

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
April 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, 178 North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York on Wednesday April 12, 2023.

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

Mayor Butler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Motion to accept the March 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Mayor Butler Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 4 NAYES: 0

Commissioner Reports:

Mayor Butler Congratulated the Community Center on their effort with the White Derby, he stated it looked like the old days where all the streets were full and there were a lot of people in the City, it was well organized and run. He went on to say the City is working to complete the first property for the Home Grant and there are three (3) others that are in the works. He thanked Commissioner Seber, Gina and Kyle for their work and stated they are going to try and complete eight (8) to ten (10) but are limited with funds. He also stated they had over twenty (20), applicants and it is done on a first come first serve basis. He added they had there first review with the State and all the paperwork and such is going in the right direction. Mayor Butler stated that every other Friday the senior firemen are meeting with a group of clients from Wildwood and they spend a few hours together at the firehouse doing a little work like cleaning the firetrucks and they enjoy refreshments together. He added Mr. Mitchell is also involved and he brings students from the high school to participate which makes it a great community event. He went on to say Alan Rydinsky and Steve Desadore are the ones who are the ones who set it all up. Mayor Butler stated that Kevin Koval purchased the old DiSiena Furniture property and he is very excited about being in Mechanicville and feels there are a lot of great opportunities here. Mayor Butler stated that it was brought up at the last meeting for the emergency response for the railroad and he spoke with Bruce Lynch who is the City's response coordinator and added that on April 17th himself, Tom Richardson, Ed Kinowski, and Kevin Tollisen will be meeting

with Genesee, Wyoming who are taking over the railroad yard to go over things and get things laid out and put us in the right direction.

Commissioner Seber stated because of the move of the Police Department from City Hall to the Public Safety building two of the voting districts need to be relocated so beginning with the June primary election all districts (1,2,3, and 4) will all be at the Senior Center, the Center will be closed that day so there should be ample parking and this will be for all elections going forward. He went on to say the County runs the election and they will be notifying all voters.

Commissioner Hosley asked if he had a date for the election.

Commissioner Seber stated the primary is June 27th and the general election is November 7th.

Commissioner Seber stated that Supervisor Richardson gets monies every year from the landfill profit share which goes to all the communities in the County where each Supervisor get a proportion of the funds and in our case the City has \$31,000 which is City money but because of the way it is structured the Supervisor dictates where the money goes. He went on to say he has a list of the first \$10,400 dollars and it will be distributed as follows:

- \$6000 for bus trips for the Seniors
- \$1000 new shed at the Park Avenue playground
- \$1000 new stove at the Senior Center
- \$700 deep cleaning of the Senior Center
- \$200 air conditioner at the Senior Center
- \$1500 landscaping at Tallmadge Park/triangle on the overpass

He added that there will be porta-johns put down near the Tenandaho Playground.

Commissioner Seber stated they have begun water readings and billing will be May 1st and due May 31st and this billing does include sewer which is \$80 per unit so the bill will be a bit higher than the October billing. He went on to say the Charter Review Committee will be meeting on May 3rd for the final of three (3) public information/public hearing and this one will focus on the costs. He stated that on May 10th there will be a public hearing on another section change in the City Code and it will have to do with residential occupancy and will be posted in advance of the meeting. Commissioner Seber stated there are some changes to the resolution for the fee schedule changes: taking out satellite dishes and antennas, there will be no charge for those, taking out various surcharges fees per fixture, water heater, and all three (3) sprinkler head charges.

Commissioner Sgambati stated they had a Traffic Safety Committee meeting last week and there are some parking changes he would like to announce: there is no longer alternate parking on Saratoga Avenue, East Saratoga Avenue, Penrose Avenue, and Frances Street. Saratoga Avenue, East Saratoga Avenue, and Penrose Avenue are now all even side parking, Frances Street is odd side parking and the signs are up for everyone to follow. He went on to say there is a three (3) way stop on the intersection of Hulin Street and Stillwater Avenue. He reminded residents that if there is a snow emergency it supersedes all signs and residents need to follow the snow emergency parking. Commissioner Sgambati stated that the DPW crews are starting to fix

sinkhole storm drains and cleaning out the storm drains. He added he has already needed to transfer funds to his highway department.

Commissioner Hosley stated the Easter Bunny in Tallmadge Park was a success and they had anywhere from 150-200 people attend. He went on to say they are going to be putting up more banners next week and they have about 44-46 banners that were sold during the winter that need to go up. He thanked Keith Johnson for all of his help and also thanked his Deputy Amanda for all of their help since he has taken office. He welcomed the table of Seniors who attended the meeting tonight. Commissioner Hosley stated they have at least ten (10) volunteers coming next week to build two (2) raised boxes to plant fruits, vegetables, and flowers in the solarium. He went on to say he has around fifty (50) people who will be attending a special event of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory at the Saratoga City Center. He stated that the County will be doing Taco Tuesdays in the month of June and will be setting up a taco bar. Commissioner Hosley stated they will have a person from the County to be working a in the Senior Center building two (2) days a week and added they are the only Senior Center in Saratoga County that has a County person in the building which is very fortunate for the City.

Commissioner Seber read the treasurer's report which is attached to the minutes.

Public Comment:

Dan Hayner of 812 Grand Street stated there is a serious problem at the Park Avenue Playground with kids fighting, using obscene language, and shooting assault rifles, he added there were about fifty (50) kids there the night before and something needs to be done about it. He added the kids have painted obscene things on the wall and he went on to say families refrain from going there because of the kids that are there.

Elizabeth Espinoza of 2 Harris Avenue read a statement regarding her disapproval of the Mayor and the Police Department.

Marylou Cling of Lee Street stated she worked for the Mechanicville Police Department for thirteen (13) years and she thinks the worst thing the City could have done was get rid of dispatch but she thinks they are all very hard working and handle everything they can. She asked questions in reference to the fee schedule and stated it reads "included but not limited too" and she is concerned that the wording is too open ended. She asked for clarification on some of the schedule fee changes and Kyle explained them to her.

Tom Mahoney asked for clarification on what the \$6000 was going to be used for from the Supervisor's money.

Commissioner Seber explained the \$6000 was for four (4) bus trips for the seniors.

Tom Mahoney asked if the schedule fee changes would be published somewhere for people to see.

Commissioner Seber stated that once they vote on them and they are approved they would be on the website and they can post them on the bulletin board in City Hall. He went on to say the focus is to encourage people to fix their property so they lowered the rates.

Lydia Tironi of North Second Street stated she thinks the west side should all be four (4) way stops and there should be more patrolling in that area. She added she is also concerned with the kids terrorizing the City.

Leonard Brooks of Stillwater Avenue asked who is responsible for curbing and asked if anyone has ever been issued a summons for not clearing their sidewalks within 24 hours of a storm.

Kyle Woodard stated the homeowner is responsible for the curbing, and he is not aware of any summons being issued.

Leonard Brooks stated there is a small portion on Stillwater Avenue the City owns and they do not maintain it. He asked when the Traffic Safety Committee will meet again.

Mayor Butler stated it would be at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Dave Hicks of First Avenue asked why no one has notice the flag out front being folded up.

Commissioner Hosley stated they are aware of it and are waiting on a bucket truck to fix it.

Dave Hicks asked who the lowest bidder was for the HVAC system at the Community Center and what was the date of the bid.

Commissioner Seber stated the bids were done through the Community Center and the lowest bidder ESCO.

Dave Hicks stated he does not approve of the fees schedule changes.

Kim Dunn of South Main Street stated the City has changed drastically and they gave up a valuable asset by getting rid of the dispatch. She asked if the City has been served with a lawsuit.

Commissioner Seber stated they have not.

Kim Dunn asked the status of the City sign and when it is put up who would be in control of it.

Mayor Butler stated the sign is at DPW and they have not assigned anyone to control it yet.

Kim Dunn asked if anyone would be appointed as intern for the Finance position.

Mayor Butler stated they would not be appointing anyone.

Kim Dunn stated the schedule fee change has a lot of information to be given two (2) days before the meeting to comprehend. She added she feels it is a money grab and does not think they will be encouraging anyone to be do anything to their property. Kim stated it is concerning to see all of the budget transfers. She asked why there are amendments for the insurance as when you have an insurance policy you know how much it is going to cost.

Commissioner Seber stated the City received an estimate prior to the budget and did not get the firm numbers until after the budget and the premium had increased.

Ray Martin of Tallmadge Place asked Commissioner Seber why he did not accept his point of order.

Commissioner Seber stated because it was in the middle of our meeting.

Ray Martin asked the City Attorney if he can ask for a point of order at any time during the meeting.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated he could not. If he was a member of the Board he could.

Ray Martin stated that the Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee does not have independent authority outside of the committee's voting for actions.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated that was correct.

Commissioner Seber added the minutes of a meeting are not a transcription of a meeting, they are a summary of the meeting.

Ray Martin asked if the City took any unnecessary action based on the lot line adjustment resolution or if anything was sent to Saratoga.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated there was a public hearing as it related to a lot line adjustment.

Ray Martin stated a lot of the fees need a more in-depth explanation.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 24-2023 Clifton Park Halfmoon Emergency Corp. Agreement

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Sgambati

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 25-2023 MACSC HVAC Replacement Contract

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

Mayor Butler stated he thought Keith did a great job as the Commissioner of Finance, he was always helpful and spot on with all of his work. He commended him for a great job and always putting forth great effort.

Commissioner Seber stated his Department works very closely with the Finance Department and he thought Keith did a really good job and they are going to miss him

Ray Martin asked if they would be auditing the books upon his departure.

Commissioner Seber stated the books are audited yearly.

RESOLUTION 26-2023 Resignation

Moved by: Commissioner Sgambati
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 27-2023 Fee Schedule

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Abstain: Commissioner Sgambati

RESOLUTION 28-2023 Nutrition Agreement

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 29-2023 Public Hearing

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 30-2023 Budget Amendments

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 31-2023 Budget Amendments

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 32-2023 Budget Transfers

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 33-2023 Budget Transfers

Moved by: Commissioner Sgambati
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 34-2023 Payroll and Vouchers

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Seber

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 35-2023 NYSEG

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Hosley

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Sgambati stated the only reason he abstained from the fee schedule is because he feels they should be having more public hearings and get the public more information quicker and he complimented Kyle on doing a great job.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Close Meeting: 7:15 P.M.

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Sgambati

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

City of Mechanicville
Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2023

| | Balance 3/1/2023 | Receipts | Disbursements | Balance 3/31/2023 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund: | | | | |
| Checking | 1,793,878.67 | 3,752,135.20 | 1,391,410.06 | 4,154,603.81 |
| Petty Cash | 400.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Total General Fund | <u>1,794,278.67</u> | <u>3,752,135.20</u> | <u>1,391,410.06</u> | <u>4,155,003.81</u> |
| City Clerk Account | <u>0.00</u> | <u>939.32</u> | <u>939.32</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Payroll | <u>5,256.58</u> | <u>304,776.01</u> | <u>303,358.61</u> | <u>6,673.98</u> |
| Capital Fund | <u>647,124.46</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>122,091.15</u> | <u>525,033.31</u> |
| Escrow Account | <u>11,697.64</u> | <u>26.82</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>11,724.46</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 | <u>76,160.41</u> | <u>666.67</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>76,827.08</u> |
| Total Community Development | <u>76,160.41</u> | <u>666.67</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>76,827.08</u> |
| Total Cash | <u>2,541,382.62</u> | <u>4,058,544.02</u> | <u>1,817,799.14</u> | <u>4,782,127.50</u> |

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Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2023**

| | General Fund | City Clerk | Payroll | Capital Fund | Escrow Account | Central Ave Drain | 2015 Home Grant | USDA |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Balance 3/1/23 | | | | | | | | |
| Checking | 1,793,878.67 | 0.00 | 5,256.58 | 647,124.46 | 11,697.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,160.41 |
| Petty Cash | 400.00 | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1,794,278.67 | 0.00 | 5,256.58 | 647,124.46 | 11,697.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,160.41 |
| Add Cash Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| Taxes, Penalties & Interest | 3,486,387.84 | | | | | | | |
| School Taxes & Penalties | 5,295.33 | | | | | | | |
| Water & Sewer Revenues | 1,059.10 | | | | | | | |
| Sales Tax | 65,865.00 | | | | | | | |
| State Aid and Grants | 112,531.24 | | | | | | | |
| Interest | 0.00 | | | | 26.82 | | | |
| Transfers | 0.00 | | 304,776.01 | | | | | |
| Capital Projects | 0.00 | | | | | | | |
| BAN/Bond Proceeds | 0.00 | | | | | | | |
| Other | 80,996.69 | 939.32 | | | | | | 666.67 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 3,752,135.20 | 939.32 | 304,776.01 | 0.00 | 26.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 666.67 |
| Less Cash Disbursements: | | | | | | | | |
| Payrolls | 303,928.48 | | 303,358.61 | | | | | |
| Checks | 1,087,481.58 | 939.32 | | 122,091.15 | | | | |
| Debt Service Payments | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers | | | | | | | | |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 1,391,410.06 | 939.32 | 303,358.61 | 122,091.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Book Balance 3/31/23 | 4,155,003.81 | 0.00 | 6,673.98 | 525,033.31 | 11,724.46 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,827.08 |
| Less: Deposits in Transit | 76,049.93 | 30.00 | | | | | | |
| Add: O/S Checks | 226,777.19 | 939.32 | 10,236.43 | | | | | |
| Bank Balance 3/31/23 | 4,305,731.07 | 909.32 | 16,910.41 | 525,033.31 | 11,724.46 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,827.08 |

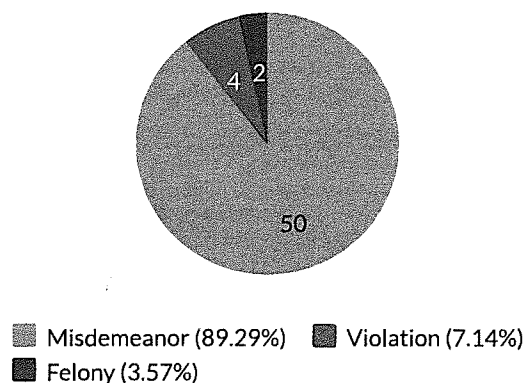
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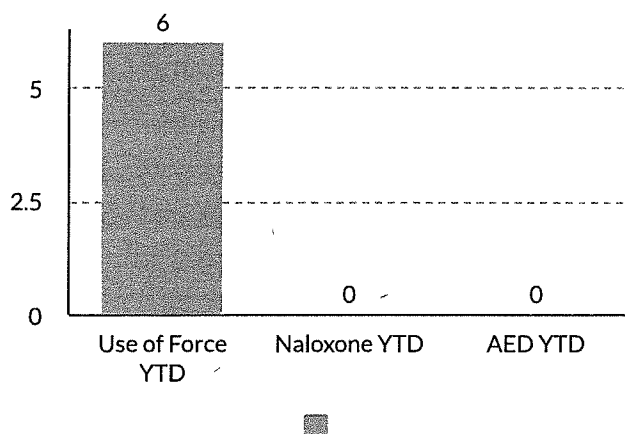
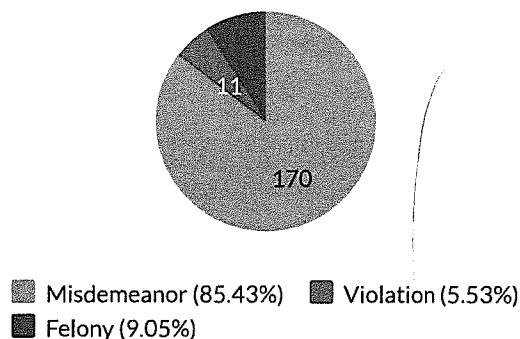


| Warrants | EMS/Fire | Arrests | Total Incidents Month | Total Incidents YTD |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Active Warrants | EMS/Fire Calls | Monthly | | |
| 49 | 68 | 40 | 518 | 1331 |
| Cleared Warrants YTD | EMS/Fire Calls YTD | YTD | Domestic Incidents Month | Domestic Incidents YTD |
| 19 | 197 | 132 | 15 | 72 |

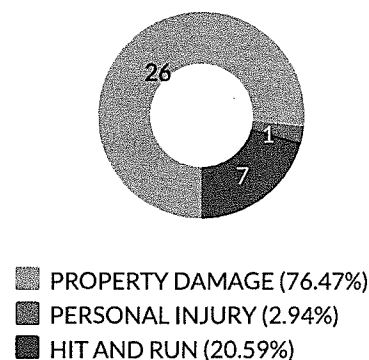
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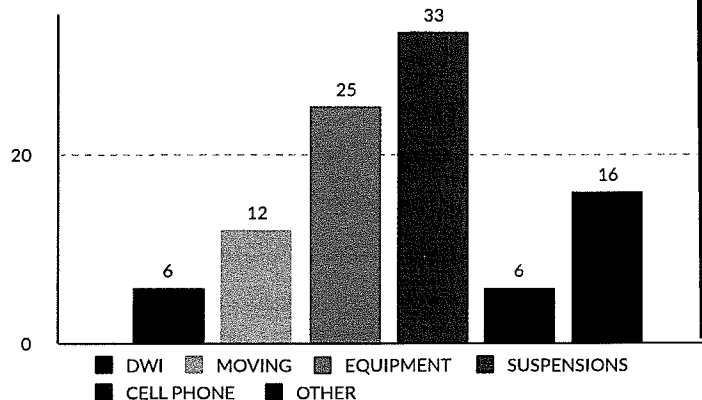
YEAR TO DATE ARREST CHARGES



YTD TRAFFIC CRASHES



MONTHLY TRAFFIC TICKETS 96



YEAR TO DATE TRAFFIC TICKETS 428

