

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
January 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, 178 North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York on Wednesday January 11, 2023.

Mayor Butler: Called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Butler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:	Mayor Butler	Present
	Commissioner Seber	Present
	Commissioner Johnson	Present
	Commissioner Sgambati	Present
	Commissioner Hosley	Present

Motion to accept the December 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion:	Mayor Butler	Seconded by:	Commissioner Sgambati
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AYES:	5	NAYES:	0
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Commissioner Reports:

Mayor Butler announced the Police Department moved to the Central Firehouse on Monday January 9, 2023 and he will let Chief Rabbitt report more on that.

Commissioner Seber announced City Hall will be closed on Monday January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. He also announced there will be an executive session about a possible litigation and they will not be taking any action when they come out. Commissioner Seber gave a report of the activity in his office for 2022 and the report is attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Johnson gave his treasurer's report which is attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Sgambati stated they had men go out over the Christmas holiday to salt due to icy road conditions. He went on to say they have lift stations with grinder pumps that grind up sewer waste and pump it up to the main sewer line and he has been working with Kyle (Building/Code Enforcement Officer) to notify landlords and tenants about what NOT to flush to down toilets. He is asking the entire City to NOT flush flushable wipes down the toilet or anywhere else.

Commissioner Hosley stated banner sales are still going on and there are about twenty (20) ready to go up in the spring. He added they are still working on the splash pad; they had a few issues but are working through them. He went on to say the Senior Center Christmas party was a huge success with about eighty-five (85) people attending. Commissioner Hosley stated they received a \$500 donation from a private citizen to help with all the good things going on in the Senior Center.

Police Chief Rabbitt gave his December statistics which are attached to the minutes. He went on to say the move from the current Police Station to the Central Firehouse is going well and is 95% complete he added they have a lot of material that they need to go through and they want to be mindful and respectful of that so it will take a little while to get through it all. He added they will be in and out of both stations for a while and there are two (2) call stations for the Police Department, one in the old building and one that is attached to the Firehouse that will also dispatch the Police. Police Chief Rabbitt stated he will supply information in The Express and on the webpage as things progress, he added phone numbers, and mailing address will remain the same but the physical address is at the Firehouse.

Commissioner Hosley asked if you need to visit the Police Department should you go to the Firehouse.

Police Chief Rabbitt added you can, they will be adding some lettering to the building to show where the Police entrance is, he also stated that you could go to the old Police Station and there is a bell and a Police Officer will meet you there but if you need to go to the Police Department the best place to go is the offices at the Firehouse.

Public Comment:

Dave Hicks of First Avenue stated there are twenty-eight (28) electrical services within the City and several of them are for the same address, he wants to know why this is happening, and added they can all be combined together. He went on to ask why they are paying for electricity at the dock when during this time of year, it is not being used. He asked what benefit is it for the taxpayers to have the dock house. He asked why there has not been a comprehensive map of the electric services been done.

Kim Dunn of South Main Street asked if they could provide her with what specific code's they are looking to change on resolution 04-2023.

Commissioner Seber stated in the next couple of weeks when it has all been refined it will be posted and it will be in advance of the public hearing. He went on to say that most of it has to do with code enforcement.

Kim Dunn stated she is opposed to having a vote on something the same night you have a public hearing for the issue. She asked if resolution 03-2023 for Auction International was the same as they were previously doing and just a renewal to the contract.

Commissioner Seber stated it was a two (2) year contract that needed to be renewed.

Kim Dunn asked Commissioner Hosley if the issues he mentioned with the splash pad were part of the engineering study.

Mayor Butler stated they were construction issues with the layout of the water and the drain.

Kim Dunn asked if it is workable.

Mayor Butler stated it was.

Barb McGuire of South Second Avenues stated the position master lists Commissioner Seber's clerk as an Account Clerk, she asked if she took a test.

Commissioner Seber stated she did not and he does not know what the exact title is.

Barb McGuire asked Commissioner Johnson if he found out what the miscellaneous code was that had \$15,000.

Commissioner Johnson stated he will look into it as he does not remember that question being asked.

Barb McGuire stated the website indicates there is a notary in the Accounts Department and asked if that was correct.

Commissioner Seber stated he will have it removed but is hoping within the next few months there will be a notary available at City Hall.

Barb McGuire stated at the last meeting she indicated that the Animal Control Officer cannot receive a 1099, and stated she printed out from Department of Labor who is an employee and who is a contractor. She added a contractor works for themselves, our ACO works for the City.

Commissioner Hosley stated he is not sure if it makes a difference but he is not an ACO he is an ADO.

Barb McGuire stated he is an employee and handed the Mayor and Commissioner a printout that she brought, and the person hired to do that job is an employee and not a contractor. She went on to say that she tried to find the positions master for the Town of Halfmoon to see if Terry Cook is paid as an employee.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated she was not; she is a contract employee that is paid by the hour and her contract specifically states she is not an employee which is the same for ours.

Barb McGuire asked if Pat could get benefits if he wanted them.

Commissioner Seber stated part time employees do not get benefits.

Barb McGuire stated she received benefits.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated that was because she was a Commissioner.

Commissioner Seber stated that is different in the charter.

Barb McGuire stated that he carries a badge that stated he is an employee of the City. She went on to say the City sets his hours.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated the City does not set the work hours, he is called he has to go based on his determination of the complaint that is made.

She went on to read the description of an employee from the printout she handed out.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 01-2023 Roberts Rules of Order

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson

Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 02-2023 Increase of Wages

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Johnson

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 03-2023 Auctions International Contract

Moved by: Commissioner Seber

Seconded by: Mayor Butler

Commissioner Sgambati asked where the funds go that are received from equipment being sold.

Commissioner Johnson stated it goes back into the general fund.

Commissioner Sgambati asked if the equipment was originally purchased from his budget shouldn't the money received go back to his budget.

Commissioner Johnson stated the money goes into general fund but if money is needed to purchase something he could always to and talk to the Finance Department.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 04-2023 Public Hearing (Code Changes)

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 05-2023 Stormwater Study

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 06-2023 Water System Improvement

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 07-2023 Payroll and Vouchers

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Close Meeting: 6:26 P.M.

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Executive Session Ended: 8:19 P.M.

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Sgambati

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City of Mechanicville
Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2022

	Balance 12/1/2022	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 12/31/2022
General Fund:				
Checking	3,028,053.33	848,977.31	1,331,076.30	2,545,954.34
Petty Cash	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Total General Fund	<u>3,028,453.33</u>	<u>848,977.31</u>	<u>1,331,076.30</u>	<u>2,546,354.34</u>
City Clerk Account	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,802.08</u>	<u>2,802.08</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payroll	<u>-1,589.66</u>	<u>205,998.08</u>	<u>203,066.36</u>	<u>1,342.06</u>
Capital Fund	<u>1,112,405.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>140,823.17</u>	<u>971,582.05</u>
Escrow Account	<u>10,379.45</u>	<u>19.83</u>		<u>10,399.28</u>
Central Ave Drainage Project	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Community Development				
Home Grant Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
USDA Revolving Loan Funds	74,160.40	666.67	0.00	74,827.07
Total Community Development	<u>74,160.40</u>	<u>666.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>74,827.07</u>
Total Cash	<u>4,230,673.60</u>	<u>1,058,463.97</u>	<u>1,677,767.91</u>	<u>3,611,369.66</u>

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	General Fund	City Clerk	Payroll	Capital Fund	Escrow Account	Central Ave Drain	2015 Home Grant	USDA
Balance 12/1/22								
Checking	3,028,053.33	0.00	-1,589.66	1,112,405.22	10,379.45	0.00	0.00	74,160.40
Petty Cash	400.00							
Total	3,028,453.33	0.00	-1,589.66	1,112,405.22	10,379.45	0.00	0.00	74,160.40
Add Cash Receipts:								
Taxes, Penalties & Interest	19,634.64							
School Taxes & Penalties	24,919.83							
Water & Sewer Revenues	28,834.75							
Sales Tax	65,925.00							
State Aid and Grants	623,035.18							
Interest								
Transfers	1,985.08		205,998.08		19.83			
Capital Projects								
BAN/Bond Proceeds								
Other	84,642.83	491.00						666.67
Total Cash Receipts	848,977.31	491.00	205,998.08	0.00	19.83	0.00	0.00	666.67
Less Cash Disbursements:								
Payrolls	205,998.08		203,066.36					
Checks	948,557.97	491.00		140,823.17				
Debt Service Payments	176,520.25							
Transfers								
Total Cash Disbursements	1,331,076.30	491.00	203,066.36	140,823.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book Balance 12/31/22	2,546,354.34	0.00	1,342.06	971,582.05	10,399.28	0.00	0.00	74,827.07
Less: Deposits in Transit	1,927.96							
Add: O/S Checks	338,940.79	491.00	9,477.41	47,635.52				
Bank Balance 12/31/22	2,883,367.17	491.00	10,819.47	1,019,217.57	10,399.28	0.00	0.00	74,827.07

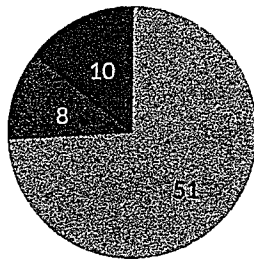
December 2022 Report

December 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022



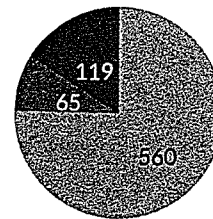
Warrants	EMS/Fire	Arrests	Total Incidents Month	Total Incidents YTD
Active Warrants	EMS/Fire Calls	Monthly		
48	67	40	456	5447
Cleared Warrants YTD	EMS/Fire Calls YTD	YTD	Domestic Incidents Month	Domestic Incidents YTD
98	766	496	31	327

MONTHLY ARREST CHARGES

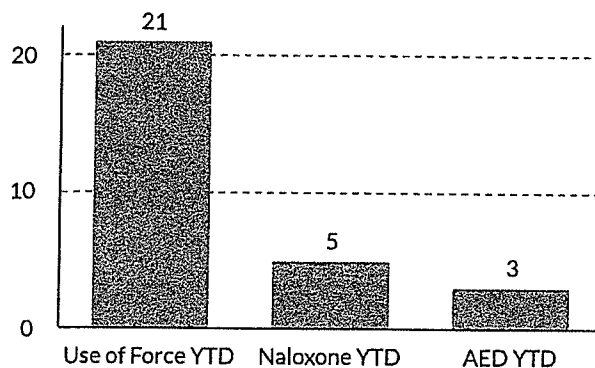


Misdemeanor (73.91%)
 Violation (11.59%)
 Felony (14.49%)

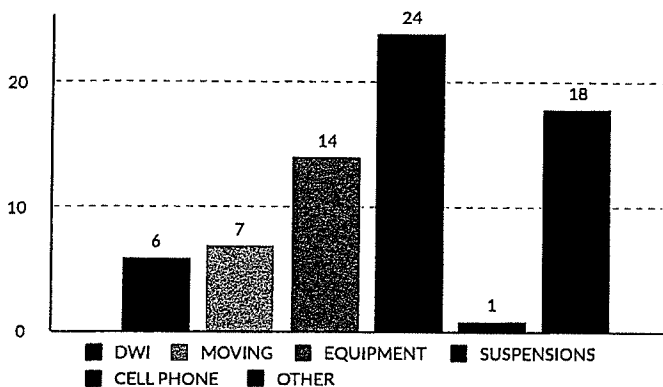
YEAR TO DATE ARREST CHARGES



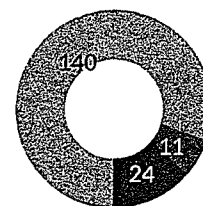
Misdemeanor (75.27%)
 Violation (8.74%)
 Felony (15.99%)



MONTHLY TRAFFIC TICKETS 70



YTD TRAFFIC CRASHES



PROPERTY DAMAGE (80%)
 PERSONAL INJURY (6.29%)
 HIT AND RUN (13.71%)

YEAR TO DATE TRAFFIC TICKETS 1265

