

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Citizen's Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York, on Wednesday, April 4, 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

Judy DiVirgilio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Chauvin, moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2012 be accepted as prepared. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester said he got a note from Time Warner that they will probably raise their rates. Said they wanted to change their form of government but found out it would cost too much to change as they would have to hire a city manager which would cost a lot of money so it's out of the question. Said their next step is to sit down and go over the code book and charter and dress them up. Said it hasn't been done since 1914. Asked to have an executive session for a legal matter.

Comm. Seber said the water bills are out and are due May 31<sup>st</sup>. Said on Monday they received 14 applications for micro-enterprise grants. Said Camoin is going over the applications and they have \$168,000 to distribute. Said they will be holding a meeting on this on either April 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Said this will help small businesses. Said work on the South Street Hill will begin on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Said they received a 3.2 million dollar reimbursable grant which means they have to spend the money first and then they will get it back. Said at the next council meeting there will be a bond resolution on it. Said this is the most important project going on. Said they are working with the school schedule and will hopefully be done by Labor Day. Said on April 10<sup>th</sup> the Patriots are running from Ft. Ticonderoga to the Community Center here and they will be looking for a place to camp out that night. Said on April 28<sup>th</sup> Building Together Saratoga will be selecting a couple of houses in the city to do some little projects that need to be done.

Comm. Chauvin had nothing to report at this time.

Comm. Higgins said they will be getting a price on paving and putting out bids for it.

Comm. Hipwell had nothing to report at this time.

City Attorney Serbalik said they got a PDF contract from the Railroad Station lawyer. He has ordered a title insurance policy. Hopefully they will be scheduling a closing and seller can convey marketable title. Record title is not in the name of the seller but the deceased prior owner. Said tonight they are holding two public hearings

and the council will be voting on two ordinances: one is establishing a new zoning district which is an amendment to the existing zoning map of 1962 and the second will be changing the zoning of a portion of the former Rail Yard to a planned development district. Said the ordinance numbering should be changed to reflect that a Zoning District should first be enacted and then the former RR yard district (PDD) should be enacted.

Chief Waldron said the police department has been extremely busy the last couple of weeks of March and April with a lot of calls to the department. Said on March 30<sup>th</sup> the Hudson View Cemetery was vandalized, 91 stones were turned over. Said they did the best they could to figure out a price of the damage and they came up with 91 to \$100,000 which is only an estimate. Said some of the stones weigh over 1,000 lbs. Said they encourage anyone who did this to turn themselves in. Said the whole community is in an uproar over this. Said many people have stepped up to donate their services and money for a reward which is substantial. Said people from the State of New York will be here to inspect the damage. Said most stones were from the 1800s. Said the State has to come in before anything can be done. Talked about arrests that were made in the city in the last couple of weeks.

Nick Izzo, Mulberry Street, said it was outrageous what the kids did in the cemetery. Said it had to be more than one person.

Supervisor Richardson had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Sylvester said they delivered the water and diapers to Schoharie. Said Supervisor Ed Kinowski bought lunch at McDonalds and when they got back in the truck it wouldn't start. Said he called the Schoharie DPW and they said they wouldn't come to help them. Said a gentleman that worked at a car place came over to help them get it started.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting at 7:23 p.m. to go into public hearings on ORDINANCE NO. 2012-3 AMENDING CHAPTER 200 OF THE CITY CODE CREATING A NEW ZONING DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ORDINANCE 2014 TO AMEND SECTION 200-8 OF THE CITY CODE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE CITY ZONING MAP CHANGING THE ZONING OF A PORTION OF THE FORMER "RAIL YARD" TO A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, seconded by Comm. Higgins. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Seber said it's been 15 or 20 years since the city bought property from the railroad. Said it's a brown field and to use it it needs to have 2 feet of dirt on it. Said the city can't afford to do it. Said they will put out an RFP for 24 acres and hopefully a developer will come in and develop it. Said it could also be black top or concrete. Said 6 acres are in Halfmoon and we have no jurisdiction over it. Said there are approximately 2 acres between the XO Tower and DPW.

Mr. Izzo said didn't they have someone come in from the state to tell them what

they have to do to make it useable.

Mayor Sylvester said they did.

Discussion was held on rain water runoff, drainage, what has to be put on the land to make it usable.

Nancy McCormack said the traffic from the Little League Field is crazy. More talk was held on this and the noise from train whistles.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the public hearings at 7:36 p.m. to reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Seber. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative e- none.

Mayor Sylvester read ORDINANCE NO. 2012-3.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to accept the Ordinance, seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester read ORDINANCE NO. 2012-4.

Mr. Serbalik said on 12/11/11 they asked the surveyors for a metes and bounds map but has not received it yet.

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

Mayor Sylvester opened up the meeting to public comment.

Comm. Seber said the Little League Opening Day is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Emilia Izzo, Mulberry Street, asked how much the fellow they hired last month at \$40.00 per hour works.

Mayor Sylvester said he would let her know at the next meeting.

Comm. Seber said he's been here 2 or 3 times.

Mayor Sylvester read RES. NO. 29=12 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
REVIEW ACT CITY COUNCIL OR MECHANICVILLE  
SEQRA LEAF PART 3 AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Mayor Sylvester said this is for the project on the South Street Hill showing there is no negative impact. It says that Indian tribes will be there when they dig the hill in case there are artifacts there.

Introduced by Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell. Roll Call:

Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Comm. Chauvin read RES. NO. 30-12 PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

No new or old business.

Mayor Sylvester made a motion to close the regular meeting at 7:47 to go into executive session for a legal matter, seconded by Comm. Chauvin. Roll Call:  
Affirmative – all. Negative – none.

Mayor Sylvester, seconded by Comm. Hipwell, moved that the executive session be closed at 8:14 p.m. to re-open the regular meeting. Roll Call: Affirmative – all.  
Negative – none.

Comm. Chauvin, seconded by Mayor Sylvester, moved that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Roll Call: Affirmative – all. Negative - none.