

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MECHANICVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER
178 NORTH MAIN STREET
MECHANICVILLE NY

MARCH 16, 2016

1. OPEN MEETING: _____ P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

MAYOR BAKER	_____
COMMISSIONER DUELL	_____
COMMISSIONER GILHEANY	_____
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS	_____
COMMISSIONER HIPWELL	_____

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2016

MOVED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____
ROLL CALL: AYES: _____ NAYS: _____

5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSIONER DUELL

COMMISSIONER GILHEANY

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS

COMMISSIONER HIPWELL

HISTORIAN PAUL LOATMAN

CITY ATTY SERBALIK

SUPERVISOR RICHARDSON

MPD CHIEF WALDRON

MFD CHIEF ALONZO

6. OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

7. RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 29-16:

Support of Funding in 2016-17 State Budget for HHR Partnership

MOVED BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
ROLL CALL: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

RESOLUTION 30-16

Change number of City Council Meetings per month from 2 to 1

MOVED BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
ROLL CALL: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

RESOLUTION 31-16 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

MOVED BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
ROLL CALL: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

RESOLUTION 32-16 BUDGET TRANSFER (2016)

MOVED BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
ROLL CALL: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

RESOLUTION 33-16 BUDGET TRANSFER (2015)

MOVED BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
ROLL CALL: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

RESOLUTION 34-16 LOSAP CONTRACT WITH RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT

MOVED BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
ROLL CALL: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT:

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

DRAFT – TO BE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 16, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MARCH 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Present
	Commissioner Duell	Present
	Commissioner Gilheany	Present
	Commissioner Higgins	Present
	Commissioner Hipwell	Present

Mayor Baker: Mr. Mallory would you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I need a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

Commissioner Gilheany, seconded by Commissioner Duell, moved that the Minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting be accepted as prepared:

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Yes
	Commissioner Duell	Yes
	Commissioner Gilheany	Yes
	Commissioner Higgins	Yes
	Commissioner Hipwell	Yes

Mayor Baker: Commissioner reports. The only thing that I have to report is a reminder that this month of March is Cancer Awareness Month, that I also announced at the last meeting. It is important that we all make sure we keep ourselves healthy and do the things that these cancer organizations suggest that we do to keep us that way. That is all I have.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Duell?

Commissioner Duell: Tax collection is underway. The office will be open on March 5th and 12th from 9:00 A.M-12:00 Noon to collect taxes. The last day to pay taxes, without a penalty, is March 15th. We have collected roughly around 18 percent so far in taxes.

I also had a meeting with Jeff Alonzo, from the Fire Department, and we are going to be working together on applying for some grants for the Fire Department. That's all I have.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Gilheany?

Commissioner Gilheany: I will have a yearend report for you at the next Council meeting. Other than that, it is all I have.

Commissioner Higgins: As you all know, we had a water main break on Friday evening. It was repaired but when we went to repair it, we shut the valve off, and the valve broke. So, today we had to have a company come in and put a line stop in and we put in a new valve. That is all I have.

Mayor Baker: I wanted to add to that and I meant to mention it. Your guys did a great job. I think you had water up in 3 or 4 hours?

Commissioner Higgins: Yes.

Mayor Baker: That's a great job compared to some of those around us. Commissioner Hipwell?

Commissioner Hipwell: I want to thank the Mechanicville Police, especially Officer Bill Rabbit. He came to the Senior Center and talked to the seniors about scams in town. He did an outstanding job. I appreciate it. Joe, thank you.

Mayor Baker: Attorney Serbalik?

Attorney Serbalik: A couple of things, Mayor.
Number 1: Tax sale. The last day to put an answer in for the 5th of March is March 1st. So, within a couple of weeks, we will put an application into the court to foreclose the 2012 tax liens. I think there are seven, eight or nine left at this point. The schedule should probably be by late summer that there would be a sale of any delinquencies at that time.

Number 2: On the EFC loan grant. A couple of the things that were required were that the City had to have in place two contracts. One, with the County for the purchase of water. In talking with the attorney for the Water Authority, there were two issues that had to be resolved: Number one, was the commencement date the City has to start paying for water. They have essentially agreed that it is going to be when the water starts flowing or when the system is functional. Originally, they said they wanted the City to start paying as soon as you had all of the approvals.

The other thing that they had in their contract, and I just did not get it to begin with why anyone would sign that contract, but they had a provision in there that said that the City would indemnify the County in the event that the County was sued as a result of providing contaminated water.

We went round and round. It is absolutely asinine that anyone would agree to that. The City does not control the water. They have nothing to do with it; that is coming out of the County. So, I heard from the attorney yesterday that they are going to withdraw that. We should be able to get that contract resolved by the time the EFC wants it in place; which is within a couple of weeks.

Speaking with Michelle, she says she is still waiting for a proposed contract from the Town of Stillwater attorney. Michelle said he is putting one together but I haven't received that yet. These are the two issues that are suppose to be resolved by March 17. One looks like it is going to go and I am not sure about the contract with the Town of Stillwater.

I would also like an Executive Session to bring the Council up-to-date on a litigation matter involved in Federal Court. That is all I have.

Mayor Baker: Supervisor Richardson? No.
Fire Chief, Dunn?

Fire Chief, Dunn: For the month of February we had 74 alarms, 4 were mutual aids; 70 occurred in the City – 54 of those 70 were EMS assists; 3 drills and 5 details. We are preparing for the White Water Derby on Sunday, April 3, 2016. That is it.

**Mayor Baker: Thank you Chief.
Chief Waldron?**

Chief Waldron: We are going to do a quick annual report but before that I want to give a forewarning that the Mayor has directed an aggressive driving campaign to take place that will happen within the next couple of weeks. It is really pay attention to First Avenue; specifically, First Avenue, where he must be getting complaints about speeding. We are going to take that on. So, I want to be sure everyone is aware that we will be doing aggressive driving and First Avenue is going to be one of those first areas.

Mayor Baker: One of the reasons for that is when people are coming in and out of town, they are using that as cut through and they are traveling at a high rate of speed. So, we are going to try to dampen that a bit.

Chief Waldron: It is my responsibility to give the City Council a presentation as to the workload and what happens with the Police Force. I usually take it to another level and do a Power Point presentation. I am going to do that Power Point presentation now and try and explain how we do things.

(NOTE: CHIEF WALDRON'S PRESENTATION IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES.)

Mayor Baker: Thank you for your report and I want to thank you and your whole department for the job they do for us every day. I know that and that is why we back them. Thank you.

At this time, we are going to adjourn this meeting and go into a Public Hearing and then we will come back in for the regular meeting.

Commissioner Duell: Our Public Hearing is to address Article 1: Secretary to the Mayor.

The Mayor is asking for some changes to this position in his department so that he has more control over the department. The position created the appointment of the salary position of Secretary to the Mayor is hereby created in and for the City of Mechanicville. The Mayor shall nominate and appoint a person or persons to occupy the position. The duties of Secretary to the Mayor shall act as Secretary to the Mayor, and as requested, to other City Boards.

The salary and hours as Secretary to the Mayor shall receive a salary as set by the Mayor subject to the majority vote of the Council. Hours of the Secretary to the Mayor shall be between 9:00 A.M and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, or as such hours as established by the Mayor and the removal of the Secretary to the Mayor shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and may be removed by the Mayor.

Mayor Baker: The reason for this is that every other department has control of their, I will call it their Secretary but it is actually their Deputy, and for whatever reason when they changed the Charter, they did not change the Mayor's office. I am just trying to get it straightened out and get it in line with all the other offices.

Mayor Baker: Kim?

Kimberly Connors Dunn, 250 South Main Street: I just have a couple of quick questions about it. The last time I brought this up there was in THE EXPRESS issue of February 11th, there appeared two notices of Public Hearings, which I believe you are legally required to do. We got to the meeting and there was nothing on the Agenda about them, which was a little bit confusing and I think we need to be consistent.

Mayor Baker: That is why it was not brought up at the last meeting. It got neglected being put on the Agenda. It was not intentional.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: I have been looking in THE EXPRESS ever since and I don't think I missed it. I looked carefully twice. There was no legal notice about tonight's Public Hearing, which again I would think...

Mayor Baker: It was already announced and it did not have to be again as long as we said it would be done at the next meeting.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Are we sure? Okay. Even if we are not legally required, I think you should have put something in there about it, just personally. Then, in looking at the Agenda, all that is on here is Public Hearing, Article I, Secretary to the Mayor. So, anyone that maybe missed the last meeting or whatever, would have no idea of what that is unless you went on the Charter and copied it yourself. It is hard to follow what is going on.

I think we need to be a little more consistent in proactive information, at least I would like to see that. Thank you.

Mayor Baker: David?

Dave Hicks, 251 First Avenue: Debating this. I went through the Charter and like that, and it says in here, Sub-Chapter 20: "Each department shall be entitled to such salaried employees as many as authorized by the Ordinance". What this boils down to is that each Commissioner can appoint it. But then it also says in the other one, in Article 50, that the City Council has to approve it. So, everybody, you have to approve hers, everybody has to approve each other. Okay. Now, if you circumvent that process, you are not going through due process by having you take over the situation. If you appoint somebody, the Council has to approve it, and that is by your own laws that it says in here. Okay.

Mayor Baker: Okay. Thank you.

Bill Moran, 30 Walnut Street: First I want to say I never speed on South Central Avenue and I have paid my property taxes. Correct me if I am wrong, some of my property taxes go towards supporting and maintaining our parks and playgrounds in Mechanicville.

I am here tonight to ask again to ask the City to please help close the Walnut Street Playground.

Michelle Duell: Sorry, this is open just for the Public Hearing. We will have Public Comment after.

Mayor Baker: Does anyone else have a Public Comment about the Secretary's position.

Denise Sgueglia, Johnson Road: I am going to read this on behalf of my Mom, Judy DiVirgilio. She is too sick to be here. This is addressed to Dennis:

"Dennis, I have worked faithfully for the City for 39 years and have never been treated like you have treated me. In the beginning you were keeping me on for one year, which was not even your call. It was the whole Council.

Secondly, you made me sign a paper you drew up stating I couldn't take a lunch at 1:00 (which my Mom did for many many years) as it had to be at Noon. I had 1:00 lunch for years. You said I couldn't work through my lunch. You said I could not take an hour on Friday's".

(Denise speaking: She use to leave at 3:00 to take care of her grandchildren. You took that away. There are a lot more things. If she wanted to just leave an hour, you made her charge her time. You would not let her work through her lunch. There are other things she could not remember at the time. She does have that letter.

You would not let her work the polls any more for voting. She can't even vote in Mechanicville so it wasn't anything to do with that. She feels like right from day one you tried to get her out.)

"Now you are trying to abolish my job saying that you don't need a Secretary or City Stenographer. Well, who would do the Minutes of meetings and every day office work? I just want you to know that I had no intention of ever retiring. But, who wants to work for someone like you? You definitely are not a nice person and I believe that you are trying to ruin the City of Mechanicville. I can't believe you called my daughters to tell me to retire and how you went after Council members to back you. Some people have a lot more integrity than you. I worked for some great Mayors in my 39 years, but you sir, are not one of them."

(Denise speaking: My Mom would also like to thank Commissioner Higgins, Commissioner Hipwell, Commissioner Gilheany and Joe Waldron for all their support. She wants nothing to do with Dennis. Thank you.)

Mayor Baker: Anybody have anything to say?

Kimberly Connors Dunn: It's on here that the Public Hearing and normally, at least since I have been coming here, there is usually a vote on it. At what point is that? It is not on here. So, I do not know if we are voting on this tonight?

Attorney Serbalik: After the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Duell: I have to admit I have an adjusted agenda.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: I picked this up over there when I came in.

Commissioner Duell: I know, I made the copies of those and I have the adjustment.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Does anyone else want one while I am up?

Dave Hicks: Yes.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else have comments?

Dave Hicks: Yes, I would like to reiterate on something like this. What is the actual function? What are you trying to do with the Secretary? Are you eliminating this position?

Mayor Baker: No. I am eliminating the Stenographer position and going to have a Secretary. We don't use a Stenographer any more.

Dave Hicks: By the City Charter, it says that you have to have a Stenographer.

Mayor Baker: The City Charter also says you have to have a lot of other things. We are in the process of changing all of that. But we do not need to have a Stenographer any more.

Dave Hicks: My advice to you is to keep a Stenographer for the simple fact that the paper does not need to be plugged in. You do need to keep records. I also believe that Roberts Rule of Law claims that you are to keep copies of your meetings or transcriptions.

Mayor Baker: They are being kept by the City Clerk.

Dave Hicks: Do you understand what I am saying. I think the State says you have to have a Stenographer also. I will check into that.

Mayor Baker: Anyone else? I will make a motion that we change it so that we no longer have a Stenographer. It is secretary to the Mayor. Val do you want to read that or Michelle?

Commissioner Duell: The position created appointed the salary position of the Secretary to the Mayor is hereby created in and for the City of Mechanicville. The Mayor should nominate and appoint a person or persons to occupy the position. The duties as Secretary to the Mayor shall act as Secretary to the Mayor and as requested to other City Boards.

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Mayor Baker: I just want to add that as far as we know right now, Mrs. DiVirgilio is retiring at the end of March. So, this is not about her, but about the position. I would like to make a motion that we do that.

Commissioner Duell: I will second the motion.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Yes
	Commissioner Duell	Yes
	Commissioner Gilheany	No
	Commissioner Higgins	No
	Commissioner Hipwell	No

Mayor Baker: Okay it is defeated.
Now we will open the Regular Meeting again.

Denise Sgueglia: Now I would like to give you my Mother's rescinding of her retirement date. She is not going to retire as of March 31st. She thanks all the other Commissioners, not you.

Mayor Baker: We are into the Regular Meeting now. We will open to Public Comment. Now you can comment.

Bill Moran, 30 Walnut Street: I won't say any more about supporting the parks and playgrounds in Mechanicville. But, again, I would like to ask and I know I have been here before, to please help me close the Walnut Street playground mainly because it is illegal.

Article 27 of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law under the Pedestrian Rights and Duties Section, Section 1156, states that pedestrians on roadways where sidewalks are provided and they may be used with safety, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. This is the NYS law.

This law then should also apply to people who are playing soccer, football, baseball, frisbee, basketball on Walnut Street, that has a sidewalk, in my reading of the law.

So, there are adults and children involved with this. It has been a warm winter; it is coming back right now. Maybe I am the only person in the City who has people screaming outside of their house and euphoria over this catch of a football. Maybe I am the only person in Mechanicville who has their house hit by balls and projectiles hitting their house and their cars. But, they have an alternative.

First of all, it is against the law. Secondly they have an alternative. We have parks and playgrounds. I think we all need to get a little bit of exercise, I think it is good, I support that, and I support our parks and playgrounds. I pay for those. I don't see what is so difficult about enticing these adults and children to play at the playgrounds and the parks and not congregate and hit my cars and house and scream in front of my house.

I would like to ask one more time, please, end this nonsense. If the Mechanicville Police Department was well versed in Section 1156 where I could just call them and say well this is going on and they would respond, maybe that would be a solution. I don't know what the solution is. I just know what the problem is. Again, I am just asking for your support, guidance, whatever you can provide. It is a nightmare where I live; a total nightmare. It is starting up again because it has been warm and I please ask to stop it. Thank you.

Mayor Baker: Thank you. Anybody else have comments? Kim?

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Just a few quick questions. Commissioner Higgins. The water main break. You said the valve had to be replaced and I know that we have no choice, etc. You guys did a phenomenal job. I think finishing way ahead of schedule today considering the fire and everything, really made a huge difference. So, kudos.

What is the approximate cost of a valve every time it happens?

Commissioner Higgins: It depends upon what we have to do. We had to hire somebody to come to stop the water because none of the other valves worked. Costing a few thousand dollars.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Something we said before that is going to keep happening as we have water main breaks. What does it cost?

Commissioner Higgins: Costs a few thousand dollars.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Mr. Serbalik talked about the 7 or 9 tax properties, I was wondering for the people who are on that list, what is the last drop dead date they can actually pay. Or has that passed?

Commissioner Duell: Not be foreclosed on?

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Yes, for 2012.

Commissioner Duell: It was March 1st. Foreclosure procedures are going to begin but they have right up to the day of auction to pay their back taxes.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Okay. Thank you. The format of the Fire Department that was given tonight, I really like that. As a resident, I like to hear not only how many total alarms but how many were EMS and other things. So, if we can continue that, I think that would be great. If it can be written out in the Minutes, and I am not saying that it hasn't been, but if we could get it written out that way, I think that is helpful for people to see that we had this many calls and this many were EMS because they do a lot to assist with the EMS even though Clifton Park Halfmoon is here.

I would also like to give a shout out to the Police Department. You can say I am bias, and that's fine, but I am extremely thankful as a resident to have our own police department. I think there is priceless value to that, to having our own police department, no offense to the County, that know our streets, that know our residents, that really know the City itself. So, I do agree with Chief Waldron that there are many things that they do that go unrecognized and the average person doesn't know all that they do.

So, I want to say kudos, Chief Waldron, and the entire Police Department, part time, full time, because I think they are sometimes undervalued and I think that just turn on the news; I said it before, but unfortunately, sadly, there was a new police officer on her first day of field training that responded to a domestic violence call with two other officers, they were all shot and she was killed.

There was another one yesterday or this morning, I forget which. So, I think it is an increasingly dangerous job and I just want to say I totally appreciate them and I am very very thankful we have them. Thank you.

Mayor Baker: Dave?

Dave Hicks: I have a question about why the tax bill was issued and has to be paid in such a short time? I received it the 26th and now it is due the 15th. Normally, you have a window of about 30 days but this is cut short on this. Can I ask why?

Commissioner Duell: I believe in the past it has always been this amount of time frame. I asked the same thing when I went in this year. So, next year we are going to work on getting things out sooner.

Dave Hicks: Okay. When are we to find out about the new assessment or when it is going to take place or what the reaction is and how much did we gain?

Commissioner Duell: They are going to be mailing out their letters and from there, there are going to be workshops that we already have scheduled and set up, right Tim, for here at the Senior Center. Those workshops are already set up. Those dates are being released and they should be up on the website tomorrow.

Dave Hicks: Okay. The second thing, is the railroad overpass. I can't get my head wrapped around this and a couple of other things. I don't understand who and how it was determined that the bridge is the City's. When was it built? By whom and who paid for it? Whoever paid for it, owns it.

Mayor Baker: The City paid for it and they got some money back.

Dave Hicks: Who determined that we had to have that bridge? Because as far as I know, all overpasses were paid by the railroads. I don't how far anybody has investigated into that?

Mayor Baker: Finding that out isn't going to do us any good. We own the bridge. The State has told us that. Everybody has told us that.

Dave Hicks: It doesn't matter what you have been told but dig into it a little farther. Just because somebody told you something it doesn't mean it is so. You know what I mean; unless you see it in black and white.

The other part I can't get my head wrapped around is this new water tank. I tried and chewed this over like this, who and how many different inspectors examined the tank? How many bids did you seek for reconditioning the tank? What other options have you received or looked at? Have you checked with other municipalities and what they have done? Who maintained their tanks - such as Troy, Watervliet, Cohoes, Town of Colonie, Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Niskayuna, Rotterdam, Saratoga, Schuylerville, Schaghticoke?

It does not seem reasonable that reconditioning the tank will cost more than a new tank. I can't see the reason for that. How many options did you receive and by whom? What facts were provided and by whom determined this evaluation of all of this? Who makes the decision on how the conclusion was arrived at? Who and how many different bids did you get on the new tank and are these the same people that examined and condemned the tank? There are other things in there like, was an ultrasound ever performed on the tank for deficiency? Those are the questions I had for that about the tank.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else?

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Back to the Police Department. I am so sorry I forgot to acknowledge our dispatchers. Our day time dispatcher; thankfully, she is staying with us, which I think is just an extreme asset to our City. And, our other dispatchers that we have there that are absolutely part of the team and do a phenomenal job.

I have a quick question. For Chapter 18 in the Charter Code of Ethics, I was wondering if that whole thing; I know you all sign an oath of office and it says you follow the NYS Constitution and the Constitution of the United States, but I am assuming that means that you are agreeing to follow these as well. I was also wondering if anyone is appointed to any committee, and I don't care what committee it is, are they also obligated to follow this code of ethics within the City?

Mayor Baker: I believe so, right Val?

Kimberly Connors Dunn: So, if someone on a committee or any of you, and I am not pointing at any particular person, under 18-3 Standards of Conduct: Every officer and employee of the City of Mechanicville shall be subject to and abide by the following Standards of Conduct:

B: Confidential Information. Shall not disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties or use such information to further his personal interest.

What if someone takes that information and tries to sway things and get involved in things they shouldn't be involved in? Do you feel that would be a violation of this?

Mayor Baker: Yes, I would say so.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: So, if someone has a concern about that, how would they file a complaint? Who would they talk to? You don't have a Code of Ethics Commission I am assuming – right?

Mayor Baker: No

Kimberly Connors Dunn: So, how would a violation be handled?

Mayor Baker: Obviously, if it is about me you shouldn't come talk to me; otherwise, I would say come talk to me and I would refer it to Val.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Okay. Thank you very much.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Gilheany?

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 28-16 TO APPROVE
PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS TOTALLING \$199,526.94.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany
Seconded By: Commissioner Hipwell
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mayor Baker: Anybody have new business they would like to discuss tonight?

Commissioner Hipwell: Yes, I have one. The signs are up around town about Route 67 starting on Monday, the 7th. I got a phone call. I know it doesn't say what 67? I am getting phone calls and everybody thinks it is the Hemstreet Park Bridge. It is not. It is the overpass. No, bridge is not being shut down all the way – half and half.

Mayor Baker: Two lanes will be open all the time. That's only because there is a wide medium in it that is going to allow them to keep two lanes open.

Dave Hicks: Why don't they put overpass on the signs?

Mayor Baker: Anybody else have new business?

Chief Waldron: I would like to say something quickly. I want to thank Commissioner Higgins and the Mechanicville Fire Department today for a great stop on a fire. Dave Higgins was driving by and thought he saw brick dust coming out of the house. It actually was smoke pouring out of the house and the back of the house was fully involved with fire. The Fire Department got there and they put the fire out quickly and they saved everything. I want to put a quick shout out to Dave Higgins for being so observant and the Mechanicville Fire Department.

(Everyone in attendance clapped in support)

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**Mayor Baker: I asked about new business. How about any old business?
None?**

Can I have a motion to adjourn?

**Commissioner Duell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gilheany
seconded the motion.**

**Mayor Baker: We will now go into Executive Session. We will not be
taking any action when we come out of the Executive Session.**

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RESOLUTION 29-16
SUPPORT OF FUNDING IN 2016-17 STATE BUDGET FOR HHR PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, the mission of the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership is to ensure the continued protection and restoration of one of New York State's most valuable historic regions and its many educational, agricultural, scenic, natural, and recreational resources; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of projects critical to the continuation of this mission that require a guaranteed stream of upcoming funding, including the completion of the Gateway Visitor Center & Museum in Schuylerville; the protection of and long-term planning for the American Revolution Sword Surrender Site; the rehabilitation of the historic Susan B. Anthony House; the purchasing of development rights to property within the view shed of the National Battlefield; and the moving forward of multiple Erie Canal way Trail connections within the Partnership's purview; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2015, Governor Andrew Cuomo vetoed a bill that would provide a means for this funding, stating in Veto Message No. 290 that such a means should be considered within the context of the New York State Budget; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and Senator Kathy Marchione have each requested to Governor Cuomo, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Temporary President of the Senate that \$750,000 be included in the state budget for the funding of the Partnership per the Governor's veto message; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Mechanicville supports this request for funding through the New York State budget.

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR BAKER	_____
COMMISSIONER DUELL	_____
COMMISSIONER GILHEANY	_____
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS	_____
COMMISSIONER HIPWELL	_____

CITY OF MECHANICVILLE

Records

RESOLUTION 30-116 _____

WHEREAS, The City Council under Title V and Article 53 of the City Charter has the power to set meeting dates and times; and

WHEREAS, The City Council is desirous to change the Council meetings to one meeting a month; on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm

WHEREAS, The council has the ability to call special meetings as the need arises; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council will hold one meeting a month to be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month effective April 1, 2016.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Baker	_____
	Comm. Duell	_____
	Comm. Gilheany	_____
	Comm. Higgins	_____
	Comm. Hipwell	_____

Dated March 8, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 31-16

Whereas: Payroll, General, Water, Sewer and Capital Project Fund Vouchers Contained Within

ABSTRACT			
PAYROLL #	10-16	3/10/16	\$ 76,782.45
PAYROLL #			
			<u>\$ 76,782.45</u>

With an expenditure breakdown by fund as follows:

GENERAL A0 FUND	\$ 69,181.87
WATER FX FUND	1,822.65
SEWER G0 FUND	23.05
CAPITAL PROJECTS H0 FUND	0.00
PAYROLL T&A FUND	76,782.45
TOTAL	<u>\$ 147,810.02</u>

Now, therefore be it resolved that said payroll and vouchers are hereby allowed in order to be paid.

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call: Mayor Baker _____
Comm. Duell _____
Comm. Gilheany _____
Comm. Higgins _____
Comm. Hipwell _____

Dated: _____ March 16, 2016 _____

Resolution No. 32-16

WHEREAS, the Mechanicville City Council adopted their 2016 Annual Budget on December 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to amend said Ordinance with the following transfer of budget balances:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the 2016 budget we wish to approve the following budget amendments:

AMOUNT	FROM BUDGET CODE	TO BUDGET CODE	FROM	TO
934.00	A0-1355-410	A0-1315-200	Assessor - Contracted Services	Accounts - Equipment
180.78	A0-1315-100	A0-1315-200	Accounts - Personal Services	Accounts - Equipment
1,675.78	A0-1990-000	A0-1315-200	Contingent Account	Accounts - Equipment
To cover cost of 2 bookcases, desk & shipping for accounts office.				
1,500.00	A0-1315-410	A0-1315-411	Accounts - Contracted Services	Accounts - Conference Expenses
To cover cost for Commissioner of Accounts to attend NYCOM conference and webinars.				

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call:

Mayor Baker _____

Comm. Duell _____

Comm. Gilheany _____

Comm. Higgins _____

Comm. Hipwell _____

RESOLUTION No. 33-16

WHEREAS, the Mechanicville City Council adopted their 2015 Annual Budget on December 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to amend said Ordinance with the following transfer of budget balances:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the 2015 budget we wish to approve the following budget amendments:

AMOUNT	FROM BUDGET CODE	TO BUDGET CODE	FROM	TO
0.08	A0-1210-413	A0-1210-100	Mayor - Phones	Mayor - Personal Salaries
545.23	A0-1210-401	A0-1210-101	Mayor - Office Expense	Mayor - Add'l Services - Sub Costs
288.70	A0-1210-430	A0-1210-101	Mayor - Copier	Mayor - Add'l Services - Sub Costs
Cover overages at year-end for Mayor's Office.				

438.09	A0-9010-800	A0-1315-409	NYS Employee's Retirement	Accounts - Advertising
256.02	A0-9010-800	A0-1315-410	NYS Employee's Retirement	Accounts - Contracted Services
250.00	A0-9010-800	A0-1315-108	NYS Employee's Retirement	Accounts - Longevity
Cover overages at year-end for Account's Office.				

100.00	A0-1355-401	A0-1355-100	Assessor - Office Expense	Assessor - Personal Services
To cover cost of grievance personnel.				

1,093.70	A0-1355-410	A0-1362-410	Assessor - Contracted Services	Search on Tax Sale Properties
To cover cost of tax searches of delinquent properties.				

1,108.00	A0-1440-410	A0-1430-410	Engineering Services	Civil Service - Contracted Services
To cover cost of Civil Service testing.				

151.01	A0-1490-101	A0-1490-100	DPW - Additional Services	DPW - Personal Services
To cover DPW Office Personal Services.				

652.53	A0-1620-402	A0-1620-403	Buildings - Materials & Supplies	Buildings - Utilities
To cover City Hall utilities.				

13,488.05	A0-1440-410	A0-1680-400	Engineering Services	Central Processing Networking
14,207.43	A0-1990-400	A0-1680-400	Contingent Account	Central Processing Networking
To cover central processing networking.				

189.96	A0-1990-400	A0-1950-410	Contingent Account	Real Estate Taxes
To cover real estate taxes				

247.21	A0-3010-405	A0-3010-410	Public Safety - Travel	Public Safety - Contracted Services
To cover VMS License for Public Safety.				

6,803.44	A0-3120-407	A0-3120-100	Police - Repairs & Maintenance	Police - Personal Services
1,065.60	A0-3120-407	A0-3120-102	Police - Repairs & Maintenance	Police - Part-Time Employees
1,169.69	A0-3120-111	A0-3120-102	Police - Holiday Pay	Police - Part-Time Employees
392.93	A0-3120-123	A0-3120-102	Police - Comp. Time	Police - Part-Time Employees
256.29	A0-3120-123	A0-3120-125	Police - Comp. Time	Police - OIC Pay
5,452.62	A0-9015-800	A0-3120-105	Police - Retirement	Police - Overtime
5,105.52	A0-3120-200	A0-3120-402	Police - Equipment	Police - Materials & Supplies
844.30	A0-3120-401	A0-3120-402	Police - Office Expense	Police - Materials & Supplies
1,177.29	A0-3120-412	A0-3120-410	Police - Fuel	Police - Contracted Services
To cover overages at year-end for the Police Dept.				

73.20	A0-3510-405	A0-3510-407	ACO - Travel	ACO - Repairs & Maintenance
To cover overage in ACO at year-end.				

AMOUNT	FROM BUDGET CODE	TO BUDGET CODE	FROM	TO
280.00	A0-3410-200	A0-3410-420	Fire Dept. - Equipment	Fire Dept. - Physicals
1,705.77	A0-3410-413	A0-3410-410	Fire Dept. - Phones	Fire Dept. - Contracted Services
782.04	A0-3410-413	A0-3410-402	Fire Dept. - Phones	Fire Dept. - Materials & Supplies
1,004.99	A0-3410-412	A0-3410-402	Fire Dept. - Fuel	Fire Dept. - Materials & Supplies
120.05	A0-3410-406	A0-3410-402	Fire Dept. - Clothing Allowance	Fire Dept. - Materials & Supplies
311.32	A0-3410-407	A0-3410-402	Fire Dept. - Repairs & Maintenance	Fire Dept. - Materials & Supplies
713.43	A0-3410-408	A0-3410-402	Fire Dept. - Training	Fire Dept. - Materials & Supplies
2,866.63	A0-3411-402	A0-3410-402	Fire Dept. - Buildings	Fire Dept. - Materials & Supplies
To cover overages at year-end for the Fire Dept.				

10,585.74	A0-5010-412	A0-5010-100	Highway - Fuel	Highway - Personal Services
488.69	A0-5132-402	A0-5010-100	Garage - Materials & Supplies	Highway - Personal Services
9,500.00	A0-9010-800	A0-5010-200	NYS Employee's Retirement	Highway - Equipment
210.20	A0-5010-402	A0-5010-407	Highway - Repairs & Maintenance	Highway - Repairs & Maintenance
158.01	A0-5010-403	A0-5010-407	Highway - Utilities	Highway - Repairs & Maintenance
427.18	A0-5010-406	A0-5010-407	Highway - Clothing Allowance	Highway - Repairs & Maintenance
316.00	A0-5010-410	A0-5010-407	Highway - Contracted Services	Highway - Repairs & Maintenance
653.01	A0-5132-403	A0-5010-407	Garage - Utilities	Highway - Repairs & Maintenance
To cover overages at year-end for Highway.				

647.04	A0-5132-407	A0-5132-100	Garage - Repairs & Maintenance	Garage - Personal Services
To cover overages at year-end for Garage.				

2,651.55	A0-5142-105	A0-5142-402	Snow Removal - Personal Services	Snow Removal - Materials & Supplies
1,089.50	A0-5630-100	A0-5142-402	Bus Operations - Personal Services	Snow Removal - Materials & Supplies
530.87	A0-5630-100	A0-5142-407	Bus Operations - Personal Services	Snow Removal - Repairs & Maintenance
50.00	A0-5630-100	A0-5142-410	Bus Operations - Personal Services	Snow Removal - Meals
To cover overages at year-end for Snow Removal.				

121.40	A0-5132-403	A0-5182-403	Garage - Utilities	Street Lighting - Utilities
To cover overage for Street Lights.				

5,791.56	A0-9030-800	A0-6989-420	Social Security	Grants - Administration
To cover overage in Grant Administration.				

99.77	A0-9030-801	A0-7510-405	Medicare Reimbursement	City Historian - Travel
81.25	A0-9030-801	A0-7510-410	Medicare Reimbursement	City Historian - Contracted Services
To cover overages for year-end for the City Historian.				

45.77	A0-9030-801	A0-7550-410	Medicare Reimbursement	Celebrations - Contracted Services
To cover overage in Celebrations.				

754.73	A0-7620-407	A0-7620-100	Senior Center - Repairs & Maint.	Senior Center - Personal Services
258.89	A0-7620-407	A0-7620-403	Senior Center - Repairs & Maint.	Senior Center - Utilities
To cover overages at year-end for the Senior Center.				

4,114.56	A0-9015-800	A0-8160-410	Police - Retirement	Garbage Collection
To cover overages at year-end for garbage collection.				

386.57	A0-9015-800	A0-8630-100	Police - Retirement	Federal Prog. Admin. - Personal Services
To cover overage for Federal Prog. Administration Personal Services				

76.91	A0-9015-800	A0-9055-800	Police - Retirement	Disability Insurance
To cover disability insurance.				

AMOUNT	FROM BUDGET CODE	TO BUDGET CODE	FROM	TO
68.03	A0-1420-410	A0-1420-421	Dept. of Law - Contracted Services	Dept. of Law - Mailing & Postage
To cover overage in postage.				
228.60	A0-5132-402	A0-5010-100	Garage - Materials & Supplies	Highway - Personal Services
To cover overage in Highway.				
18.37	A0-5132-406	A0-5132-403	Garage - Clothing Allowance	Garage - Utilities
To cover overage in Garage utilities.				
3,522.52	A0-3411-403	A0-3410-200	Fire Bldgs. - Utilities	Fire Dept. - Equipment
1,157.97	A0-3411-402	A0-3410-402	Fire Bldgs. - Materials & Supplies	Fire Dept. - Materials & Supplies
3,574.83	A0-3411-407	A0-3410-402	Fire Bldgs. - Repairs & Maintenance	Fire Dept. - Materials & Supplies
To cover overage at year-end for the Fire Dept.				

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call: Mayor Baker _____
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 Comm. Hipwell _____

Date March 16, 2016