

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
July 10, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, New York on Wednesday July 10, 2019

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Present
	Commissioner Dunn	Present
	Commissioner Gilheany	Absent
	Commissioner Gotti	Present
	Commissioner McGuire	Present

Mayor Baker: Called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.  
Tom Mahoney led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to accept the May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Commissioner Dunn                      Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

Roll Call:    AYES: 4                      NAYS: 0

Motion to accept the June 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Commissioner Dunn                      Seconded by: Mayor Baker

Roll Call:    AYES: 4                      NAYS: 0

Commissioner Reports:

Mayor Baker had nothing to report.

Commissioner Dunn stated there will be a 9/11 ceremony at the Elks on Park Avenue on Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and she went on to say that evening is a City Council Meeting night so they might want to think about changing the meeting so they could all attend.

Mayor Baker stated they could talk about it and decide if they wanted to change the meeting.

Commissioner Gotti stated there were a few water leaks and a water break on Round Lake Avenue that were all addressed. He went on to say that while on Round Lake Avenue they

found a few completely collapsed structures and will be putting new structures in. Commissioner Gotti asked everyone to check their properties for hanging branches so they do not fall and hurt someone. He went on to say they have completed a waste water lagoon at the Water Plant and it is up and running. Commissioner Gotti stated the hole that was found on the dock near the bath house has been repaired and top soiled and added there are a few leaks on East Saratoga Avenue which are curb stops and there is one in front of Golden Krust Bakery which may result in a lane being closed. Commissioner Gotti asked people to be aware of work being done on Railroad Street and stated he has witnessed people driving in and out of the cones into oncoming traffic. Commissioner Gotti stated he is putting a committee together for the City streets and so far the following people are on the committee: Mayor Baker, Commissioner Gotti, Bill Rabbitt, Tom Richardson, and Tim Hipwell.

Commissioner McGuire stated they had a Kickoff to Summer at the Park Avenue playground which consisted of a bouncy-bounce, the pool open, free lunch, Stewarts provided free ice cream and sprinkles, and the fire truck and police officers attended. She stated they had a lot of kids attend and they had a great afternoon. Commissioner McGuire went on to say there has been chlorine issues at the Park Avenue pool resulting it having to be shut down and they are working to maintain the chlorine levels to make sure it is safe for the kids. She went on to say that if the chlorine levels can't be stabilized the pool will have to be shut down until it is corrected.

Acting Chief Bill Rabbitt gave his monthly report which is attached to the minutes. He went on to say that Nick Dunn is resigning as a full-time Dispatcher and is asking to keep him on part-time which saves a tremendous amount of money due to the fact that he could pick up shifts that would otherwise go to someone receiving overtime. Acting Chief Rabbitt stated they had a 71% increase in attendance for the Paul Luther Memorial 5K race at Family Day in the park.

Deputy Chief Matt Dunn gave his monthly reports for May and June which are attached to the minutes.

#### Public Comment:

David Hicks of 241 First Avenue asked what the holdup was with putting signs up on First Avenue for a one-way since it has been on the books since 1997. He went on to say there are over 11 approved regulations that had been added on that day and after.

Mayor Baker stated that he has stated before that he was told that they passed a resolution to have First Avenue as a one-way and before the next meeting it was rescinded.

David Hicks stated there is a manhole drain in front of Country Living on Central Avenue which is on the highest spot in that area and asked what the design of that was.

Commissioner Gotti stated the pipe that was just replaced in the middle of that road a grate was put there so if it overflowed it had a way to get out.

David Hicks asked if that tied into the other ones located on the low spots.

Commissioner Gotti stated it was all tied together.

David Hicks stated the Mechanicville.gov website is still not secure and he wants to know why. Commissioner Dunn stated that sometimes they go on Mechanicville.com and should be going on mechanicvilleny.gov.

David Hicks stated he went on the .gov website and it is not secured and he could show everyone after the meeting if they would like. Mr. Hicks asked about the LED light changing for the buildings.

Commissioner Gotti stated there are programs he would like to get into, one through NYSEG and one through HOPE energy and it is all about funding but they only put so much money in it per year and when it is gone it is gone.

David Hicks stated the library just switched over and although they put out the money up front they are saving a lot of money and it pays for itself. Mr. Hicks went on to say he has come across a lot of funding for water but nothing has ever been defined on it.

Commissioner Gotti stated that is in the engineers hands and he isn't even sure if they are ready to bid it yet.

Tom Mahoney of the Express stated the sidewalks at the South Main Street tennis courts are cracked and asked if they would be fixed and whose budget that would come out of.

Commissioner McGuire stated she would look into the budget to see what is there but it is a very tight budget for parks and playgrounds.

Tom Mahoney stated that they Park was named in memory of Paul Luther and it should be kept nicely.

Commissioner McGuire agreed with him.

Tom Mahoney asked if anything has been received on Mr. Hite's investigation.

Acting Chief Bill Rabbit stated that the PBA has an appointment with a contractor and they will be taking money out of the PBA fund to clean up the memorial around the flag pole.

Fred Hosley of Newman Avenue asked if they looked at having a public speaking at the end of the meetings.

Mayor Baker stated he hasn't heard anything from the Council Members but they are looking into it.

Fred Hosley commended whoever was responsible for cleaning Tallmadge Park after the storm he stated they did a terrific job.

Dawn Dawson asked if there is a tight budget for parks and playgrounds how was there funds to purchase a van.

Commissioner McGuire stated that she asked Commissioner Gilheany to put money aside so that she could buy a van.

Dawn Dawson stated there is already a City bus.

Commissioner McGuire stated there are a lot of times there are more seniors that want to attend events then the bus will hold.

Dawn Dawson asked if the van would be going out of the City and if there is a liability for the City when it goes outside the City.

Commissioner McGuire stated they are covered with insurance no matter where they go and they have enough liability for whatever they need.

Dawn Dawson stated the tennis courts were redone not long ago but not done properly and the fence was not addressed at all.

Commissioner McGuire stated the fence has needed repairs for many years.

Dawn Dawson asked if there was a plan to take care of the fence.

Commissioner McGuire stated she will have to see what she can do with working with DPW who may be able to repair it themselves but added that fence has needed repair many Commissioners before her.

Commissioner Gotti stated they removed some of the bushes over there but there is a vine that is woven through the piece of fence that it is going to need to come down.

Mayor Baker stated that with the new trail coming up through Mechanicville there may be some money available.

Commissioner McGuire added the county is giving the City \$20,000 and she is not sure how much of it she will be able to use but she would love to spruce that up and would like to look into bringing ice skating back to the playgrounds. She stated she is not sure if the water would ruin

the courts but added we had an awful winter last year and they were not covered and they look fine.

Dawn Dawson asked if the City has spoken with anyone from the railroad in reference to weeds, trees, and the wall going down South Main Street.

Commissioner Gotti stated he has reached out to them three (3) different times and they did say they had a crew that does regular maintenance on it but at this point they have other projects they are working on and haven't come through.

Dawn Dawson asked if the City is allowed to go on their property.

Commissioner Gotti stated he asked the railroad to update the paperwork allowing the City to go on the property and clean it.

Nick Rinaldi if the Council could look into purchasing a speaker for the meetings and stated he is in the back of the room and could not hear anything from the meeting.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 67-19: Desk Officer Nickolas Dunn Resignation of full-time Position

Moved by: Commissioner McGuire  
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 4      NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 68-19 Nickolas Dunn Part-Time Desk Officer

Moved by: Mayor Baker  
Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 4      NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION 69-19: Payroll and Vouchers

Moved by: Commissioner Dunn  
Seconded by: Commissioner McGuire

AYES: 4      NAYS: 0

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Close Meeting: 7:25 p.m.

Moved by: Commissioner Dunn

Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

Executive Session End: 8:04

Moved by: Commissioner Dunn

Seconded by: Commissioner Gotti

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05

Moved by: Mayor Baker

Seconded by: Commissioner Dunn

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0