

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
JUNE 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Present
	Commissioner Duell	Present
	Commissioner Gilheany	Present
	Commissioner Higgins	Present
	Commissioner Hipwell	Present

Donna Izzo, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Baker: Can I have a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting?

Commissioner Duell, seconded by Commissioner Gilheany, moved that the Minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting be accepted as prepared:

Roll Call:	Mayor Baker	Yes
	Commissioner Duell	Yes
	Commissioner Gilheany	Yes
	Commissioner Higgins	Yes
	Commissioner Hipwell	Yes

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Reports:
Main Street Bridge is done and blacktopped.

Frances Street is probably 96 percent done. Should be done within the next week and a half. Still way ahead of schedule.

The Overpass had a delay of about three weeks while the DOT was working on the new demolition plan. They have come back and they are still scheduled to be done by the end of this building season, which would be before the blacktop plants close.

That is all I have.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Duell?

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE
TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AT A MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 13th DAY OF
July, 2016
Michelle Duell
CITY CLERK

Commissioner Duell: Tax assessment and formal reviews will be mailed out on June 15.

On July 29, we are having the court hearing for sale of 2012 foreclosed properties.

The 2013 unpaid taxes; we have started that process as well with sending out final notices.

We ended our water and sewer collection on May 31 and we had about 400 unpaid parcels.

Commissioner Duell read into the Minutes the Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety, Stephanie Sullivan, Resignation Letter.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Gilheany?

Commissioner Gilheany: I have nothing to report.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Higgins?

Commissioner Higgins: I would like to thank the Adamec's from Stillwater for doing a beautiful job in Patenaude Park. They do it every year at their own expense and I really appreciate it. That is all I have.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Hipwell?

Commissioner Hipwell: Paul Luther Playground on South Main Street is done. I am having a family next Wednesday night, just the family, myself and probably the Mayor for some pictures. There will be an article in the paper about it. It is the 40th anniversary of what happened to Officer Luther 40 years ago.

The other thing is, the Veterans' Monument that was in front of the old school. Thanks to Dave Higgins, Mike Butler and John Bove, it has been moved to Talmadge Park. It is not officially done yet. Other things have to be done. Right now we have temporary plans for Veterans' Day to have a little ceremony up there. Right now, everything is moving good.

That's it.

Mayor Baker: I want to piggyback on Tim's comment about the Veterans' Monument. There was a letter in this past week's EXPRESS from Mrs. Denier. Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication on her part. She had read the article in THE EXPRESS the week before and thought we had dedicated the monument and we had not. She was reading what had happened in 1963.

As Tim mentioned, we would never slight the Veterans. We would never NOT have a dedication ceremony or a rededication ceremony. They have been playing around with a few dates and we have decided Veterans' Day being the right time to do the dedication.

So, Mrs. Denier and I are on the same page and fine with each other. I just wanted to make everybody aware of that and I believe that THE EXPRESS is going to make some corrections in this week's paper.

That is it.

Mayor Baker: Mr. Serbalik?

Attorney Serbalik: I would like to have an Executive Session on a litigation matter.

Mayor Baker: Supervisor Richardson not here.
Chief Waldron?

Chief Waldron: Thank you Mayor. I wanted to let you know that Toyota and Bove Fuels, both of those companies in Mechanicville, have donated money to start a bike patrol in Mechanicville. So, we have purchased four bikes. Four officers are at bike school this week and doing very well. Both of them will be graduating tomorrow.

You would not believe the school to be so long, but it is. They have to learn to shoot on the bike. They have to learn to put the bike down and make an arrest. They have to do those things just because they are on a bicycle does not take away their responsibility to work. So, it is quite in depth and they are doing very well. They are riding about 30 or 40 miles a day. It is a lot.

We have had seatbelt enforcement that took place between May 23 and June 5. 237 tickets were issued, 4 DWI's, 3 operating without interlock ignition devices and 12 seatbelts. The 12 seatbelts seems kind of odd in that the sense of seatbelt enforcements and only 12 people were issued tickets for it. So, the residents of Mechanicville and neighboring communities that drive through Mechanicville, they are following the rules. They are wearing their seatbelts.

Enforcement part is that cell phones exploded and I don't have a stat on it but at least 60 cell phone tickets were issued during this same period. So, cell phones are something we have to get under control.

The whole month of May we issued 356 tickets and made over a 100 arrests. That translates into two to three arrests every single day. It is a lot of work. The police officers are working very hard and I want to give them kudos because they did a lot. Every single day they are really working hard.

We had some breakdowns in the cars. We tried to use old equipment. No good deed goes unpunished. Electrical wired burned up. Shorted out bar lights, it shorted out radios. Will be replaced tomorrow.

I also want to say that we received a \$5,000 grant from Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner for body cameras. We have negotiated some deals with camera companies. We looked at a whole array of companies. One company willing to give us at least 15 cameras with a 50% discount. So, you really can't go wrong. We will be doing that as soon as we complete doing the legal research so that everything is done properly as far as the bidding procedure to keep the State happy.

Other than that, tonight you will see Matthew Dunn on the appointment list for a full time police officer. Matthew has been a great part time officer. He scored great in physical agility and background specification, so I fully recommend him to be hired full time.

That is all I have.

Mayor Baker: Anybody here from the Fire Department? No. Public Comment. Come to the microphone, you have five minutes and talk about anything you want but just remember you have five minutes.

Kimberly Connors Dunn, 250 South Main Street: This time I am actually here with a letter from Barb McGuire. She lives at 101 South Second Avenue, Mechanicville. (LETTER ATTACHED).

David Hicks, 241 First Avenue: What is happening to the boiler. What is the actual price of the boiler to be replaced and has it been inspected as I am assuming it is up and running?

Commissioner Duell: The boiler in the Firehouse?

David Hicks: Yes

Commissioner Duell: Yes, it is up and running. There was an inspection, last week, I believe it was.

David Hicks: What was the final outcome and how much are we paying?

Commissioner Duell: \$36,400 was the cost of the boiler. \$33,000 was what was paid by insurance, and NYSEG's refund is going to be no less than \$1,000. They are still working through the paperwork.

David Hicks: Okay. On the reservoir, how is the water contract involved in the responsibility issues of Saratoga County Water Authority? Has that been rectified yet?

Mayor Baker: It is a general question. Do we have a contract with Saratoga County, is that what you are asking?

David Hicks: Are they actually going to be responsible for water that comes?

Mayor Baker: Yes. Absolutely.

David Hicks: We have a 20 mile radius of PFOA and PFOS. I know we did a test. Is there a test that is going to be done on that water that is considered to be contamination from up river that we do not know?

Mayor Baker: I mentioned that to the man from the Water Authority too and I thought he said he did do it or was going to do it. I will double check it.

David Hicks: Also, if you find that there is a lead test going into that factor, you will find a lot of lead in the water.

Mayor Baker: The lead in the water is more from houses than pipes in the houses.

David Hicks: Be sure to follow through. If it starts to become an issue, like in Flint, Michigan, it means, it is not in one spot.

Mayor Baker: Yes. I know.

David Hicks: The canal issue. Do you understand that it is the old canal that they are talking about and not the new canal? There were some issues on that before.

Have there been preliminary investigations done on trash collection yet for the bids, etc?

Mayor Baker: For the next time, not yet.

Commissioner Duell: That will start in January of 2017 is when those bids will start to go out. We will look for it. We are signed in to a three year contract at current time with County Waste.

David Hicks: What I am saying, is that we have gone through this before and that is why we are in the situation that we are now. It would be good to be ahead of the ball. Are we ahead of the ball?

Commissioner Duell: Right. We are the first year into the contract, so by starting January 2017, we are only at the beginning of our second year. It is more than ahead of the ball for us.

David Hicks: Now that CF has their approval for the building, what is going to happen to the water on First Avenue? What is going to be done about the flooding?

Mayor Baker: They are in the middle of their SEQRA process now. We will know more after that.

David Hicks: Okay because you know there is an issue there from the hill. I know it has exasperated since that new thing.

Now the Eldercare transportation. The availability of contracts that arise, who has priority, if any? How is it set up? Is it, first come, first served set up?

Mayor Baker: Transportation for what?

David Hicks: The elder transportation for medical.

Commissioner Duell: That comes out of the Stillwater Community Center.

David Hicks: Do they have preference over us?

Commissioner Hipwell: No, first come, first served basis.

David Hicks: I applied one time three weeks ahead of time for an appointment and they said they did not have availability. I thought that was strange as it was three weeks ahead.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Duell, would you follow up with that, please.

David Hicks: There appears to be a power panel on the north side of Frances Street. If so, why is that there?

Mayor Baker: It is a sewer pumping station.

David Hicks: Sewer pumping station? Is this in the contract?

Mayor Baker: Yes.

David Hicks: That was not clarified to me in any of the meetings.

Mayor Baker: It is in the contract.

David Hicks: What is this in the grapevine trying to extend term limits?

Commissioner Hipwell: What we are looking into and I am not saying it is going to happen. Right now, it is two, four year terms. A total of 8 years. I understand that people have already shot it down about term limits. One idea is to keep the term limits in effect but go 3 terms. Make it 12 years.

There are people on this Board, and I count myself, are doing a decent job and I got people calling me asking why are we getting rid of you after 8 years? Why don't you go one more year? I know people here are going to make comments about it, after you get done.

My personal opinion, and I got the Council backing me, is that I, Commissioner Hipwell, wants to put it up for November's election. Let the people tell us no or yes.

I also got told, and I am not picking on the gentleman, that the City Attorney told me that he would check on it and we cannot do that any more. The way it is to be done, you people come to the City Council meeting and we five people make that decision. If Val wants to get up and give other comments on that, he can, but that is the story I got.

David Hicks: It is a few people probably that want to extend the term limits, while the rest of the residents of the City of Mechanicville do not know about it. So, I don't think they will have any input on this since I got the information through the grapevine. I got it off handed. So, I doubt if the rest of the residents got it.

Commissioner Hipwell: I know, and I am not going to name names, but a lot of people cannot make it tonight because they had other commitments. They thought the City Council Meeting was the first Wednesday of the month not knowing it was the second Wednesday of the month.

The other thing is, if we go for this, if I am wrong Mr. Mayor, speak up, it has to go to a Public Hearing first and we are going to make a decision. What I got told is that we are going to make a decision. Are we going to vote on it or are we going to put it up to the people in November. My personal opinion, I want the people to tell me. I don't think it should be us. If it comes down to the five of us, then we have to vote on it.

Dave Hicks: It should be the people. Okay, thank you.

Dave Coreno, born and raised in Mechanicville: Presently there are nine tags in Talmadge Park that are unoccupied. I would like a place to put a bench on behalf of my brother, a ten year Marine Corp veteran, served in the Persian Gulf, and is presently deceased.

I will maintain that bench and it will be built to code. If it deteriorates, I will replace the bench. A small plaque on the back. That is all I am asking for. That is it.

Mayor Baker: Thank you, Dave. We will check on it and let you know.

Commissioner Higgins: Tommy is looking into benches. We are looking at different prices as the benches are all deteriorated over there. So, we are looking into different benches to put in there.

Dave Coreno: What does look mean?

Commissioner Higgins: Getting prices and what not.

Mayor Baker: The only thing that I think he is looking for is whether he is going to be able to do that. I don't know the answer to that. Do they let people put benches in the park?

Dave Coreno: It will be built to code and bolted down to the concrete.

Commissioner Hipwell: My personal opinion. I am in charge of parks and I say go for it. I agree with you.

Commissioner Higgins: What we want to do, is keep them all uniform. We have been talking in the last few weeks with different companies and what we are finding is very expensive benches.

Dave Coreno: You will not have to pay for nothing.

Commissioner Higgins: No, we have to do the whole park. We are looking for different options.

Mayor Baker: We promise to get back to you.

Dave Coreno: One other topic of discussion: MM670, it is a Military Manual. You guys replace and move the stone. Has anybody looked at the proper distance between the flagpole and the alternate flagpoles and the time capsule container? Right now, nothing is in code.

Commissioner Hipwell: First thing is that the monument is up there. The cannon was moved today, thanks to commissioner Higgins and his crew. The three flagpoles that up there right now, two of them are down. The only ones coming down will be all done by July 10. We have eight flagpoles for every military and Jim Peluso is involved and we are going through him.

Dave Coreno: Jim Peluso is a great guy. He knows what he is doing.

Mayor Baker: The Committee is actually made up of a lot of veterans.

Dave Coreno: What about the Time Capsule?

Mayor Baker: The Time Capsule is going to stay where it is. We would like to move it but I do not know how.

Next? Kim? Kim is up again because she spoke the first time for Barbara McGuire.

Kimberly Connors Dunn, 250 South Main Street: I have a couple of quick questions and then something to say. For the 47-16, which is the Champlain Canalway Trail, is that going to cost us anything?

Commissioner Duell: No.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Okay. I just wanted to make sure. Then the whole thing of switching meetings to the second Wednesday of the month which I appreciate since Civil Service switched their meetings to yours. It is just a kind of policy and procedure thing that we are hearing after the fact. You know my rule about that.

Then the Community Center Agreement, 50-16: We discussed this at the 2016 budget workshops as it was in the budget. I guess I am a little bit confused. You are paying them quarterly but why are we just now doing the contract, number 1, and number 2, Is there going to be any accountability? In other words, are they going to have to show how they spent the money?

Commissioner Hipwell: I can look into it.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: I don't want names or anything. It is I am not against giving them money but I am thinking there should be accountability, like the Council is accountable to us on what you spend and what you spend it on. I don't need the names but would like to know what it was spent on. This has come up the last couple of years at meetings and I am just following up on that.

Just when I think I cannot be any more disappointed in the Council as a whole. This is not directed at any one individual so I don't want it taken that way. I find myself surprised. It saddens me to really have to say that. I come here, as I told you, not because I have nothing better to do, not because I have personal issues with someone, etc. This is not a personal thing. This is common sense, what right is right, what is wrong is wrong.

I heard about the term limits because people called me, messaged me, saw me and whatever and I was a bit surprised, to be honest with you, because I am at every meeting and we have yet to discuss it publicly. It has yet to come up. None of you have talked about it publicly out here. So, I keep telling people no, I am sure that is not true because it has never come up, etc.

With that being said, three and half years ago it was put up for a public vote, as it should be whether you have to you don't have to. It is the right thing to do. It was defeated two to one. Now, all of a sudden we are going to revisit it with no formal notice. The only ones that know about it are people that heard about it on the street or people who were approached by Council Members. That is wrong. If it looks wrong, it is wrong.

Term Limits are there for a reason. I think there should be term limits here, State and Federal Level and you know what, it is sad when people think that someone is doing a great job and they can't run again in Mechanicville. And, again, absolutely. But the way the Charter is written, you can step down for one term and run again. So, if you are really that interested, that is the way it should be done.

This is really very, very, very wrong, I can't stress enough how upsetting it is to me to come here tonight. I love it when so many people come to a meeting, as you all know, but that never happens. So, right away, that makes me suspicious. Lots of people here tonight, so something must be going on.

This is totally wrong the way this is being handled. So, again, I am EXTREMELY disappointed. I can't say that enough. I am surprised that I am surprised.

Thank you.

Commissioner Hipwell: The last three times we were refused, shot down, because the past Mayor, everybody wanted to do away with term limits. I said that earlier. They want to do away with term limits. Part of it you can blame me. I am not trying to do away with term limits. I just want to add an extra four years. Keep term limits in effect, but instead of two four year terms go three to make it 12 years. So, there is a difference. Before, in the past, they wanted to do away with term limits. I am not doing away with term limits. I just want to add on an extra four years.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: I understand that totally. What I am saying, I think the way they are now, eight years, is enough. You know, change is not always bad. Thank you.

Mayor Baker: Next, Roger.

Roger Jackson, 130 North Main Street. Term Limits, I am all for term limits. If you are doing a decent job and nobody is running against you, what do we do? Filling in for another term I think at ground level you got four years to train someone to replace you to qualify to run with it, then I am all for it to change from 2 to 3 terms.

Mayor Baker: Thank you, Roger. Mike?

Mike McBride, 32 Farrell Street: I think it is great idea to extend the term limits. If you are not good enough to do the Mayor for another four years, then don't vote for him. That's all. Twelve years would be a good extension for that.

Mayor Baker: Thanks, Michael. Next? Anybody else?

Dana Watt, 244 South Main Street: A quick question. Are you going to go over term limits again?

Commissioner Hipwell: No vote, no nothing tonight.

Mayor Baker: Next meeting.

Dana Watt: I want to clarify that we are not going to go anything in the next couple of months.

Mayor Baker: No not tonight. Thanks David. Mrs. Izzo?

Donna Izzo, 135 North Second Avenue: I want to comment on the term limit issue. I think there should be a change in the term limit instead of two to maybe three limits should be in effect.

My husband was involved in the fire department for years and he found out that the first year you are in there it is a learning experience. The second year that you are there, you are getting into the gist of the job and then it is done. You don't have a chance to improve, you don't have a chance to carry on some of the programs that were initiated. So, I would like to see another four years added to the term limits, for that reason. Thank you.

Mayor Baker: Next? Dave?

Dave Hicks, 241 First Avenue: I am against extending term limits for the simple fact that it was already done statewide to stop the bureaucracy. We had all of it before and they put the term limits on for the two terms to eliminate anybody from finding the cookie jar and putting their hand in it. That is the way it should be. Everybody who gets in there, they are trying to do their job or whatever, they are going to do their homework ahead of time before they run. If they do not do their homework, then why are they there?

Mayor Baker: Thank you. Next? Donna?

Donna Izzo: So, is this an issue that has to be addressed by the Attorney? Is there something that has to be done with the City Charter? Is it like it has to go to a Public Referendum? Or, is it something the City Council can do on their own?

Mayor Baker: Val, would you explain what you just found out at the Conference of Mayors.

Attorney Serbalik: What happened in the past I cannot account for. I was not the City Attorney at that point. What had happened on one occasion there was to get an advisory opinion from the population. The Council at that time wanted to get public input on it. So, it was put on the ballot.

When the issue arose most recently, a question was raised by one of the Council members as to payment for the advertising fees or costs. I started the research and found according to State Law, you can't hold permissive referendums. In other words, the courts and the State have said that is the Council's responsibility to make these decisions on who holds the terms and for what period of time.

Referendums, that is votes submitted to the electorate are only allowed in certain circumstances, and this is not one of them. So, if there is going to be a change in the Charter, and our Charter says you can only hold the terms for eight years, if there is going to be a change, you have to go through the public hearing process. Notices have to go out advertising a public hearing and at that point a public hearing is set, and anyone could voice their opposition or request for approval.

Donna Izzo: Obviously, it is public opinion that matters the most to them and you would make your decision based on public opinion.

Mayor Baker: It will not be a public vote, it will be a public hearing for people to come here and tell us one way or another how they feel. Then, it will be up to us to make our decision on how we feel.

Attorney Serbalik: There is nothing to say that there cannot be a couple of public hearings.

Donna Izzo: That is the point that I wanted to clarify. Thank you.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else? Okay, I am going to close Public Comment and go to Resolutions.

Fred Metzger, Land Surveyor with Mr. McBride this evening regarding his project on 401 Elizabeth Street:

Mr. McBride, last Tuesday, received tentative approval based on the fact that he follows up with the City Council this evening regarding the small strip of land that is the void left between the front of his property line and the actual pavement.

The Planning and Zoning Board again gave him tentative approval based on the fact that he either purchases a small portion of that to shorten the distance between the property line and the edge of pavement and/or obtain easements in order to cross with his driveway and sewer. What we are here for tonight is that I did not know if it were something we present and the Council votes on it or?

Mayor Baker: That is because it is a contract. We are going to be talking about that in the Executive Session later. We will not be taking any action on it tonight.

Fred Metzger: So, is there anything else I can do or say at this time.

Mayor Baker: Does everybody understand what they are trying to do? As you know from the letter that we received, we have a couple of other residents on that road that over the years have become in violation in that area. There are structures built on City property. We are trying to correct that possibly by offering it to the residents to buy that piece of property in front of their houses, or if they do not want to, they are unfortunately, going to have to move. Not move personally, but move the improvement.

Fred Metzger: Right. I have seen other situations like this. My personal opinion, from the right of way that is open and used, the City should keep it. We develop land all the time. We generate right away 50 or 60 feet wide. Pavement usually covers 20 to 24 feet of it. Michael's particular situation they did obviously shift the pavement to be able to get around that little bump out that was there for the diner, way back when it was there.

Unfortunately, the existing pavement is hugging one side of the right away that left a large void. I have had situations like this before because of rock or very hard ground to work with, so they shifted the actual existing pavement.

Again, they never actually sold portions of it, as the right away should stay with the City especially being any future infrastructure or anything of that nature, they have the room there. Instead, if you sell it and you need it back, then you have to buy it from the homeowner or obtain easements.

With situations like that, like the one with the improvements, my Dad has that where he is down on the Mohawk. Basically, his property line is right at the back of his house and he has another 100 feet which is all canal land. What they make him do for the portion which is his property line, is that he has to carry a million dollar policy for that and it goes to that first before anybody else. In this case, it would be the canal.

Something the City Council could do, if for a reasonable price Michael were to purchase a portion of it, just as long as that portion again takes care of what he needs to do. Obviously, he is not going to take it to the edge of pavement and he is not going to need an easement afterwards to cross that last 10 or 15 feet to tie into the road.

I do not understand why an easement is needed because of the fact that 100 percent of the parcels around the City of Mechanicville, every one of them when the people leave the edge of the road and go according to the driveway, they cross the right away for that particular property. The property does not have the edge of pavement. Any way 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 feet of it is all part of the right away and is owned by the City. There are sewer lines and water lines their driveways all cross that. So, to have Michael obtain easements for what the entire City does I think is a little ridiculous.

Mayor Baker: What he is saying, now I get it. In front of my house, my property essentially ends at the sidewalk and from there out it is City property but I drive over the driveway so all that stuff I am doing already. So, if we do not sell it, I do not know why we necessarily have to do either. We are going to talk with you about it.

Attorney Serbalik, So, your preference is to get an easement?

Fred Metzger: No, we don't even want to get an easement. Again, it is part of the right away. If it were a City owned parcel that maybe was a vacant land and it went into foreclosure and the City took it, instead of a building lot, absolutely, then you would sell it.

But, in this particular case, it is part of the right away and again, the road was placed because of that little piece that was added to the diner shifted way to the left of the right away. That portion is still part of the City's right away – not the building lot, but part of the right away.

Attorney Serbalik: It is not part of the right away. The City map references Clements Street, then it shows the City owned parcel separately. Why it happened, I do not know, but it is not designated on the City map.

Fred Metzger: Before I leave, I will check it over. I had four individual subdivisions for that area and I believe it shows that particular parcel over there but it is all part of the right away.

Mayor Baker: Talk with us tomorrow about it, but we are going to discuss it in the Executive Session. Thank you.

Fred Metzger: Thank you.

Dave Hicks: One more question? How we are involved in both train stations? What was the reason for rehabbing the XO Tower?

Mayor Baker: I cannot answer about the XO Tower, but I can answer about the train station. They got a \$100,000 grant a number of years ago and it was to stabilize it and moving it in a rehab direction. Then Kathy Marchione just gave us another \$100,000. So they are looking at rehabbing the railroad station. Is that what you are asking me?

Dave Hicks: Okay. I thought the XO Tower was supposed to be like a museum?

Mayor Baker: I don't know what the XO Tower is other than an office. They did upstairs but you and I both know that it is not handicapped accessible so it cannot be a museum for people. I do not know.

Dave Hicks: So, why don't we sell it?

Commissioner Higgins: We own it.

Mayor Baker: Thank you. Anybody else? Now we will go to Resolutions.

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 47-16:
CHAMPLAIN CANAL TRAIL DESIGNATION.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Duell
Seconded By: Mayor Baker
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 48-16: CITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Higgins
Seconded By: Commissioner Hipwell
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 49-16:
MATTHEW J. DUNN APPOINTMENT TO FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER.**

Introduced By: Mayor Baker
Seconded By: Commissioner Higgins
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mayor Baker: I am very proud of Matt. Matt has done a great job for us. A great Assistant Fire Chief. He is very involved with the City.

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 50-16:
MECHANICVILLE AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER INC.
AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MECHANICVILLE TO PROVIDE MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Hipwell
Seconded By: Commissioner Duell
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 51-16: EFPR GROUP
AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MECHANICVILLE FOR AUDIT.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany
Seconded By: Commissioner Duell
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 52-16:
PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany
Seconded By: Commissioner Hipwell
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 53-16:
2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany
Seconded By: Commissioner Hipwell
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 54-16:
2016 BUDGET TRANSFER.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany
Seconded By: Commissioner Duell
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 55-16:
TIMES UNION NEWSPAPER.**

Introduced By: Commissioner Duell
Seconded By: Commissioner Gilheany
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mayor Baker: New Business?

Commissioner Duell: I do not know if anyone knew that the Olympic Torch Run came through town and stopped at City Hall today. There was a wonderful turnout of police officers, correction officers, and others. Just a really nice turnout at City Hall. Nice to have the Torch run by City Hall again.

Commissioner Duell: Also, I wanted to let everybody know that the Mechanicville Library is celebrating 50 years on June 18, 11:00-3:00. There is going to be indoor mini golf throughout the Library. Do not bring your clubs. It is mini golf.

Mayor Baker: Any old business? Okay. I make a motion to go into Executive Session.

Introduced By: Commissioner Gilheany
Seconded By: Commissioner Higgins
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mayor Baker: We will not be coming out of the Executive Session and taking any action. So, we are done. Thank you.

Executive Session closed at 8:59 P.M.:

Introduced By: Commissioner Higgins

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilheany

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.:

Motion Made By: Commissioner Higgins

Seconded By: Commissioner Gilheany

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

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Barbara McGuire

101 S. 2nd Ave.,

Mechanicville, NY

Dear City Council Members:

I am unable to attend this meeting tonight because of a work obligation.

Recently there was some miscommunication over an article in the Express written by Mary Morgan whose son, Lt. Cpl. Anthony Denier, was killed in action on 12/2/12.

The discussion involved the monument that was moved from North Main Street to Tallmadge Park.

I am writing to you to request that we have the names of the Veterans who were killed in action etched on the back of that monument so that all could be respectfully remembered. It is a big monument with plenty of room.

I am sure there is a cost for this service and am willing to coordinate all the fundraising that would be necessary to cover this cost, and any future fundraising, if regrettably, more names would have to be added.

Whatever research that would be needed for this project I also would be willing to handle.

Please consider that this be done so that we can respect and honor those who have served and given the ultimate sacrifice, as well as honor and respect their families that were left behind.

If this could be done by Veteran's Day, we could have a more proper dedication, with respect and honor, to those who have been killed in action.

If anyone needs to get ahold of me to discuss this, please feel free to call me at 518-858-4124.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara McGuire". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.