

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
November 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, 178 North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York on Wednesday November 8, 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 Sgambati	Present
	Commissioner Hosley	Present

Motion to accept the October 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Mayor Butler Seconded by: Commissioner Sgambati

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

Commissioner Reports:

Mayor Butler congratulated Michelle Duell and Megan Quillinan on a very successful Economic Summit and commented on the delicious food by Ariel at the Ugly Rooster and the beautiful venue at Arts on the Hudson. He announced that there will be a Veteran's Ceremony on Saturday November 11th at 11:00am in Tallmadge Park.

Commissioner Seber stated there is a change in resolution 109-2023, the monthly fee went from \$580.08 to \$591.74 and he announced City Hall and DPW will be closed on Friday November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day. He gave the Treasurer's report which is attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Sgambati stated his crews fixed a service line shut off break on Greenwood Avenue, all water breaks to date have been patched up, hydrants flushing is complete, streets that were scheduled to be paved are also complete, the crosswalks have been painted, and to date a total of 18 ADA pads have been installed. He added there are 5 more ADA pads that need to be put in at this time. Commissioner Sgambati thanked his water distribution employee and the 40 homeowners that gave water samples to be tested for lead and copper. He went on to say that he is low on manpower stated he has 9 employees and 2 of them are on leave which leave him 7

employees taking care of the City. He stated the City cannot keep putting more of a workload on his department if they are not going to provide him with more staff. He went on to say he does not agree with the two Deputy positions starting at \$35,000 there is a lot of responsibility and should start at a higher pay. He added he does not agree with adding a new position to the Building/Code office. Lastly, he stated that the City Council members need to work on communicating better.

Commissioner Hosley stated the memory trees are for sale and have sold more than half of them already, they have 80 right now but there are more available if needed. He went on to say they have keyrings available for sale which are a replicate of the banners. Commissioner Hosley thanked Chief Matt Dunn and the fire department for hanging the banners.

Sergeant Alex Dunn stated that Chief Rabbitt submitted his monthly report and it is attached to the minutes.

Chief Matt Dunn gave his report which is attached to the minutes and stated they completed fire prevention in the school in the month of October, they are on schedule to complete about 800 calls this year, and they have 3 new members 2 of which are already trained and 1 in initially training presently.

Public Hearing (2024 Budget):

The following members of the community asked questions in reference to several budget line/position master line items in which the Council answered, the questions that could not be answered will be followed up with an email from a member of the Council: Tom Mahoney, Bill Connors, Tamar Martin, Marylou Kling, Barbara McGuire, Kim Dunn, Amanda Landy, Dave Hicks, Ethel Baisley, and Ray Martin. The following members requested that they do not vote on the budget at this meeting and wait until next month to vote on it: Tamar Martin, Marylou Kling, Barbara McGuire, Kim Dunn, Amanda Landy, and Ray Martin.

Public Comment:

Marylou Kling of Lee Street stated that she is not approved of the resolution for the Clerk's position, it is an entry level position and should not start off at such a high rate of pay and sets a bad precedent and they should not be creating positions to suit the people around them and thinks it is unethical. She added she put in an application to see what the process would be and unfortunately there was no process. She asked what the changes are for the Code of Ethics.

City Attorney Lyn Murphy stated they are adding additional definitions for clarification which is basically a response to some of the concerns that were raised by the public, and making it a requirement that people have to submit a disclosure form every year or every time within 30 days that anything changes.

Bill Connors of Purdy Lane begged the Council to raise taxes and not put the burden on the Council next year.

Kim Dunn of South Main Street asked what the premise was for the pay for the Fire Chief's. She went on to say that if you look at the budget it looks like they are receiving a big raise but it is not taken into consideration that they use their personal vehicles to respond to calls which puts wear and tear on their vehicles, and they pay for their own gas, insurance, etc.. She asked if someone was collecting unemployment since money was being transferred to that budget line in the budget transfer resolution.

Commissioner Seber stated there is someone collecting unemployment.

Kim Dunn asked to table the budget and take action on it next month.

Tamar Martin of Tallmadge Place objected to creating a position and that it is fiscally irresponsible to do so.

Barb McGuire of South Second stated it would be more feasible to hire two part time employees as opposed to one. She went on to state her disapproval of letting someone transfer their time to another position. She asked whose idea it was to do a traffic study since there has never been an accident in that area and there is no need to fix something that isn't broken.

Mayor Butler stated he went to a Transportation Council meeting and a grant application was put in three years ago and he is not sure who put the application. He went on to say they suggested a traffic study, they pay for the traffic study and the City needed to do some payment in kind, and he had the Police sit there 1 hour per shift and everything went well.

Dave Hicks of First Avenue complimented the Chief and his staff for a job well done with Halloween patrols. Asked when the sewer work was going to end.

Mayor Butler stated they were going to start pumping on Monday and it will take 2 weeks to do the lining and then a week or so to break down, hopefully complete by the first week in December.

Dave Hicks stated that you should not need a high school diploma or GED to apply for the mechanic job. He asked if anyone checked into the Stillwater medical transportation.

Commissioner Hosley stated he found out it is used quite a bit, and he wanted to know how much it was used because it costs a lot of money to have access to it.

Dave Hicks stated more handicap parking needs to be put throughout the City, he added that the end of First Street needs to have 2 lanes added, one for turning right and the other for left hand turns. He asked when the parking lot next to the firehouse will be complete and how the splash pad is coming. Lastly he stated there is an electric car parked on First Avenue with the lead on the driver's side and someone is going to come by and hit it.

Debra Neddos of Tallmadge Place is looking to have an ordinance for public safety and public nuisance for leaving food out for animals, wildlife after dark. She went on to say they are having problems with skunks, and raccoons, getting in residence garages, spewing garbage all

over the streets, etc. She added they needed to hire trappers which unfortunately euthanize the animals when the better solutions would be to stop putting food out.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 105-2023 (2024 Budget)

Moved by: Commissioner Seber

Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 2 NAYS: 2

NAYS: Commissioner Sgambati & Commissioner Hosley

RESOLUTION 106-2023 Full-time Clerk

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Seber

Commissioner Hosley made a motion to table the resolution until the December meeting

AYES: 2 NAYS: 2

NAYS: Mayor Butler & Commissioner Seber

There was already a motion by Mayor Butler and Seconded by Commissioner Seber on the resolution

AYES: 2 NAYS: 2

NAYS: Commissioner Sgambati & Commissioner Hosley

RESOLUTION 107-2023 Re-appointment (Police-Civilian Affairs Review Commission)

Moved by: Mayor Butler

Seconded by: Commissioner Sgambati

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 108-2023 Retirement System Reporting

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 109-2023 Copier Contract

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 110-2023 Eldercare Agreement 2024

Moved by: Commissioner Hosley
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 111-2023 Public Hearing (Code of Ethics)

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Sgambati

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 112-2023 Budget Transfers

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 113-2023 Budget Amendment

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 114-2023 Payroll and Vouchers

Moved by: Commissioner Seber
Seconded by: Mayor Butler

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:25 P.M

Moved by: Mayor Butler
Seconded by: Commissioner Sgambati

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

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

	Balance 10/1/2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 10/31/2023
General Fund:				
Checking	2,037,166.06	656,922.47	706,976.51	1,987,112.02
Petty Cash	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Total General Fund	<u>2,037,566.06</u>	<u>656,922.47</u>	<u>706,976.51</u>	<u>1,987,512.02</u>
City Clerk Account	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,521.73</u>	<u>1,521.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payroll	<u>-2,816.48</u>	<u>183,394.42</u>	<u>188,046.93</u>	<u>-7,468.99</u>
Capital Fund	<u>365,496.84</u>	<u>72,676.50</u>	<u>421,855.96</u>	<u>16,317.38</u>
Escrow Account	<u>11,905.15</u>	<u>32.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,938.01</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	55,946.25	0.00	55,946.25	0.00
USDA Revolving Loan Funds	80,160.46	666.67	0.00	80,827.13
Total Community Development	<u>136,106.71</u>	<u>666.67</u>	<u>55,946.25</u>	<u>80,827.13</u>
Total Cash	<u>2,555,123.14</u>	<u>915,214.65</u>	<u>1,374,347.38</u>	<u>2,095,990.41</u>

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10/01/2023

	General Fund	City Clerk	Payroll	Capital Fund	Escrow Account	Central Ave Drain	2015 Home Grant	USDA
Checking	2,037,166.06	0.00	-2,816.48	365,496.84	11,905.15	0.00	55,946.25	80,160.46
Petty Cash	400.00							
Total	2,037,566.06	0.00	-2,816.48	365,496.84	11,905.15	0.00	55,946.25	80,160.46
Add Cash Receipts:								
Taxes, Penalties & Interest	8,906.04							
School Taxes & Penalties	10,477.23							
Water & Sewer Revenues	261,862.99							
Sales Tax	244,413.00							
State Aid and Grants	19,492.42							
Interest								
Transfers	55,946.25		183,394.42	72,676.50	32.86			
Capital Projects								
BAN/Bond Proceeds								
Other	55,824.54	1,521.73						666.67
Total Cash Receipts	656,922.47	1,521.73	183,394.42	72,676.50	32.86	0.00	0.00	666.67
Less Cash Disbursements:								
Payrolls	256,070.92		188,046.93					
Checks	399,496.22	1,521.73		421,855.96				
Debt Service Payments	51,409.37							
Transfers								
Total Cash Disbursements	706,976.51	1,521.73	188,046.93	421,855.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book Balance 10/31/23	1,987,512.02		-7,468.99	16,317.38	11,938.01	0.00	55,946.25	80,827.13
Less: Deposits in Transit	19,378.49	270.00						
Add: O/S Checks	196,226.36	3,563.82	7,675.94	3,398.75				
Bank Balance 9/30/23	2,164,359.89	3,293.82	206.95	19,716.13	11,938.01	0.00	55,946.25	80,827.13

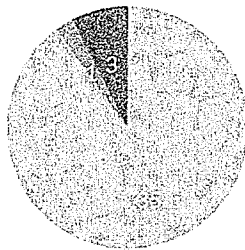
October 2023 Report

October 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023



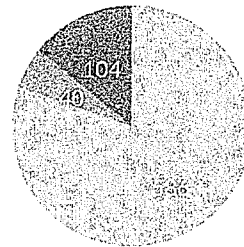
Warrants	EMS/Fire	Arrests	Total Incidents Month	Total Incidents YTD
Active Warrants	EMS/Fire Calls	Monthly		
54	53	30	493	4710
	EMS/Fire Calls YTD	YTD	Domestic Incidents Month	Domestic Incidents YTD
	652	492	23	233

MONTHLY ARREST CHARGES



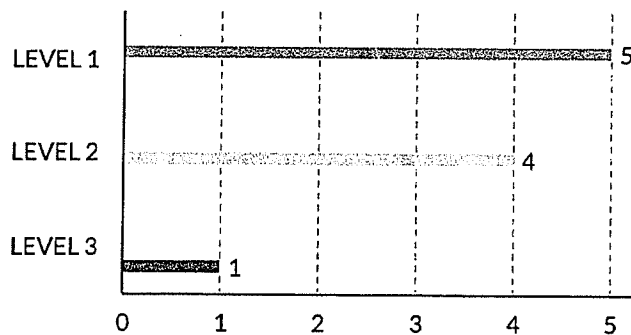
Misdemeanor (89.74%) Violation (2.56%)
Felony (7.69%)

YEAR TO DATE ARREST CHARGES

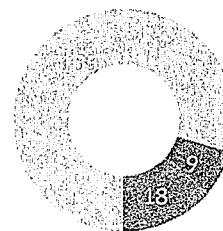


Misdemeanor (80.27%) Violation (5.48%)
Felony (14.25%)

SEX OFFENDERS

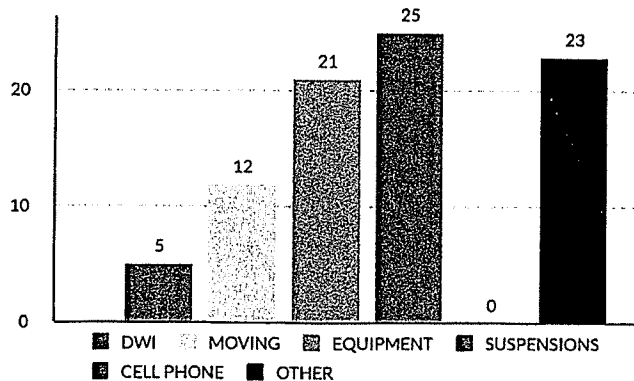


YTD TRAFFIC CRASHES

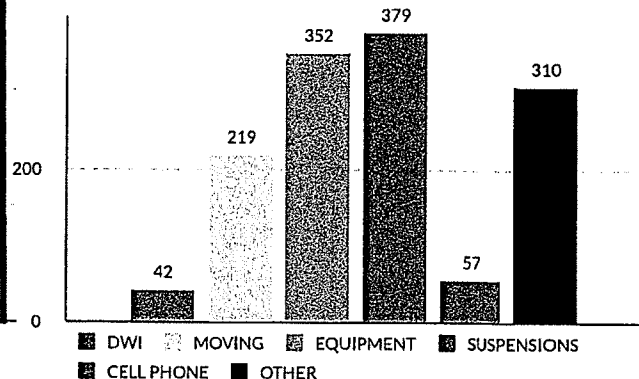


PROPERTY DAMAGE (79.55%) PERSONAL INJURY (6.82%) HIT AND RUN (13.64%)

MONTHLY TRAFFIC TICKETS 86



YEAR TO DATE TRAFFIC TICKETS 1359



Mechanicville Fire Department

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Mechanicville, New York 12118
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Chief
Matthew Dunn

Deputy Chief
Alexander Dunn

Assistant Chief
Nickolas Dunn

September 2023 Chief's Report

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
111 - Building fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	49
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2
500 - Service Call, other	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	2
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	7