

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
APRIL 6, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Mechanicville City Council was held at the Senior Center, North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Baker: Anthony Accetta would you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I need a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

Commissioner Duell, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, moved that the Minutes of the February 17, 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. Frances Street and Main Street Bridge work has started again. I talked to them today and they are going to be winding down a little bit only because they cannot pour cement yet. Once they can do cement, they will be going gang busters and finishing it up.

I did not talk with anybody about the overpass today. However, it is proceeding and ahead of schedule, the last I knew.

This is all I have. Commissioner Duell:

Commissioner Duell: I have a meeting on Friday with GAR about the Assessment. The letters were to go out last week; obviously, they did not go out. We have a meeting on Friday and I will have more information after that meeting.

Water meters are being read. They are coming in and we are prepping for the water bills to go out. They are due the end of May.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> is Primary Day in New York. I encourage everyone to come out and vote.

I am going to be attending the Housing and Community Development yearly event. It is going to be in Saratoga Springs for Sunday and Monday this coming week.

April is Autism Awareness month and I encourage everybody to wear Blue in support of Autism Awareness.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Gilheany?

Commissioner Gilheany. I have nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Higgins?

Commissioner Higgins: We got the report back about the PFOA and we did not have any in our water. Contact me if anybody wants a copy of the report.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Higgins was proactive on getting the testing done. We talked about it because we are going to be doing work on the reservoir. We did not want to go ahead and do the work on the reservoir and then find out we were dealing with the same problems as many other areas, thus, wasting our money. So, we proactively tested the water. As Dave said, we are in good shape. Dave, anything else?

Commissioner Higgins: That's it.

Mayor Baker: Commissioner Hipwell.

Commissioner Hipwell: I want to talk about the Animal Control Person who represents the City. He is doing an outstanding job, in my opinion. He is following the laws of the City. I have been asked why he is driving the City vehicle around. We tried the new policy out and it did not work. I take full responsibility for that. It will stop immediately. He does have the right to drive the Animal Control Vehicle when he gets called out by the Mechanicville Police Department and anybody on this Council or neighbor calls him about finding a dog.

In the past, other Animal Control People did have the old code enforcement vehicle and they did not use their car, if they did not have to. I have asked the Mayor to read the Animal Control Person's guidelines:

Mayor Baker: The Animal Control Person is covered under City Code, Section 70 and he is also covered under the Agriculture and Market laws. That is what he enforces under.

Commissioner Hipwell: If anybody has any questions about the Animal Control Person, please give me a call. If he goes to your house and gives you a ticket for a reason related to an animal issue: the leash law, the shots and the biggest complaint I am hearing from the people, is dogs pooping on property of others and not on their own property.

You are to pick up your dog's p... The Animal Control Person was out walking one day with me and we saw a person's dog p... on another person's property. The person I went up to said, I am babysitting for the dog and I am not picking up the p..... I said, then don't take the dog for a walk, keep it on your own property.

The Animal Control Person is not carrying a gun. That thing on his belt is a cell phone. He also has a badge. Chief Waldron and I talked with him to tell him the only time he is to use that badge is after he shows his ID Card and then he will show his animal control badge. If they do not believe that, please call Chief Waldron and Chief Waldron will help.

Since he has been on the job, over 30 dogs have been licensed in the City. Commissioner Duell's office issued the licenses. That is all I got.

Mayor Baker: I want to piggyback on what Tim was saying. We have a lot of dogs in this City and many are not registered. So, maybe some people think the Animal Control Person is overly aggressive, but I think he is doing his job and he is trying to do it so that we get all the dogs in the City registered and we also know they have had their shots. So, if a dog bites your baby down street, we know that dog has had shots. All we have to do is to go to Commissioner Duell's office, look up the license and it tells us the dog has had their shots, their boosters and all that.

I am sorry that you feel you are bothered by it, but I do support Tim on that and what he was talking about dog excrement all over the place and there is a lot of it. It just annoys me when I see someone letting their dog do that and not pick up after it.

Commissioner Hipwell: One other comment. I did get at least two letters and five phone calls on the outstanding job this person is doing. One person who contacted me about animal control, has everything on tape and everything the Animal Control Person did shows what he did was legal.

Mayor Baker: Attorney Serbalik is on vacation. Supervisor Richardson is absent. Chief Waldron?

Chief Waldron: The department has been very busy since the first of the year. A lot of arrests and a lot of things have taken place. Sometimes in the winter time you might have a slow time, but it has not slowed down at all. They are doing 40 arrests a month, if not more.

A couple of things, I want to thank the Fire Department, the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Ambulance staff, and our own Police Officers for another call we responded to, which was a heroin overdose. The person was getting CPR administered, they put naloxone in and brought the person back to life and he walked to the ambulance.

The statistics are alarming and I wish there was a way to capture them all but we cannot. But I can say this, since Mechanicville has done this, we have had five reversals where people have been brought back from the dead, for lack of better terminology.

We cannot find out how many times people have been brought back by their significant other. Because now when we go to scenes, we see naloxone in every household where drugs are commonplace. How many times they administer it without us ever knowing about it, we do not know.

This is an epidemic that has occurred throughout the state of New York. It is not just Mechanicville. We are a small spec on the map but something has to be done. Heroin is truly a tremendous epidemic and somewhere along the line we have to try to curb it. Until then, at least we have the antidote to reverse what's taking place.

I want to talk about a little bit about Aggressive Driving. I told you last time that we are going to take it as an initiative starting after the last City Council meeting. Since the last City Council meeting we have issued 173 tickets for aggressive driving. Those streets where tickets have been issued include Central Avenue, Saratoga Avenue, North Main Street, First Avenue, Park Avenue and Ellsworth Avenue.

I would like to say that we get calls daily about traffic, speeders, aggressive driving and it is all over the place. It is not just your neighborhood even though today it is your neighborhood. Hey, you are not doing it in my neighborhood. Well there are 5,000 people and 5,000 people all have neighborhoods and they all have their place. So, we try to push the aggressive driving to where it is going to improve what we are doing.

Let me give you an example of that. As Police Chief, my job is to do an analysis of the accidents data to find out where people are driving recklessly or driving fast. So, from January 1, 2014 to now, there have been 86 crashes on Central Avenue. There have been 50 crashes on Main Street. There have been 32 crashes on Saratoga Avenue. It shows you where.

To put it in perspective of First Avenue. First Avenue has had three crashes. When you are going to take resources you are not going to take your resources and perhaps put eight hours of time at the site of three crashes but you are going to take eight hours of time to resolve 86 crashes. I just want you to understand that when we are doing this stuff, we don't just say we are going to put the money here. I am going to put it where it is really needed; where the data is bringing me. That is how we operate. We operate where the data is showing us there are problem areas.

I want you to all understand that I know people when you live on a certain street and you say that is my street and I want the attention today. I would like to say we can do that, but we can't. We can't do it to every street as there are 71 streets that we would have to figure out who we are going to give the best attention. We do it usually by data.

That is all I have, Mayor.

Commissioner Duell: I just want to add something. We had a situation with solicitors going around town. We changed our policy and procedure on how we issue solicitors a permit. Rather than them coming and getting a vendor permit and then going to the police station, they are now going to the police station and getting checked first and once everything clears with the check, then they will come to our office to get a vendor permit. That way we know we are not sending anybody else out to the neighborhoods that has outstanding warrants, or a criminal background or anything else like that. So, we have changed it around to protect our residents and to let the residents know we are looking out for them.

Chief Waldron: What Commissioner Duell is referring to is that we had an energy company that came into the City and wanted to walk door to door selling their specific energy. We have a good practice in the City in which Commissioner Duell will send them down to the police station so that we can make sure that the people walking around are not sex offenders or wanted or some other thing. Anyway six came down and three were wanted. So, Commissioner Duell said send them back up with that permit and she ripped the permit up right in their face.

Commissioner Duell and I sat down and we came up with what we think is a better procedure. In other words, they had a permit in hand and they could have just skipped the police station and walked away. Now, they are not going to get that permit. Now they come to the police station to get the background check done and then go from there. Anyway, thank you Commissioner Duell.

Mayor Baker: Fire Chief Alonzo?

Fire Chief Alonzo: One thing I am going to concur with Chief Waldron on is, both the police and fire departments have also been, I would say unusually busy since the first of the year. We are up to a total of 201 calls; over 60 calls a month for the first three months of this year. Where typically we have been in the high 40's or lower 50's. I think last year we had one month where we did over 60 calls.

Some highlights of last months: We had 67 total calls in March. 54 of them were emergency medical. We did have a working structure fire on Park Avenue and Seventh Avenue. To the credit of Commission Higgins, who actually spotted the fire, certainly saved the homeowner and the occupants a considerable amount of damage, if he did not see it.

Last night we had a little more of a significant structure fire on Park Avenue. The guys did a tremendous job. To really credit the fire fighters in this particular fire, they held the fire to the first floor where flames were showing on arrival to the fire. The balloon frame construction, for those of you who know construction, balloon frame is an older type construction. The building is a lot rougher and tougher but what it does not have is fire stops between floors.

For them to stop that fire and not allow it to get to the second floor was fantastic. The two Chiefs that were on the scene were thinking ahead based on the construction and the cold weather. They called the second alarm siren in and barely used those folks coming in. But, to err on the side of caution and again with the conditions and looking ahead that this fire could certainly spread, I credit them with that foresight.

Another good thing last month, before I get to the bad thing, even though it turned out good, we put our first response vehicle in place for EMS type calls. As you know, we have been doing EMS assists to assist John Ahearn and continued it in the transition with Clifton Park/Halfmoon. The EMT's were still interested in continuing the program.

The hard thing for me as a Fire Chief is to put the big heavy trucks out on the road for the medical calls. We are working with the Mayor and some other fire departments that had used vehicles for sale. We were able to purchase one through our existing budget.

In many cases, we have duty EMT's that will take the vehicle at night. My biggest thing is I do not want to burn out any of our members. As you can see, we did 54 calls in a month. It doesn't mean that 10-12 guys are coming out for all 54 of those calls. It is specifically the EMT's. There are some CPR certified first aid trained fellows that like to help out but we are spreading the duties so that it is mainly one or two people, including the chiefs, take time to do the calls so that no one person is doing all those 54 calls.

We are communicating with Clifton Park/Halfmoon; they certainly appreciate our presence. Most of the time they are there on the spot but there are times when their system gets busy and they like the additional help on the scene, especially for the more significant calls. So, the case being with that, we do respond on priority one calls. I know this was a concern too. The fire siren did not blow on an emergency medical call or there would be a lot of complaints.

We train monthly. We have one monthly medical drill a month. We typically have fire related drills. We have some mutual aid drills with some of our mutual aid partners. In the last month too, I want to mention that the Chief and I are trying to put it all together. We had a true live water rescue in the river in the early morning of the night when the clocks had to move ahead. We are still trying to figure out an unknown person that was in the water with us and the police department that helped us get the victim out. Does the Chief have that info? We are trying to put something together and I talked with THE EXPRESS to recognize all of our guys that got in the water. We are meeting tomorrow and we can talk about this.

Chief Waldron: I am very careful on what I say. We want to honor people but sometimes I call it the CIA award. The award that does not go public sometimes because there is a person who is alive and must live in the community. So, we try to be very careful with our words and the things we do, but, we will get something done.

Chief Alonzo: On that, last month we were responding to a mutual aid structure fire with the Clifton Park Fire Department with our ladder truck and it was involved with a motor vehicle accident. The truck was actually struck in the rear tires. The female driver did not see the truck, which is the biggest truck that we have, was ticketed.

All of the damages which amounted to about \$8,000 are in the process of being picked up. I will get with you, Commissioner Gilheany, when all that gets finalized.

The truck has been fully repaired and fixed. We are very fortunate that the vehicle hit us in the tires. I think it saved us a lot of damage being that the two outside tires were damaged and we needed to replace all the tires, which worked out well for us. Nobody was injured. We had a 20 plus year driver who was shaken up in regards to her coming out of nowhere after the fire truck slowed down for an intersection, thought it was clear, and she never stopped.

Other than that, that covers it. Thank you.

Mayor Baker: I want to commend Chief Zecca and Chief Dunn and everyone on the scene last night and the great job they did. I heard that from other agencies that were there. I hear it every time these people respond so I want to thank the Fire Department personally.

Chief Alonzo: Thank you. These firefighters work hard and luckily we limited the damage.

Mayor Baker: Okay. At this time, we are going to close the regular meeting for a short time because we have a Public Hearing. I need a motion to close the regular meeting and go into a Public Hearing:

Moved by:	Commissioner Higgins
Seconded by:	Commissioner Hipwell
Roll Call:	Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0

Commissioner Duell: There was a Public Hearing for this done back in December of 2015. The issue with it was the fact that it was not published in the approved dates – ten days before the meeting. The Public Notice has to be published. So, we basically have to do a redo. So, we had to publish it, make sure it was in the paper ten days before and then open a Public Hearing. It is the same USDA Grant and Loan that was talked about back in December. Nothing has changed, it is just a matter of formality of going through the steps of opening a Public Hearing for it.



**Mayor Baker:** Does anybody here have any comments? This is about the fire truck.

**Kimberly Connors Dunn, 250 South Main Street:** That answers part of my question. I did notice it in THE EXPRESS and I was a bit confused. So I went back and did my research. At the December 16, 2015 meeting, a Resolution was passed having to do with that. So, clearly the cart before the horse, drop the ball again, or whatever you want to say. I guess my question is, the whole thing in THE EXPRESS was to get public input into a USDA Grant Loan Application for the purchase of a fire truck that the City has purchased. Really, other than you guys doing the formality that you missed, what possible affect if anyone here had said anything about it tonight, if it is done deal?

**Mayor Baker:** The fire truck is a done deal. Where we finance it is not.

**Kimberly Connors Dunn:** We already did the resolutions for each part of that Grant. So now four months later we are backtracking fixing it. I said this before, our attention to detail, policy and procedure, is severely lacking. So, going forward, how are you going to make sure this does not keep happening?

**Commissioner Duell:** I have been fixing and redoing and making sure things are in compliance and this is one of the things we are fixing. This happened before my taking office.

**Kimberly Connors Dunn:** I know you were not in office at the time, but shouldn't someone, we pay enough people to do different parts of different aspects? Obviously, you guys are not experts in this sort of thing but whoever we are paying to do this whether it is an attorney or....

**Commissioner Duell:** I think that it just wasn't realized when the Public Notice went into THE EXPRESS. THE EXPRESS is only published once a week and I think that maybe when it was sent in and not realizing that it was not the proper ten days back. When I started collecting the final paperwork to send in for the Grant and the Loan, it was one of the items that came up that it was not enough days required.

**Kimberly Connors Dunn:** Does this have any impact on our ability to get that Loan.

**Commissioner Duell:** No, it does not.

**Mayor Baker:** Anybody else have anything on the fire truck? Tom?

Tom Mahoney with THE EXPRESS: While it is not directly related to the fire truck, but I think for the record, since Michelle has taken over, she has gone through lots of old paperwork to make sure every single piece of paper lines up. I have sent copies of affidavits, I have sent copies of legal notices, copies of other stuff, so obviously, she is doing her very best to make sure everything is spic and span. I doubt stuff like this is very likely not to happen in the future.

Mayor Baker and Commissioner Duell: Thank you, Tom.

Mayor Baker: Anybody else have comments about the fire truck? No.

Commissioner Duell: I need a motion to close.

Moved by:	Commissioner Higgins	
Seconded by:	Commissioner Hipwell	
Roll Call:	Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

Mayor Baker: Now we are going to open the General Meeting again and it is open to public comment. Come to the podium, state your name and address, you have five minutes to say what you want to say.

Amanda Hooker, 44 Underwood Avenue: First, Chief Alonzo, you guys did a great job last night. I did not know there was a fire until 1:30 AM when I got woken up when the fireman of the house came home. Great job.

To Chief Waldron, my background is in health ed. I work at BOCES. I do a lot of prevention work. I am NARCAN trained, I know drug issues in our house but my NARCAN kit at my front door is in case anyone in the neighborhood screams. I know St. Luke's just did training. I think that if we could offer something similar to that somewhere here or at the Community Center. Talk with Megan, the Director of the Community Center, talk with anybody based on the data that you gave and the statistics. We listen to the scanner in our house and just the calls we constantly hear, the more people that can be trained the better.

To my own agenda, 41 Underwood Avenue, there is a multi-unit dwelling across the street from our house. I believe it was sold by the City for foreclosure last year. I do not know the criteria for permits for the number of dwellings there. It is going to be a five unit apartment building, once she is all done with it.

Mayor Baker: I do not know the answer to that whether she is going to have four or five.

Amanda Hooker: My concern is that Underwood Avenue is so narrow that it is difficult to park as it is. She has a parking lot there. I know we can't require her tenants to park in that parking lot.

As far as making sure she has the actual permits that are required, I hear from neighbors she has had contractors come in from price list ads from here there and everywhere. Whether they are insured and they are working in there is troublesome.

My last concern is for 48 Green Street, which was cited at some point for waste that had been pushed down the hill side. This is hearsay from the neighbors out back and people from Hemstreet Park that had seen it from across the river. Now the neighbors where the Green Street fire was last summer, they have cleared some land, and the garbage is now really visible to us.

Mayor Baker: I will have the Building Inspector check it out. Is that a four unit now and she is going to make it a five unit?

Amanda Hooker: It is currently a three unit. She has done the backside of the house. The three apartments that are facing the river, and then the front side, which I believe was the original structure of the house – the brick portion. I believe the prior owner, Mr. DiSiena or whoever owned it, had it filled with stuff. She actually said to me a few days ago she was excited for City cleanup day. I can only imagine what that curbside is going to look like.

Mayor Baker: We no longer have City cleanup day.

Amanda Hooker: I will let her know because I think she is planning on it.

Commissioner Higgins: We have to touch on that a little bit. We do not do cleanouts or anything like that.

Mayor Baker: We have been having an issue lately and I think that is what Dave is talking about. When a tenant moves out, they just line the street with everything. The City is not picking that up any more. We do not mind picking up a couch that you put out, we do not mind picking up a dresser that you put out, but it is not the City's job to take truck loads of stuff out. I will say it now, but we are working on the Ordinances to put it all in one spot. They need to get a dumpster, if you have a truck load, because we are not coming after it. You will get cited and fined if you put it out to the curb. Any other public comments?

Dave Hicks, 241 First Avenue: Resolution 38-16. I was talking with you previously on this and you said what happened to the boiler was that it blew up. Is this related to the one that was in the City and in the same line or whatever like that to cause that? Is that the same gas line? Gas supply?

Mayor Baker: In the street it is.

Dave Hicks: That is what I am saying. If it was NYSEG's responsibility for the first one, it is NYSEG's responsibility for the second one.

Commissioner Higgins: It was not NYSEG's responsibility. It was a water issue.

Dave Hicks: A water issue such as what?

Commissioner Higgins: The pressure reducer valve failed.

Dave Hicks: So that overloaded it so you got the pressure releasing not working either? When was the last time it was inspected and by whom?

Commissioner Higgins: Last year. Maybe by Bodner.

Dave Hicks: Because you got to have a Boiler Inspector or a New York State Boiler Inspector once a year. I am not sure if you know that or not.

Mayor Baker: The Insurance Inspector inspected it and they are giving us a new one.

Dave Hicks: How is this being paid for?

Commissioner Duell: An insurance claim.

Dave Hicks: How much is the insurance company going to pay on this?

Commissioner Duell: There is \$25,000 that the insurance is covering. Then there is the Grant money through NYSEG that we wrote for that is going to reimburse us for \$6,000 on top of that.

Commissioner Higgins: The insurance did not pay for a new boiler. So we figured we are better off to get a new boiler for a few thousand dollars more.

Dave Hicks: So you are saying we are going to pay \$2,000 and get a new boiler?

Commissioners Higgins and Duell: Yes.

Dave Hicks: Okay. On Resolution 35-16 it says for the loans. How much is the loan actually going to be and how much is going to be for the grant?

Commissioner Duell: \$1.96 million is the loan, \$2 million is the grant that we are receiving. We are financing \$1.96 million at zero percent.

Dave Hicks: So that is \$3.9 million and we got another million to go.

Mayor Baker: We are still in the process of getting more money. We just have not received the notification of it. They pretty much told us we have it but we have not received final notification and that is from another agency.

Any other public comment?

Kimberly Connors Dunn: The reassessments. While I understand that we are not handling everything ourselves and we are paying a company such as GAR to do it, the fact of the matter is that most people, unless they come to these meetings or ask you questions personally, have no clue as to what is going on. I obviously haven't got my assessments as they have not been sent out, but since we are supposed to have it by now, I was checking with a lot of my neighbors to make sure I haven't missed mine. That is an issue, because you have public workshops on the 21, 23 and 26<sup>th</sup> of this month and an informal review on the 25<sup>th</sup>. So, people are going to barely get it to be able to review it and have to come to a workshop and try and figure out what they are doing, which is a new process to probably most of us here.

As far as informal reviews, who is doing those? GAR doing them?

Commissioner Duell: Yes.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Okay. So, I know you are meeting with them this Friday, so you don't have any information now. Friday is already late. We are talking two weeks from Friday is the first review.

Commissioner Duell: We have been on GAR about this. I have been emailing and phone calls. They know that we are not happy that it is progressing like this. They understand. They have been put on notice.

Mayor Baker: Two weeks is more than enough.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Maybe you feel that way but not everyone does if you do not see it in your mail right away. Sometimes I have to chase my mail next door to my neighbor's. Again, not everyone remembers that it is coming now.

Commissioner Duell: Part of the delay is that the New York State Assessors have us at a 4% growth in this area. GAR is actually fighting for our residents at this point so that it is not as high.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: That is good, but if I do not ask, I do not know. Although I think that we are kind of at their mercy and it is great they are fighting for us, but they should also do what they said they are going to do so that we can stay on the time table.

Commissioner Duell: They understand that we did not want our residents feeling as if they were the week before getting a letter and then having to juggle their schedule around getting in here for a hearing or an informal assessment review. They understand that. They are really pushing to fight for our residents as well with the State.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Are you going to put information on the website once you talk with them on Friday so when we go to the Home Page that says assessment is coming out on whatever date. So people do not have to search for it and they know readily the date. Put it on the sign or something?

Commissioner Duell: There will also be a link there as well to the New York State site where you can go in and look at your assessment and figures and stuff like that as well. It will be put on our website.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: My last question is, Resolution 36-16: Municipality or Fire District Body having Jurisdiction over the Fire Company or Fire Department. Since we are already part of the County's mutual aid plan, I was wondering what brought this about? Why we need to take this action?

Mayor Baker: The County asked for it.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Did something happen?

Fire Chief Alonzo: The Plan needed to be revised. It needed to be updated like many other things. The County did not have a Hazmat team in there. There has been a County Hazmat team. That is the main reason.

Most of the meat and potatoes of it had to change but being that there was a change, they need a formal Resolution from every municipality that shows that we still want to be part of it. Because if we are not, we cannot get mutual aid.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: it was just a little bit confusing. I went in and read that whole general mutual aid law, Section 2, and it was quite lengthy and some of it sounded as though if we were going to mutual aid somewhere, we would be responsible if something were to happen. I was thinking of the accident. That section is very confusing. So, that is not the case then? So, if something were to happen again, they would be responsible? Thank you.

Mayor Baker: Thank you, Kim.  
Any other public comment?

Dave Hicks: You said 4% growth? How did they figure that out?

Commissioner Duell: The State figures it out and they compare our community with communities next to us.

Dave Hicks: Somebody has to educate somebody. This is not working.

Mayor Baker and Commissioner Duell: We know that. We are fighting with them about this.

Dave Hicks: Has GAR been paid yet?

Commissioner Duell: Commissioner Gilheany is telling me they are being paid monthly for the work they have performed up-to-date.

Dave Hicks: Many times they get paid ahead and then they just walk away.

Mayor Baker: If you know Commissioner Gilheany, we do not prepay ahead.

Commissioner Gilheany: We do not prepay!

Mayor Baker: Any other public comment.

Amanda Hooker: As far as the canal and boat launch. I happened to be down there the other day and who do we contact to update the Business Directory that is down there – the one behind the police department? The reason I ask, is if we are trying to get the boat people to come into town, like during the summer, that directory is so outdated that there is probably two restaurants that I know still exist. I do not know if that is something you guys should do, or I can write to the Canal Association. I do not know the proper contact person.

Commissioner Duell: The Chamber of Commerce were the ones that originally installed that sign. Things have changed so I think we can talk to our Chamber President, who happens to be here tonight.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: I am glad someone else said something about it, because it absolutely should be fixed.

Dave Hicks: One other question. The magnificent sign we have in front of the railroad overpass, is that on its way out?

Mayor Baker: Tom Richardson has been raising funds. He has the funds and sign has been ordered. It will be replaced. Commissioner Higgins and I have talked about taking it down. The problem is, to take it down and put it up, you have to shut traffic down, so we would rather just do it once. We are waiting for the new sign.

Kimberly Connors Dunn: Something more durable?

Dave Hicks: Who is going to foot the expenses on that?

Commissioner Duell: It was done by donations. Not taxpayers. The people might be taxpayers but it was not through their taxes.

Commissioner Higgins: I had nothing to do with that. I want it to be known.

Mayor Baker: We are done with Public Comment. We will move on to Resolutions.

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 35-16: WATER CONTRACT BETWEEN C/O MECHANICVILLE AND SCWA.**

Introduced By: Mayor Baker

Seconded By: Commissioner Duell

Roll Call: Ayes: 5

Nays: 0



**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 36-16: MUNICIPALITY OR FIRE DISTRICT BODY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE FIRE COMPANY OR FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

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

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 37-16: APPOINTMENT OF BEA TIMPANARO AND COURTNEY LANGLEY TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD (TEMP).**

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

**COMMISSIONER DUELL READ RESOLUTION 38-16: MIDSTATE HEATING & COOLING FIREHOUSE BOILER.**

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

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 39-16: BUDGET TRANSFERS.**

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

**COMMISSIONER GILHEANY READ RESOLUTION 40-16: PAYROLL & VOUCHERS.**

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

Mayor Baker: I will be going to new business but I forgot to say we have an Executive Session after this. We will not be taking any action after the Executive Session.

New Buiness? Tim?

Commissioner Hipwell: At the Senior Center, April 17, there is going to be a polka band from 1:00 to 4:00. Everybody is welcome. There will be small charge. Signs are all around town.

Mayor Baker: Old business – anybody? Nobody. Then I will entertain a motion to adjourn and go into an Executive Session.

Commissioner Duell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gilheany seconded the motion.

Mayor Baker: Nobody opposed? Thank you everybody.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE  
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AT A MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 4th DAY OF

May 2016

Michelle L. Duell

CITY CLERK