATE

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

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 42-12 APPOINTING STEPHANIE PROPER AS
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

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

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 43-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No old or new business.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to go into executive session at 7:25 p.m.,
seconded by Comm. Hipwell. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Higgins, moved that the executive session
be closed at 8:05 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 8:07 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.