

MECHANICVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MECHANICVILLE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

178 NORTH MAIN STREET, MECHANICVILLE, NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2015

7:00 P.M.

MECHANICVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

MAYOR BAKER
COMMISSIONER SEBER
COMMISSIONER GILHEANY
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS

ABSENT:

COMMISSIONER HIPWELL

ALSO PRESENT:

DONALD H. FLETCHER, P.E.
Vice President - Barton & Loguidice
10 Airline Drive
Albany, New York.

1 MAYOR BAKER: I call this meeting to
2 order at 7 p.m. Roll call.

3 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker.

4 MAYOR BAKER: Here.

5 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber
6 here. Commissioner Gilheany?

7 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Here.

8 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
9 Higgins?.

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Here.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
12 Hipwell is absent.

13 MAYOR BAKER: Jim Thompson, would you
14 lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

15 (Jim Thompson led the Pledge of
16 Allegiance to the Flag)

17 MAYOR BAKER: Can I have a motion to
18 accept the minutes of the last meeting?

19 COMMISSIONER SEBER: I'll make the
20 motion.

21 MAYOR BAKER: Seber, Gilheany, motions
22 for accepting the minutes of the last meeting?

23 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

1 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
3 Gilheany, yes or no?

4 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: I didn't read
5 them.

6 MAYOR BAKER: I'm sorry, you didn't say

7 --

8 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: I'm sorry, I
9 didn't read them.

10 MAYOR BAKER: I thought you said it.
11 I'll second it. Never mind, take Jody off, I'll
12 second it.

13 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

14 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
16 yes. Commissioner Gilheany, so you abstain;
17 right?

18 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.
19 Commissioner Higgins?

20 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Abstain.

21 MAYOR BAKER: Obviously, you know the
22 bridge projects have started. They ran into a few
23 difficulties with the drilling and hitting

1 material they did not know was down in there, but
2 they've now gotten past that point and they're
3 proceeding. At the same time, they're doing
4 asbestos abatement in the building that we own up
5 on Frances Street. When that's done, they will be
6 taking that building down and then they'll start
7 on that bridge also with the drilling and things
8 that they have to do.

9 I don't think I have anything else.

10 Mark?

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Well, water bills
12 are being -- water meters are being read, so you
13 will be getting a bill on the 1st of October. The
14 reval, the data collection is just about done.
15 They had some odds and ends they had to finish up
16 this week. Then they -- they take the
17 information, process the information and the next
18 thing that will happen is each property owner in
19 the city will get what we call a data mailer that
20 has -- won't have any dollar amounts on it, it
21 will simply have what they found relating to your
22 property.

23 In other words, if you have a four

1 bedroom house with 2800 square feet and you get a
2 data mailer that says you have a two bedroom house
3 at 1500 square feet or vice versa, there will be a
4 phone -- an 800 number to call and to make those
5 changes with them. If everything is okay in your
6 data mailer, you will not have to do anything. So
7 that's the next thing you will hear from and that
8 will probably come the end of September or the
9 beginning of October. They'll give about three or
10 four weeks for those to be returned or to be
11 adjusted and then they'll do their own evaluation
12 work and all of that kind of thing. And you won't
13 probably get any real numbers, in terms of your at
14 least tentative 100 percent valuation, until
15 probably March or April of the spring of next
16 year, so that's kind of the timeframe, so. So,
17 but the data collection, I guess, went pretty
18 well. I haven't heard anything in my office
19 really to speak of, so.

20 And so the next thing the public will be
21 getting is -- we will all be getting is these data
22 mailers the end of September, beginning of
23 October.

1 At our next meeting -- excuse me. We
2 have two -- we actually have two public hearings.
3 One is going to be on -- there's something called
4 valuation, and kind of ran across this as part of
5 this reval, that it's a date that is set, that if
6 you sell a property, the certain dates that you
7 could be allowed to add it to the next assessment
8 period. Ours is a little out of whack with
9 everybody else. Ours is July 1st and everyone
10 else is June 1st and it's kind of a charter
11 change, so we have to have a public hearing to
12 make that change. It's not a huge deal, but it's
13 something that kind of brings us in line with
14 almost every other community.

15 And also we are -- I am asking the
16 Council to consider changing the spring billing of
17 water/sewer from April 1st to May 1st. Couple of
18 reasons for that: Number one, we'll have a public
19 hearing on this, because again, this is a code
20 change we need to do to do this. We're coming
21 right out of tax season, March 15th, and sending
22 people a bill right away and sometimes it's
23 difficult for people to handle that.

1 Second thing is, and we didn't run into
2 it this year, but you know it could happen, with
3 the weather, it's very difficult in February or
4 early March sometimes for our DPW employees to get
5 to the meters and fix the outside meters. So if
6 we move it back a month -- we did it this year and
7 -- on a kind of an emergency basis, it worked out
8 very well, so I'm asking the Council -- we have to
9 have a public hearing next meeting to address that
10 change, so, and I guess that's all I have.

11 MAYOR BAKER: Thanks, Mark. David?

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Couple of things.
13 I talked to NYSEG this week and next year they're
14 definitely going to be changing the gas main on
15 South Main Street, so they're going to be doing it
16 probably all next summer, so they're going to be
17 doing that.

18 And then I have a letter from the Water
19 Department. The hot, dry weather for most of
20 August and September, all city water usage which
21 includes the following: City of Mechanicville,
22 Hemstreet Park, Town of Stillwater, District 3, 4,
23 Route 67, Willow Glen, Pruyn Hill, Saratoga County

1 Waste Water and Pan Am Southern Railway, the
2 weather has been hot and dry and will continue for
3 the next couple of weeks. The City of
4 Mechanicville is telling all users to comply with
5 the outside water restrictions that have been
6 issued May 18th, 2015, and we're going to start
7 fining people if they don't comply, so.

8 I mean, I have a picture here of the
9 reservoir, it's way down and we're getting a
10 little nervous, so -- and they're putting in,
11 instead of 16 hours a week -- or a day, 20 hours a
12 day just to keep up with the demands, so we're
13 having a little problem up there.

14 That's all I have.

15 MAYOR BAKER: Thanks, David. Commission
16 Gilheany, I apologize, I skipped you. It's your
17 turn now.

18 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: I left the
19 treasurer's report for the month of July, so you
20 can look at that. And the only other thing that I
21 have is it's time to think about the budget, the
22 2016 budget.

23 I'm going to be putting out the budget

1 worksheets to the Mayor and the Commissioners in
2 the departments this Friday and I'm hoping they'll
3 all have them back to me by the 24th of September,
4 so that we can have a couple budget meetings in
5 October and be done early.

6 That's all I have.

7 MAYOR BAKER: Mark, you had one other
8 thing?

9 COMMISSIONER SEBER: One more. We --

10 MAYOR BAKER: Thank you, Jody.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: -- we have
12 scheduled -- there's a resolution in here about a
13 couple of pieces of property, but we scheduled the
14 tax sale for October 5th, 10 o'clock, here.
15 Again, we have a meeting between now and then.

16 In addition to that, there's -- so
17 there's two properties currently on the
18 foreclosure list, one is on South Second Avenue
19 and the other is 96 Saratoga Avenue, which is
20 actually, as you go over the overpass, up on the
21 top of the hill, there's a white house up there,
22 and so those two are on the tax foreclosure list.

23 We're also going to attempt to sell

1 anyway, two city properties. One is 12 New York
2 Avenue. We attempted to sell at a tax sale last
3 year, but we didn't have any takers, and there's a
4 vacant piece of property on Williams Street --
5 excuse me, Elizabeth Street and Davenport come
6 together, the old Tancredi's property, and the
7 city owned that, they bought it several years ago.
8 So we're going to attempt -- that's a building
9 lot, so we're going to try to sell that as well
10 and get those back on the tax roll, so
11 October 5th, here, 10 o'clock in the morning.

12 MAYOR BAKER: Thank you. Mr. Serbalik
13 is not here, Mr. Richardson is not here. Chief
14 Waldron?

15 CHIEF WALDRON: Thank you. A couple of
16 things real quick. The first thing is that
17 there's a DWI patrol for this Labor Day weekend.
18 We are adding additional officers over the
19 weekend. It's free money, the County supplies it,
20 so we will be participating and we ask that people
21 please do not drink and drive.

22 MAYOR BAKER: All the time, not just
23 this weekend.

1 CHIEF WALDRON: All the time, obviously.
2 Ballistic vest grant. We have received the 50
3 percent match to purchase the ballistic vests from
4 the Attorney General's office. The check is
5 sitting in my office. However, we haven't
6 received the vests yet. So once we receive the
7 vests from the company, we will send the money up
8 to the Finance Department so they can cash a
9 check, but we just want to make sure that we have
10 the product and that we like the product. Once
11 that is done, again, we'll turn the check over,
12 but we already received it from the Attorney
13 General's office from the drug forfeiture asset
14 money, so.

15 Ordering of a new police vehicle. We
16 are in the process of ordering another vehicle. I
17 contacted OGS, or Office of General Services. OGS
18 has put a bid out for the police car now, so
19 therefore, I have to comply with the bidding of
20 the State of New York. So I filled out an
21 application on behalf of the city, so that I could
22 go online and put a bid out, so that companies can
23 bid on the vehicle with an 8 percent discount off

1 the main price, which is pretty significant. So
2 anyway, that's the direction we're going. They're
3 also going to give me the competitive bid pricing
4 for all the lights and everything that goes on the
5 vehicle. So it's just a good move and it meets --
6 I talked with the comptroller and it meets with
7 the comptroller's requirements under the city's
8 procurement policy also, because the city's
9 procurement policy states you must get the most
10 competitive bid for anything over 20,000 and
11 that's what we're doing.

12 So weapons, let's move on to this next
13 one. We had sent out requests for proposals or
14 RFPs to three companies in Saratoga County. Not
15 one of them has responded back for the bid. So
16 therefore, I have sent out a second round of RFPs,
17 this time going outside of Saratoga County
18 throughout the State of New York, including Smith
19 & Wesson out of Connecticut. So they have until
20 September 30th to respond back, at which point we
21 will open the bids and award the lowest
22 competitive responsible bid.

23 The next is emergency parking

1 restrictions. The order that I issued July 1st,
2 2015, went into effect today. The City Council
3 already approved the extended -- approved and
4 extended the emergency order and it will be in
5 place until the construction is completed. That
6 is on Round Lake and Viall Avenue for the DiSiena
7 bridge closure. That is done, we had a tractor
8 trailer get stuck today, but the Mayor and
9 Commissioner of DPW went up there and told him he
10 had to turn around and pull that truck forward and
11 he did, so it worked out well.

12 Anyone whose car is parked in that area,
13 however, will be ticketed and towed if your within
14 this timeframe. The City Council drafted out a
15 very careful timeframe for this, so we expect you
16 to comply with those hours of 8 to 6 p.m. Anybody
17 caught there prior or during that period of time,
18 will be towed at the owner's expense along with a
19 ticket.

20 Aggressive driving detail. The State of
21 New York awarded the city \$5,000 to do a crack
22 down on aggressive drivers. That's people who
23 speed, run red lights, pass stop signs or talk on

1 the cell phones, along with other violations that
2 can go in there, such as unsafe lane changes.

3 The city participated and we issued 186
4 traffic tickets during this campaign. That's
5 quite a lot, so again, we ask people to please
6 follow the rules as far as not speeding, red
7 lights and stop signs, all those things, because
8 we have a high pedestrian traffic, you know, that
9 occurs in the city. People walk, in other words,
10 and we wanted to make it safe, so.

11 Finally, I want to talk about a phone
12 scam. Again, I don't know what happens, but every
13 year it happens, so I want to say it again. I
14 want to remind everyone that if a company calls
15 you and asks you to send them money or to open up
16 a separate account and put money in that account
17 and then go withdraw that money and send it to us,
18 don't do it.

19 We had a poor elderly man today opened
20 up a brand new account and put a check for \$35,000
21 in it and then, you know, was just getting ready
22 to get the cashier check of \$5,000, and the bank
23 did a great job and stopped him and just said, can

1 you just hold on till Monday morning. And it just
2 worked out well, he filed a complaint with us and
3 we're following through, but if it seems too good
4 to be true, it is. Don't do it.

5 That's all I have, Mayor.

6 MAYOR BAKER: And you also --

7 CHIEF WALDRON: Oh, and I would like to
8 do an executive session, if I can this evening.

9 MAYOR BAKER: You got it.

10 CHIEF WALDRON: Thank you.

11 MAYOR BAKER: Chief Corrigan.

12 CHIEF CORRIGAN: I'll keep it brief.
13 Chief Corrigan, Mechanicville Fire Department.
14 Just an update. We did take delivery of the
15 rescue truck that we purchased from Round Lake.
16 It's really a big opportunity for our fire
17 department. We would never have been able to
18 afford the equipment that we got on this truck.
19 We have a full set of hydraulic jaws, a light
20 tower and an onboard compressor system. It's a
21 great addition to the Mechanicville Fire
22 Department and to help protect all our citizens
23 and be better able to extricate anyone that's been

1 in a car accident, and thank you to the Mayor for
2 allowing the fire department to use our budget
3 money so wisely, I do appreciate that.

4 And we are working -- we are close to
5 getting a grant as well for assistance to
6 firefighters, to get the rope rescue system that
7 we're required to have -- rope rescue system for
8 our firefighters. Hopefully, next Council meeting
9 I will be able to report favorably that we did get
10 awarded that grant. Thank you.

11 MAYOR BAKER: Thanks. All right. I'm
12 going to turn this over to Mark.

13 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Back in 2009 or so
14 we received a grant with the Town of Stillwater,
15 Village of Stillwater, to do a shared services
16 study on the water systems for each community and
17 what are the best options to go forward to try to
18 alleviate some of the problems we obviously have
19 going on up there.

20 We had a public session back in, I
21 think, 2010 or so and it was, you know, fairly
22 well attended, but it was clear to the Council, at
23 the time anyway, that the citizens, at least here

1 in this room, wanted to continue using the city
2 water system, the reservoir, for their water. We
3 have been back and forth on this for literally the
4 last several years on how to best approach this.
5 We've gotten -- what we need to do is increase
6 capacity in the reservoir. The reservoir can take
7 about 100 million gallons of water. Right now,
8 it's operating at probably 60 or 65 percent
9 capacity and not having -- and it's not getting
10 any better.

11 However, some of the estimates we had,
12 in terms of doing the dredging, were upwards of \$6
13 million to do the dredging. Well, we can't afford
14 \$6 million, and on top of that, when we went out
15 and looked for kind of different funding sources,
16 the Department of Health and the Environmental
17 Facilities Corporation, who funds a lot of these
18 projects, will not fund dredging because it's, in
19 their -- in their rules, it's a maintenance
20 problem, not a capital construction problem, so
21 it's up to the local communities to do that.

22 Well, then on last November of 2014, we
23 received a consent order from the Department of

1 Health. They have expressed a large concern about
2 our ability to produce water at peak levels. Now,
3 it doesn't mean like going on today necessarily,
4 but at peak levels. We can produce about a
5 million and half gallons of water a day, we're
6 probably in the 8 or 900,000 gallon range right
7 now, but if we get up to one two, one three, that
8 they would consider peak levels. They're
9 concerned about our ability to produce water or
10 deliver water at those -- at those levels, and
11 they want -- as part of the consent order, we had
12 to file a report with them by December -- or by
13 April 30th, which is this document here, giving
14 us -- giving them an idea of how we are going to
15 proceed with these -- you know, alleviating this
16 problem, or we will be fined a lot of money, if we
17 didn't proceed.

18 Well, we filed a report. We sat down on
19 two separate occasions with DOH and we've probably
20 come up with some sort of compromise, maybe, and
21 again, we haven't dotted the I's and crossed the
22 T's. We still have to finalize an arrangement
23 with Stillwater, we still have to talk to the

1 County about kind of a combination project where
2 we will buy some of our water from the County and
3 still maintain the majority from our water source
4 here in the city.

5 The DOH and EFC will fund with grants
6 and zero interest loans potentially, because we
7 have to apply for the grants, the work to be done,
8 bringing the waterline over on Elmer Robinson Road
9 down George Thompson Road. Now, the Town of
10 Stillwater is doing that anyway. We're going to
11 lose them as a customer probably in 2017. So they
12 are running the line anyway. We met with
13 Stillwater a couple of times and there's some
14 discussion about splitting the cost of that line
15 and then extending it down to our water plant down
16 on George Thompson Road.

17 I have Don Fletcher from Barton
18 Loguidice here tonight. They wrote the report,
19 obviously, they're our engineers on this project,
20 and he's going to go through a PowerPoint on the
21 different options, what's involved, maybe some of
22 the costs, and again, I want to reiterate, this
23 is, I think, a direction we may be heading in, but

1 it's not a done deal by any stretch at this time,
2 but we do need to address this.

3 The Department of Health is very
4 helpful, very nice, very courteous, but very
5 insistent that we resolve -- remedy this problem
6 one way or another. We simply can't afford \$6
7 million to dredge without any aid.

8 There's a grant that has to be written
9 by Friday; right, Don?

10 MR. FLETCHER: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Of this week and I
12 think we're mostly done with it, that will allow
13 -- that will get us a maximum of \$2 million in aid
14 and then whatever the balance is, a 0 percent
15 loan, you know, and hopefully we will be
16 successful in achieving that, but I'm going to
17 turn the program over to Don. Again, Don
18 Fletcher, for the record, Barton Loguidice, and he
19 can go through his PowerPoint presentation and at
20 the end will take any questions relating -- just
21 relating to this project.

22 MR. FLETCHER: Good evening, everybody.
23 Mark talked about a lot of the early stuff that I

1 was going to talk about, which is fine. You know
2 we got the grant in 2008 or 2009, from the
3 Department of State for the city to work with the
4 village and the town. As it's noted here, we
5 completed the report with the Chazen Companies,
6 who's the village and town's consultant, drafted a
7 report in June and finished it in December of
8 2010.

9 It looked at nine different options and
10 at the end of the day, it really narrowed it down
11 to looking at two options. A bi-municipal
12 Saratoga County Water Authority connection for the
13 city and the town. The village had decided
14 earlier in that process they were going to the
15 County. So we looked at what would the city and
16 town do, which would be potentially go to the
17 County or stay with the Mechanicville Reservoir.

18 Here's a general map. I'm going to walk
19 up here and just point to a few things. I don't
20 have a pointer, I apologize for that. Just a
21 couple of quick notes. I mean, Mechanicville
22 Reservoir, the Mechanicville Water Treatment
23 Plant, the Mechanicville water storage tanks and,

1 you know, the -- the town has a project that
2 they're advancing right now, which would
3 essentially take water from the Saratoga County
4 tank up here, down across, down towards the water
5 plant and then these other lines over here. It's
6 here, and here, essentially, you know, connecting
7 their system, their District 3 and 4, into the
8 County. They've advanced on various portions of
9 that project. So from the city's perspective, the
10 portion the city would be involved in, is from
11 this point, across Elmer Robinson and then down
12 George Thompson to the water plant.

13 The rest of those improvements -- and
14 one thing I didn't point out is coming down George
15 Thompson, the town is looking at putting in a new
16 water tank. The rest of that is all water project
17 being, you know, contemplated and looked at by the
18 town. So the one line which would come from the
19 County system through the town, down to
20 Mechanicville's plant, that's the part that's
21 involved in the Saratoga County Water Connection
22 for the city.

23 The other option, essentially, upper

1 left corner, is the Mechanicville Reservoir. The
2 blue and red line coming down is the raw water
3 pipe that comes down that supplies the water from
4 the reservoir down. Then the Mechanicville
5 Reservoir is there, and then just -- this just
6 notes some other general improvements I'm going to
7 talk about later, about distribution and storage
8 tank improvements, but those are the two options
9 that have been looked at in the past.

10 Fast forward from 2010 to 2014, 2015,
11 late 2014, as Mark said earlier, the city received
12 a letter from the Department of Health citing a
13 concern over peak demand, can the city provide
14 enough water. Okay.

15 Barton Loguidice was retained. We were
16 going to take the 2010 report and basically update
17 it for costs and for usage numbers and so on and
18 so forth for 2014 and '15. So that's the
19 preliminary engineering report that Mark indicated
20 that per the DOH had to be done by April 30th.

21 So we looked at everything that the
22 Department of Health requested. One thing they
23 look for communities to do is study it, study the

1 system, look at it all. You may not do all the
2 improvements, you may not find funding to do all
3 the improvements, but it also helps the funding
4 agency to see the level of improvement needed by
5 the community, don't just do the most critical
6 ones, you can phase it, but show it all.

7 So what we're looking at here is a
8 combination of four or five different items.
9 Obviously, the first one is the source, which
10 would be reservoir improvements and the water
11 plant improvement, connection through the Town of
12 Saratoga County Water Authority, that was the
13 first item.

14 Water meter replacement, very critical.
15 The city has a lot of unaccounted for water. A
16 lot of meters that are running old, some lines
17 that don't have meters, we're looking at that.

18 Water storage tank improvements, your
19 tank is about 25 years old. We ran a water model
20 back in 2010, looking to see where all the water
21 goes and how do the lines handle it all and the
22 age of the lines. We talked with Dave Higgins,
23 what lines are small, what lines could be in need

1 of replacement. Those are distribution
2 improvements.

3 And then the last item is the raw water
4 main, which was the red and blue line on the
5 earlier map from the reservoir down to the plant.
6 So these are the various components.

7 What we've looked at, and part of it, as
8 Mark said, based on options and cost potentials,
9 is, you know, what would it be for a couple of the
10 different options.

11 What we're recommending and looking at
12 as Phase 1 is the potential hybrid option of
13 keeping the water plant going along with the
14 reservoir as it is now and connecting with the
15 town up through Stillwater to the County.

16 As Mark indicated, preliminary
17 discussions have shown about a 50/50 split on the
18 construction costs of the waterline with the town.
19 We've drawn a couple of numbers up here, which is
20 purchase water cost, and one thing the County
21 requires of everybody is you have to buy a minimum
22 amount of water. You can't just have the County
23 on as a backup, you have to buy a certain amount

1 of water from them every day. You're buying it
2 regardless of if you use it or not. The minimum
3 that's been discussed in the past with other
4 communities is about 150,000 gallons a day.

5 We have some small improvements at the
6 water plant that need to be done for about 80,000.
7 The water meter replacements, one storage tank.
8 So as you can see here, it's about \$4 million.

9 Then we show a 1-B and a 1-C, which are
10 very similar to each other. It could be done over
11 time, as funding is sought and funding is secured.
12 It would be fixing the raw waterline coming down,
13 dredging the reservoir, and the city also received
14 a letter from the Department of Environmental
15 Conservation about concern on the Mechanicville
16 dam, about having a secondary spillway. It's
17 sufficient for the amount of water against it,
18 that it won't slide, it won't tip. The concern is
19 bringing it up to speed for today's regulations.

20 And then Phase 2 would eventually be
21 potential other distribution improvements and a
22 second storage tank.

23 One item of note that I know, you know,

1 we've talked about earlier and we've talked with
2 the city quite a bit about, one thing here is
3 these are updated numbers for 2015. The item with
4 the reservoir dredging would likely come down
5 significantly if we eventually do it in phases, if
6 we're hooked into the County. This assumes we
7 aren't hooked into the County. So if you're
8 hooked into the County, you could be taking all
9 the water from the County at the time, so the
10 dredging could happen without worrying about
11 supplying water to the city residents.

12 So basically, in a glance, the
13 short-term improvements, looking at potentially
14 connection with the County, improvements at the
15 water plant, storage tank and the meters, longer
16 term out, dredging of the reservoir, the raw water
17 main, the dam and the second tank and the
18 distribution improvements.

19 Funding available, as Mark indicated,
20 the first line item is the EFC and the New York
21 Water Works Program. That's a \$2 million grant,
22 maximum, or 60 percent of the cost of a project.
23 We are applying for it. Applications are due this

1 Friday, the 4th. It would be, if secured, a
2 \$2 million grant and a \$1.96 million zero percent
3 loan.

4 Other items we've looked at, USDA, Rural
5 Development. We've had some discussions with
6 them. They would fund the dam and the dredging
7 improvements. While EFC, like Mark said earlier,
8 would not, they consider it maintenance, USDA
9 considers it an eligible cost.

10 We also submitted an application, as it
11 says here, for the Community Development Block
12 Grant. That went in in July. That was to do the
13 water meters. So if that funded the water meters,
14 that would come out of the \$4 million project.
15 That has no loan, that has no match. That is
16 simply a grant.

17 There's also a Local Government
18 Efficiency Program that's available for next year,
19 that depending on the pace and schedule of this
20 project, that may be eligible for the city to
21 acquire a couple of hundred thousand dollars in
22 grants, so.

23 And I can talk about any more level of

1 details needed, you know, as you want to discuss.

2 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Anybody on the
3 Council have any questions for Don? Again, as I
4 said, I'm going to open it up to the floor in a
5 second. We have -- we haven't even met with the
6 County yet, so we don't know what that minimum
7 number is going to be yet. Hopefully, it's
8 negotiable. We're working with our Supervisor
9 through the people at the County to try set up
10 something in the next week or two and try and nail
11 down those costs.

12 I can just speak for myself, I was a big
13 proponent of keeping local water, but it's gotten
14 to the point where we need to do something. We
15 can't afford \$6 million, so I think this is -- to
16 me, it's a fair compromise, assuming we can work
17 out the numbers and, obviously, the fees and the
18 cost and everything else. But there's one thing
19 that's always concerned me, it does resolve one
20 problem, if we move in this direction, it does
21 gives us a secondary water source. I've always
22 been concerned, ever since I've been here, about a
23 secondary water source. God forbid, something

1 happens to the plant or for some reason the
2 reservoir got contaminated or something up there,
3 we really are in a heap, you know, of trouble
4 here.

5 This will give us the opportunity to
6 have two water sources and, you know, I think
7 that's a good thing, but that's all I have to say.
8 Any questions from the -- regarding specifically
9 the -- yes, Mary Lou?

10 MS. ANATRELLA: Mary Lou Anatrella.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: You need to come to
12 the podium so the stenographer can get everything,
13 please.

14 MS. ANATRELLA: Mary Lou Anatrella.
15 Where does the Saratoga County water come from?

16 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Hudson River, up
17 around through Fort Edward, up around Moreau.
18 They have a water plant in Moreau. It comes from
19 Moreau, out of the Hudson.

20 MS. ANATRELLA: Are they purifying it?

21 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Yes.

22 MS. ANATRELLA: And then sending it to
23 us?

1 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Yes.

2 MS. ANATRELLA: And we're using our
3 water treatment plan for what purpose?

4 COMMISSIONER SEBER: We would obviously
5 have -- we're going to keep both water sources,
6 our water plant would process our water. I'm not
7 sure if we resolved the question whether their
8 water has to be --

9 MR. FLETCHER: You may need to
10 re-chlorinate it. In other words, they draw water
11 out of the Hud -- out of the river and they filter
12 it there and they send it down to the -- to
13 various communities right now. As it comes down
14 to this point -- and I'll go back to the map -- as
15 it comes down towards the plant, we have to put a
16 pressure reducing valve to reduce the pressure if
17 the pressure is too high, or we have to put a
18 meter vault, so we can meter how much water we're
19 using. It's not anticipated we have to retreat it
20 and send it through the treatment plant. We would
21 have to determine, based on the length it comes
22 down, does it need to be disinfected again with
23 chlorine. We don't believe it will need to be.

1 If it does, the treatment plant currently has
2 disinfection facilities. We would modify that to
3 some degree if we had to add disinfection to the
4 water coming from the County.

5 MS. ANATRELLA: Thank you.

6 MR. MAHONEY: John Mahoney, the Express,
7 Second Avenue. The cost, you went through a lot
8 of numbers real fast. \$4 million to do first
9 Phase 1 and then possibly \$2 million we get back?

10 MR. FLETCHER: The first one recommended
11 alternative or Phase 1-A, is about 4 million as it
12 shows there. That's paying half of the pipe --
13 price of the pipe leading up that I showed on the
14 map, which is the 1.8 million, some work at the
15 water treatment plant that needs to be done in
16 talking to the operator, which is about 80,000,
17 the water meter replacement throughout the city,
18 which is about 400,000, and looking to replace one
19 of the storage tanks, which is 1.67.

20 MR. MAHONEY: So that's 4 million --

21 MR. FLETCHER: That's 4 million.

22 MR. MAHONEY: -- and the city can get 2
23 million on the one grant?

1 MR. FLETCHER: That's right.

2 MR. MAHONEY: And 400,000 maybe on the
3 other grant?

4 MR. FLETCHER: That's right.

5 MR. MAHONEY: And the 1.6 million
6 difference, where does that come from?

7 MR. FLETCHER: It would be a zero
8 percent loan.

9 MR. MAHONEY: The 1.6. So the whole
10 package would -- and that would be paid over 20
11 years, I would presume?

12 MR. FLETCHER: Probably 30.

13 MR. MAHONEY: And this is the minimal?

14 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Well, I'm not sure
15 it's the minimal. I mean, that's our initial wish
16 list. I think it could be modified.

17 MR. FLETCHER: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER SEBER: You know, depending
19 on how much money is available, depending on the
20 financing situation and everything else. What we
21 need to do is run the waterline down and provide
22 water to the -- first, that's the first priority,
23 okay. And that was whatever that number was --

1 MR. FLETCHER: That was about 1 -- well,
2 and then work with the plant, about 1.9.

3 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Okay. And then
4 after that, you know, we'll see how it goes, what
5 we can do.

6 MR. FLETCHER: And remember --

7 MAYOR BAKER: Go ahead.

8 MR. FLETCHER: -- if you do the 1.9
9 only, which is the absolute minimum, you won't get
10 the full 2 million, you would get 60 percent of
11 the 1.9.

12 MR. MAHONEY: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Get one hundred --

14 MAYOR BAKER: It's an ongoing project.
15 It's a project that should have been done and
16 ongoing since 2008, and it hasn't been. We're in
17 a situation now where we don't have a lot of
18 choice. The state, Department of Health in
19 particular, is concerned about our water supply.
20 Not that it's bad, but that it's not going to be
21 big enough. We need to do something about it.

22 MR. MAHONEY: So if we do the 4 million,
23 the worst is you're looking at an interest free

1 loan over 20 years, which is a pretty good deal.

2 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Here's one of the
3 problems. The problem is we're still only seven
4 or eight years into a \$5.3 million loan, a \$5.6
5 million loan for the water plant with the same
6 organization, the EFC, Environmental Facilities
7 Corporation. The hope is that we can sit down and
8 kind of renegotiate at least the length of the
9 term. You can't renegotiate interest, because
10 it's zero, but in terms of maybe we can factor it
11 together and kind of spread it out and get those
12 -- those month -- those payments closer to what
13 we're paying right now. That is the hope anyway.

14 MR. MAHONEY: Part of the town -- part
15 of the Town of Halfmoon is also involved in this
16 water too.

17 COMMISSIONER SEBER: So is Schaghticoke.

18 MR. MAHONEY: And Halfmoon is growing,
19 so --

20 COMMISSIONER SEBER: But they're only
21 taking a certain portion of it. The area that is
22 growing really doesn't -- the city doesn't service
23 it.

1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: We're not really
2 there. It's Pruyn Hill that we service.

3 MR. MAHONEY: Okay. That's all I had.

4 MAYOR BAKER: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: None of this
6 includes the cost, this is just the set up and
7 connecting, it doesn't include the cost of the
8 water itself; right?

9 MR. FLETCHER: That's right.

10 COMMISSIONER SEBER: There's a cost
11 there.

12 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: There's going to
13 be an --

14 MR. FLETCHER: Which is -- we show
15 there, as of now, I believe the purchase cost,
16 talking to the County, is about \$2.14 per thousand
17 gallons.

18 MR. MAHONEY: What does it cost us to
19 produce water now for the city?

20 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Just over \$2 a
21 thousand.

22 MR. MAHONEY: So that isn't much of a
23 difference?

1 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Not a huge
2 difference. We pump a hundred thousand gallons a
3 day, so it adds up. You know, again, I'm not
4 speaking for the County, I'm out of here in four
5 months, you know, but there's going to be some
6 adjustments to the water rates to pay for this
7 item, I'll tell you right now.

8 MS. DUNN: Kim Dunn. Can you hear me
9 now? Okay. So obviously, this is not my area
10 whatsoever, but if we're going to have to pay the
11 County, if we do some of these various sort of
12 plans, and we have to pay the County, are we going
13 to end up with two waters bill or like an extended
14 water bill, like I'm going to pay Mechanicville
15 and I'm also going to pay the County?

16 COMMISSIONER SEBER: No, we pay the
17 County, you pay us. Still be on the same --

18 MS. DUNN: I always pay you.

19 COMMISSIONER SEBER: That's right.
20 You'll pay a little bit --

21 MS. DUNN: More?

22 COMMISSIONER SEBER: You'll pay us.

23 MS. DUNN: Okay. So it's the 2 million

1 grant, you can get up to, depending on whatever
2 way you go, whatever, but there's no guarantee you
3 will actually get the 2 million; right?

4 COMMISSIONER SEBER: That's right.

5 MR. FLETCHER: And I'll tell you, yeah,
6 we'll know by the end of the year -- yeah. The
7 plan is they're all due September 4th. They'd
8 like commitments out by the end of the year. The
9 project has been scored by the Department of
10 Health so far and if you don't go -- we have to
11 resolve the issue.

12 MS. DUNN: All right.

13 MR. FLETCHER: So the bad thing about
14 getting the letter that says, you have a problem,
15 is you have a problem. The only thing that can
16 help coming out of that, is it helps you get
17 money.

18 MS. DUNN: Okay.

19 MR. FLETCHER: Because you have the
20 problem in the violation. So basically, they
21 score the project, if you don't -- if you just
22 clean the reservoir and stay, you know --

23 MS. DUNN: Right.

1 MR. FLETCHER: -- the way it is now and
2 you can't use the reservoir, you know, the
3 improvements through EFC, because they don't fund
4 that, you score 60 points. And 60 points
5 basically will get you a midlevel loan, a loan you
6 can go to the bank and get, no grant, you can do
7 that.

8 If you solve the problem, other than
9 through the reservoir, in this case what we're
10 looking at is going through the town or the
11 County, the point score goes to about 155, which,
12 based on the draft listing, is above the hardship
13 line for funding.

14 MS. DUNN: Okay. So back on your other
15 side, you had minimum required purchase of 150,000
16 thousand -- or, I'm sorry, 150,000 gallons and you
17 had said that regardless of, say if we only use a
18 third of that, we still have to pay for the
19 150,000 gallons. So realistically, let's just say
20 if that's the minimum that we're going to have to
21 be forced to do, are we going to be paying a lot
22 more for something that we're not going to use as
23 a secondary source?

1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: We're going to be
2 using it, because we're not going to be --

3 MS. DUNN: So whatever they say our
4 minimum is, we're going to definitely use that and
5 we're not paying for something we're not using?

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: We might be able
7 to save money at the water treatment plan. The
8 guys won't have to stay for overtime like they're
9 doing now, so hopefully, it will kind of wash out.

10 MR. DUNN: Offset. Okay. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Dave?

12 MR. HICKS: Dave Hicks, 241 First
13 Avenue. On this water treatment plant, I don't
14 know if anybody understands what's going on right
15 now, but the chip plant up there is having two
16 500,000 gallon tanks installed up there and
17 possibly more, because they're possibly separating
18 from the Saratoga County Water Authority.

19 Now the Saratoga County Water Authority
20 based their whole business on the chip plant, but
21 there's been some animosity going on and some
22 games being played, so they're possibly going to
23 step outside the line and let Saratoga County

1 Water Authority to fend for themselves where
2 they're going to buy the water from somebody else.
3 There's some guy that's got an aquifer up there --

4 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Alex Maxie.

5 MR. HICKS: Okay. That sounds familiar.
6 Okay. That's one of the things that's in the
7 works right now to supply the chip plant. Okay.

8 Now, on this one, when you hook up to
9 the Saratoga County Water Authority, are you going
10 to be able to it turn on and off? In other words,
11 when we get everything resolved, can we stop or
12 are we going to have to keep buying water from
13 them?

14 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Depends on the
15 length of the contract we negotiate with them, I
16 suppose. I don't know what they're -- I don't
17 know.

18 MR. HICKS: This is something we got to
19 look into. We don't want to have to keep buying
20 something that you don't get.

21 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Well, let me just
22 tell you, as long as you're hooked up with them,
23 and even if you're going to use them as secondary

1 water source, you're going to pay a minimum
2 amount, they don't care.

3 MR. HICKS: Okay. But that's what I'm
4 saying, if --

5 COMMISSIONER SEBER: And --

6 COURT REPORTER: One at a time, please.

7 COMMISSIONER SEBER: They don't care.

8 MR. HICKS: If we -- we'd be better off
9 if we connected to Stillwater, then we would only
10 pay for what we use --

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: No.

12 MR. HICKS: -- without a minimum.

13 COMMISSIONER SEBER: No, no, no we can't
14 do that.

15 MAYOR BAKER: We can't do that. The
16 contract --

17 MR. HICKS: It shows the lines going
18 down though --

19 MAYOR BAKER: Listen if you want an
20 answer.

21 MR. HICKS: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SEBER: That's the lines.
23 They're gonna -- the water will run through the

1 line across Elmer Robinson, down George Thompson
2 into a tank that's about a quarter of a way down
3 George Thompson Road. That will be Stillwater's;
4 okay? From that point down, it will be
5 Mechanicville's water.

6 Now, their contract with the County,
7 which they have now, by the way, they've signed a
8 contract with the County, Stillwater has, does not
9 allow them to resell water to another
10 municipality.

11 MR. HICKS: Ooh.

12 COMMISSIONER SEBER: So we have to buy
13 our water from the water authority. We approached
14 --

15 MR. HICKS: Nobody woke up on that.

16 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Well, you want the
17 water or you don't want the water, I guess.

18 MR. HICKS: How is it that they sell
19 from the Town of Stillwater to the Village of
20 Stillwater?

21 COMMISSIONER SEBER: They don't.

22 MAYOR BAKER: They don't. They buy it
23 from the County.

1 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Stillwater had --
2 the Village had that problem with the PCBs into
3 their system --

4 MR. HICKS: A lot of people fell asleep
5 --

6 COMMISSIONER SEBER: -- and they went to
7 the County rather quickly.

8 Part of our negotiation is -- quite
9 frankly, you know, we haven't sat down with the
10 County yet, so we don't know what the attitude is
11 going to be. We sell to two municipalities. We
12 actually sell to three, but we'll lose Stillwater.
13 So part of our contract is going to have to allow
14 us to sell that water to at least the existing
15 municipalities and Halfmoon. So as part of -- I
16 imagine it's part of the negotiations.

17 MR. HICKS: Okay. You understand that
18 that other water -- Maxie you're talking about?

19 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Right.

20 MR. HICKS: Why can't we hook up with
21 them?

22 MAYOR BAKER: It would be a lot more
23 expensive and you'd have to be dragging that pipe

1 a lot farther.

2 COMMISSIONER SEBER: And you would be
3 funding the whole project by yourself. This way
4 at least we're able to split the project cost with
5 Stillwater.

6 MR. HICKS: Okay. I'm just trying to
7 figure the options here because --

8 MR. FLETCHER: In 2010, that was one of
9 the nine options when Maxie bought it, was going
10 there.

11 MR. HICKS: Okay. Probably would have
12 been quite feasible then, but now not.

13 COMMISSIONER SEBER: This will not be
14 the last time we speak of this. It will be an
15 ongoing project.

16 MS. DUNN: Can I get a copy of that
17 afterwards?

18 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Anybody have
19 questions on water? Mary Lou? We'll get you
20 some. I have a couple up here. Take mine.

21 MS. ANATRELLA: Mary Lou Anatrella.
22 This is a thought, especially for those of us,
23 Sam, who have been around a while and who have

1 attended meetings. I attended that meeting where
2 the people decided in the community that they
3 wanted to stay with their reservoir and I remember
4 many of the comments being and the thought that I
5 had, there was a time when Mechanicville had the
6 best water in the whole capital district, as far
7 as I'm concerned. Our water was delicious, if
8 water can be delicious. It's my favorite drink.

9 Then I remember in 2002, sitting in this
10 room and listening to our Council, no members on
11 today's Council were a member of that Council at
12 that time, talk about our water treatment plant,
13 which was going to be built to the tune of
14 \$2.2 million, but then we had some problems, and I
15 have all the data at home. 2.2 million was the
16 cost of the water treatment plant at that time.
17 It wasn't finished until around 2005 or 2006.
18 Mr. Seber, do you happen to know the date?

19 COMMISSIONER SEBER: I know we made our
20 first payment in 2008 is all I can tell you.

21 MS. ANATRELLA: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SEBER: I wasn't here until
23 2 -- it was online when I got in -- was elected to

1 office.

2 MS. ANATRELLA: Right, and the cost was
3 escalated. I think it was 5.8 million for the
4 water treatment plant that should have been built
5 at 2.2 million back in 2002.

6 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Okay.

7 MS. ANATRELLA: Well, I'm not going to
8 get into it, and I'm sure everybody here who
9 doesn't like listening to my comments is glad, but
10 I've got -- I can tell you exactly what happened,
11 what was going on, when our water treatment plant
12 should have been built at 2.2 million. We tax
13 payers encountered a big, big debt with that water
14 treatment plant and the ones that were responsible
15 for it, and I'm not saying Republican, Democrat,
16 I'm neither, I'm no party, rode off into the
17 sunset to different jobs. And as I sit here
18 realizing full well, sir, from Barton and
19 Loguidice that this -- we really don't have much
20 of an option. We need two water sources, Mark,
21 badly and the water quality in Mechanicville of
22 late has gone down the tubes too.

23 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Well, that's an

1 editorial comment, that's more your opinion. I
2 mean --

3 MS. ANATRELLA: That is my opinion.

4 COMMISSIONER SEBER: I don't mean to be
5 rude, Mary Lou --

6 MS. ANATRELLA: Yes, and I'm going to
7 stop right now.

8 COMMISSIONER SEBER: No, you can keep
9 going, but can you focus on the project --

10 MS. ANATRELLA: I'll focus on the
11 project.

12 COMMISSIONER SEBER: I know things
13 should have been done. You know, we're dealing
14 with that everywhere in this city -- in
15 everything.

16 MS. ANATRELLA: I know you are and I
17 appreciate the fact that you people ran and that
18 you came in and you were willing to deal with what
19 was left behind, but it's a no-brainer, we need
20 water, you don't have water, you don't have
21 anything. Water is going to become more valuable
22 than oil at some time in our country. I have a
23 cousin out in California that pays, excuse me,

1 \$300 a month for water, and the only thing he can
2 do is use it in his house and, of course, water a
3 couple of palm trees.

4 It's unfortunate, but Tom, you know,
5 from the Express, newcomer to our community,
6 believe me, there were other tracks that our
7 community should have followed and carried through
8 with and maybe we wouldn't be in this predicament,
9 but right now, I'm going to support my Council and
10 our community because Mechanicville has already
11 lost a lot of things and how can we be without
12 water.

13 Thank you for letting me just vent that
14 because, believe me, I saw it happen.

15 MAYOR BAKER: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Thank you, Mary
17 Lou. Anybody else have anything specific to this
18 subject?

19 CHIEF CORRIGAN: Jim Corrigan, Chief of
20 the Fire Department. Just a brief question. In
21 the second phase, is there an intent to loop the
22 water system with South Main to improve our -- to
23 loop the water system? Currently it's a dead end

1 down South Main Street. The city tried to connect
2 those two lines from Central Ave to South Main
3 Street to improve the water flow in that end, but
4 since it has to go under railroad property, I
5 think that kind of put a kibosh on that. I was
6 hoping that in the future they did consider that
7 an option, because it's important to the fire
8 department.

9 MAYOR BAKER: We'll talk to the
10 engineers about it. If we can work it in on that
11 project --

12 MR. FLETCHER: I'm pretty sure in the
13 6.43 that's actually -- because that's a number of
14 lines. Most of them are small in size, but I
15 believe -- I believe that's one of the lines that
16 was included, was looping them; wasn't it?

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I don't remember
18 anything being said about that.

19 COMMISSIONER SEBER: We will look into
20 that.

21 MAYOR BAKER: We will look at it.

22 CHIEF CORRIGAN: It does benefit the
23 fire department. We need large volumes of water

1 on the south end of the --

2 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Okay. Anything
3 else? Anybody else? Okay.

4 Thank you all for your comments. Don,
5 thanks a lot.

6 MAYOR BAKER: Now we're going to again
7 open it to public comment about anything you want
8 and we're off the water.

9 So, David?

10 MR. HICKS: This is Dave Hicks, 241
11 First Avenue. Okay. Can I have a dollar amount
12 on the blacktopping you just did?

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I don't have it
14 in my head right now.

15 MR. HICKS: Okay. Because I would be
16 more interested in having drinking water than
17 worrying about driving around a couple of
18 potholes.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: It wasn't a
20 couple of potholes --

21 MAYOR BAKER: That's CHIPS money and it
22 can only be used for highways.

23 MR. HICKS: Okay. All right. So that

1 answered that question. Okay. The garbage
2 collection here, I noticed it's -- the bids, it's
3 out for three years?

4 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Yes.

5 MR. HICKS: Three year bid? Does
6 anybody realize there's a 150 percent increase on
7 that?

8 MAYOR BAKER: Oh, yes, we did.

9 MR. HICKS: And nobody else --

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I got to talk to
11 Mark about that. I want to talk to Mark about
12 that. I really don't want to do that tonight. If
13 we can table that?

14 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Table it.

15 MR. HICKS: So what I don't understand
16 is why a three year contract, why not from year to
17 year?

18 MAYOR BAKER: They don't want it year to
19 year, they want a three year.

20 COMMISSIONER SEBER: They wanted five
21 years.

22 MR. HICKS: Okay. I understand them,
23 but everybody wants three years?

1 MAYOR BAKER: No one else bid.

2 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Let me tell you
3 this --

4 MAYOR BAKER: I'm sorry, go ahead.

5 COMMISSIONER SEBER: -- we already did
6 this twice. The first time we had no bids on the
7 contract. The second time we had one bid. Okay.
8 The initial bid prices came in, and you think
9 these are high, the initial bid prices were even
10 much higher. I sat down and negotiated with them
11 -- Dave and I visited with them and we talked and
12 went back and forth with these guys, over three
13 years from the bid, from the amount you see in
14 this resolution, we saved a -- they cut the cost
15 \$140,000. So that's how much higher it was. Now,
16 I --

17 MR. HICKS: From when to when?

18 COMMISSIONER SEBER: From what we're
19 currently paying until next year, over the next
20 three years. They want longer contracts. They
21 don't want shorter contracts. You get better
22 prices if you bid the longer contracts. They want
23 five year contracts. The law allows you to

1 negotiate prices with the low bidder. The law
2 doesn't allow you to negotiate terms with the low
3 bidder. So in other words, I couldn't extend it
4 out 5-years to get a better price without
5 rebidding it, and it may be an option, I don't
6 know. If Dave has other ideas, that's fine.

7 MR. HICKS: Okay. Well, I just couldn't
8 understand the --

9 COMMISSIONER SEBER: It's \$144,000 more
10 -- the bid was 144,000 over three years more than
11 what's in the resolution.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: What the problem
13 is is nobody else wants to bid on it, because of
14 the garbage cans. Nobody wants to make a
15 commitment and bring all these garbage cans in.
16 That's what I want to talk to Mark about. Nobody
17 else want to bid on it, because it's a big expense
18 on bringing all these garbage cans in. Should
19 have never let that happen.

20 MR. HICKS: Yeah, your right on that,
21 because Mechanicville had its own --

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's why nobody
23 else is bidding on it. So I want to talk to Mark

1 and the Council about garbage cans and some way so
2 we can get other bids on this.

3 MR. HICKS: Okay. 85 -- Resolution
4 85-15, was there any bennies on that or whatever,
5 that goes with that --

6 COMMISSIONER SEBER: No.

7 MR. HICKS: -- or is that just a flat
8 fee and that's it?

9 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Flat fee.

10 MR. HICKS: Flat fee.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Well, there's
12 social security, with no...

13 MR. HICKS: Okay. 86-15, what's the
14 criteria for janitor and why do we need a
15 full-timer and how does this -- where was this
16 ever set up? I mean, what was the parameters on
17 this? How was it ever -- and another thing is,
18 the job was never posted or is it supposed to be
19 posted? Is this an employee or is it civil
20 service?

21 COMMISSIONER SEBER: City employee.

22 MR. HICKS: City employee?

23 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Yes.

1 MR. HICKS: Is it appointed or civil
2 service?

3 COMMISSIONER SEBER: If the Council
4 votes on this favorably, he's going to be
5 appointed.

6 MR. HICKS: He's going to be appointed?

7 COMMISSIONER SEBER: And no, it's a
8 noncompetitive position. There's no --

9 MR. HICKS: Okay. Noncompetitive. So
10 do they get benefits?

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Yes.

12 MR. HICKS: Okay. Now, who designed the
13 duties and whatever has to be done? I mean,
14 couldn't this be done part-time? It seems to me
15 that there's not enough work for the full-time
16 janitor.

17 COMMISSIONER SEBER: To do it right with
18 the two buildings, there is probably enough work.
19 I don't know.

20 MAYOR BAKER: You have a four floor
21 building down on Main Street, they do this one,
22 they mow the firehouse, they mow outside, it's
23 enough for one.

1 MR. HICKS: Okay. Well, the city hall,
2 part of that is done by somebody else for the lawn
3 and --

4 MAYOR BAKER: Just the city court, just
5 the court.

6 MR. HICKS: Okay. Do they get
7 retirements?

8 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Yes.

9 MR. HICKS: Retirement on that? Okay.
10 You claim that that's actually a 40 hour -- it's a
11 required 40 hour job?

12 COMMISSIONER SEBER: 30 hours.

13 MAYOR BAKER: 30 hours.

14 MR. HICKS: 30 hours? And how do you
15 consider that full-time?

16 MAYOR BAKER: That's what all full-time
17 jobs in the city hall are, 30 hours.

18 MR. HICKS: Cause anyplace else 30 hours
19 is part-time.

20 MAYOR BAKER: It's 30 hours, Dave.

21 MR. HICKS: Okay.

22 MAYOR BAKER: Next? Kim?

23 MS. DUNN: Kim Dunn again. Just to

1 follow-up, I had asked at the last meeting, I know
2 we received the insurance money for the siren. Do
3 we have any updated information as far as the
4 timetable since we ordered it or --

5 MAYOR BAKER: No. I got a call from
6 them just letting me know that -- you sent the
7 check and they got it?

8 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

9 MS. DUNN: Okay.

10 MAYOR BAKER: And it's ordered and when
11 it's here, they'll install it.

12 MS. DUNN: Okay. Okay. I was happy to
13 hear about the status of the guns, that was on my
14 list. I just -- the only thing I wanted to touch
15 on is -- still can't hear me? Can you hear me
16 now? Okay. I was saying that I'm glad about the
17 update on the guns, new guns and everything. So
18 realistically, the bidding process closes, I think
19 Chief Waldron had said September 30th, and then
20 what would be the actual timetable to get those
21 actually here and in use?

22 MAYOR BAKER: Chief Waldron?

23 CHIEF WALDRON: Yes. It should be

1 rather quickly, in fact, before winter. So at the
2 end of the day, I am to close September 30th and
3 by October 30th, we would anticipate it being
4 completed. So the shooting range the first week
5 of November and qualify everybody.

6 MAYOR BAKER: That's outside, so you
7 don't want to be cold. That's outside, the range.

8 MS. DUNN: The shooting range. Okay.
9 The only thing I just want to touch upon, I mean,
10 we've all seen it, heard it, and can't turn on the
11 news or any other media source, about, you know,
12 the amount of officers being killed and we can
13 never say it can't happen here, etcetera. So I
14 highly value -- anyone that's known me any length
15 of time knows that I've always valued the police
16 department from way back when, no matter who is
17 here and not here, whatever. I think they do a
18 great job and I think they're very necessary,
19 especially with the way our city has changed, not
20 much we can really do about that, but I'm really
21 concerned about officer safety and I think it's
22 great with the vest and great with the guns, and
23 I'm obviously not an expert in that area or

1 anything, I'm just wondering, you know, are we
2 thinking about other things we can do. I think,
3 you know, look what happened in Troy. That could
4 have been, you know, much worse than it actually
5 was and I'm just wondering, you know -- I mean,
6 things are going to happen and we can't
7 necessarily stop them, but you know, what else we
8 can do to ensure that our officers are safe as
9 possible, you know, because statistically, a
10 traffic stop or domestic violence call are the two
11 deadliest things for an officer to go on.

12 MAYOR BAKER: To answer that, Joe and I
13 -- the Chief and I have talked and if there's any
14 training that's available that we need to do
15 additionally, we're going to do it. We are going
16 to do it and we're going to find some way to do
17 it, but we haven't gotten to that point. We're
18 just talking about it.

19 MS. DUNN: Okay. I would hope that --

20 MAYOR BAKER: I've been there, Kim, I
21 had a partner that was killed, so I don't want to
22 see any of our officers get hurt, definitely not
23 killed, so we will do everything we can to protect

1 them.

2 MS. DUNN: Okay. It's just scary too
3 because wearing a badge nowadays, obviously, makes
4 you a target, you know. I'm hoping to do that
5 perhaps with everything going on across the
6 country, maybe someone will make more grant money
7 available for places such as ours to be able to
8 enhance our safety features to protect them.
9 Thank you.

10 MAYOR BAKER: Thank you. Next?
11 Michael? Mary Lou, go ahead, I didn't see you
12 getting up. Go ahead, Mike.

13 MR. RABBITT: Mike Rabbitt, Main Street
14 Barber, Mechanicville. This isn't as interesting
15 as water and police safety. I wanted to know --
16 first off, I just wanted to say, I'll come out and
17 say that I'm really disappointed that I wasn't
18 formally told about any of the construction, not a
19 letter, no one came over and said anything about a
20 date. Everything I've heard was a rumor about
21 town, we might be starting in March, we might be
22 starting in June, we might be starting in July,
23 and I come down one day and my sidewalk is closed

1 and I have trucks parked on either side of my
2 business blocking me in. I'm blocked on the Main
3 Street side, I'm blocked on the Hill Street side.

4 You got the workers down there parking
5 their personal trucks anywhere they want, on the
6 yellow line, on the corner, blocking me in on both
7 sides, and it's starting to affect my business.
8 I'm not looking for a handout, but I just want to
9 know, first off like -- this like personally
10 affects me, like money-wise. How come I wasn't
11 like told about anything? Did you guys send out
12 anything to any of the businesses in town?

13 MAYOR BAKER: Your landlord was informed
14 and it was his duty to tell you.

15 MR. RABBITT: Oh, okay. So no one could
16 come over to me?

17 MAYOR BAKER: Mike, we assumed you knew
18 what was going on.

19 MR. RABBITT: I -- no, I knew there was
20 going to be construction, and whatever, we need
21 construction, I'm all for construction if it's
22 going to make the bridge safer, however, I don't
23 know, maybe a time table or something. I mean,

1 how do you guys know I didn't have to move? You
2 know, a couple of other people had to move.

3 MAYOR BAKER: They had to move because
4 they were ripping the building down.

5 MR. RABBITT: Okay, but --

6 MAYOR BAKER: They're not ripping yours
7 down.

8 MR. RABBITT: Okay. They're not ripping
9 mine down, but, I mean, I've lost like -- I've
10 lost a whole street, and with that being said, now
11 I have -- now I have all those workers -- not all
12 of them, but a couple of workers from City Hall
13 that come and park on Hill Street, eight hours,
14 taking up parking spaces eight hours, so now I
15 don't have parking spaces on Main Street, now I
16 don't have them on Hill Street. With the workers
17 doing their construction and now people from City
18 Hall that don't want to drive around town on lunch
19 break, they want to park there all day, so now I
20 lose all of that too. There's got to be something
21 that can be done.

22 MAYOR BAKER: I spoke to all of them
23 yesterday.

1 MR. RABBITT: And they parked there
2 today.

3 MAYOR BAKER: Today they were all parked
4 on the other side of the street. There was no one
5 on your side of the street.

6 MR. RABBITT: That's the side of -- I
7 don't have any parking. I have one spot on my
8 side. I'm talking about Hill Street.

9 MAYOR BAKER: You can't have the whole
10 street, Mike.

11 MR. RABBITT: I don't. Can I have more
12 than one spot?

13 MAYOR BAKER: Number one, Mike, I've
14 also checked, you can park in behind your
15 building, because I saw the sign. It says for
16 barber shop parking. So there is --

17 MR. RABBITT: And they can park across
18 the street where they have a permit, but if anyone
19 else parks there, they get towed. So let my
20 Schaghticoke customers come down and park in that
21 lot, so they don't have to drive around town.

22 MAYOR BAKER: We haven't been ticketing
23 anybody over there, because of the construction

1 that's going on.

2 MR. RABBITT: Okay.

3 MAYOR BAKER: I'm not going to advertise
4 it, because that lot has enough problems to begin
5 with.

6 MR. RABBITT: Okay.

7 MAYOR BAKER: But we haven't been
8 ticketing anybody in there and I've seen people
9 park their car there and walk to your shop --

10 MR. RABBITT: Okay.

11 MAYOR BAKER: -- so it is happening.

12 MR. RABBITT: I doubt it, but okay.

13 MAYOR BAKER: Oh, I've seen it and I can
14 tell you who.

15 MR. RABBITT: Who?

16 MAYOR BAKER: I'm not going to tell you
17 in front of everyone. Come on, grow up. But we
18 are working on it, I told them not to park on that
19 side of your street, so you have room to park.
20 You have room in the back, you have -- like I just
21 said, you can park in the lot. What do you have
22 at any one time, three or four cars?

23 MR. RABBITT: I don't know.

1 MAYOR BAKER: That's about average.

2 MR. RABBITT: A lot.

3 MAYOR BAKER: That's about average.

4 You've got room for three or four cars down there.

5 I don't blame you for being upset if they were
6 parked outside your building and I told them that.

7 MR. RABBITT: Everything affects
8 everything.

9 MAYOR BAKER: Absolutely.

10 MR. RABBITT: So when they all park on
11 Hill Street now it just --

12 MAYOR BAKER: Absolutely.

13 MR. RABBITT: -- it's messing with my
14 business.

15 MAYOR BAKER: Yep.

16 MR. RABBITT: It's taking money out of
17 my pocket.

18 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

19 MR. RABBITT: And I'm really like
20 disappointed that no one could at least -- a
21 letter or nothing to tell me when it started and
22 when it's going to end. When's it going to end?

23 MAYOR BAKER: I don't know for sure.

1 December 15th is on the contract.

2 MR. RABBITT: Okay. Okay.

3 MAYOR BAKER: But it could be --

4 MR. RABBITT: January 15th --

5 MAYOR BAKER: January 15th, it could be
6 February.

7 MR. RABBITT: Another thing, I know you
8 guys are doing Frances Street at the same time.

9 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

10 MR. RABBITT: It's a dagger through the
11 heart for the whole town. It's a dagger through
12 the heart.

13 MAYOR BAKER: It had to be done.

14 MR. RABBITT: You keep Frances Street
15 open, there's no traffic. Even when you close
16 down Main Street, there's no traffic in town. You
17 close Frances Street, you isolate everybody. Why
18 does it have to be done at the same time?

19 MAYOR BAKER: To save money.

20 MR. RABBITT: I haven't been there.

21 MAYOR BAKER: To save money.

22 MR. RABBITT: At what cost?

23 MAYOR BAKER: Money is a big issue.

1 MR. RABBITT: At what cost? You're
2 putting all these businesses -- not even me. It
3 doesn't affect me as much as it affects the smoke
4 shop in town, Bucciero's, you took all their
5 parking spaces away, they have one parking space
6 in front of their bar. I'm surprised they're not
7 here. Do you think about the other people?

8 MAYOR BAKER: We absolutely think about
9 them. We have to think about the city as a whole
10 and we did think about them.

11 MR. RABBITT: Do you value small
12 business?

13 MAYOR BAKER: Of course we do. Michael,
14 if you're trying to get in a fight --

15 MR. RABBITT: I'm not.

16 MAYOR BAKER: -- you're coming to the
17 wrong place.

18 MR. RABBITT: I'm not, you're getting in
19 a fight. I'm asking you --

20 MAYOR BAKER: Your landlord was advised.
21 If he didn't tell you --

22 MR. RABBITT: So it's my landlord's
23 fault?

1 MAYOR BAKER: No, I didn't say that.

2 MR. RABBITT: You don't like it -- it's
3 my business, you can't tell me.

4 MAYOR BAKER: Okay, Mike, finish your
5 story, you got about another minute.

6 (At this point in the proceeding, Mr.
7 Rabbitt exited room)

8 MAYOR BAKER: Next.

9 MS. DUNN: Can I make a comment please?
10 I just want to say I know -- I'm not against you
11 most of the time. It's unfortunate that it
12 impacts everything and I just -- I do bring my son
13 to Mike's, so I actually called him, because it
14 looked like they were closed. So I can see -- I
15 can see his problems he's encountering, and like
16 the other day when I went by -- and normally we go
17 in there and there would be maybe five people
18 ahead of us, we'd have to wait, you know, that's
19 how busy he was, and it's not now, so I don't know
20 what can be done, if anything, to try to help him
21 out. And I can see the thing about the trucks. I
22 mean, one day I went by, they were all over the
23 place. The side they have now is like -- they've

1 closed down that sidewalk. I know they've reopen
2 on the other side, but again, if I want to bring
3 my youngest son in there, you know, I'd have to
4 really watch him, because it's kind of cut off at
5 such an angle, I'm worried about safety concerns,
6 you know, if a kid or whatever is not paying
7 attention or the parent is not paying attention
8 and then who's liable for that, so maybe they can
9 fix that a little bit better. Just a suggestion.

10 MAYOR BAKER: I talk to them every day,
11 Mary Lou -- or Kim, and I'm doing the best I can.

12 MS. DUNN: Want me to go over and talk
13 to them?

14 MAYOR BAKER: No, that's okay. Thanks.

15 MS. DUNN: Just hoping to help you out.
16 Well, if we could think about something for that,
17 because I do see that his business has definitely
18 dropped off.

19 MAYOR BAKER: Okay. Thank you.

20 MS. DUNN: And That would bother me too.
21 Thank you.

22 MAYOR BAKER: Mary Lou?

23 MS. ANATRELLA: I have a message that I

1 would like to just deliver to the Council. Mayor
2 Baker has -- is aware of this, because he was at
3 the meeting that I just want to reference. This
4 was a Zoning and Planning Board meeting last week
5 up at the DPW office. We have a new zoning book
6 here. I purchased two of them, \$10 each, and in
7 the zoning book, unbeknown to me, okay, is a
8 section. It's entitled Establishment of
9 Districts, in the City of Mechanicville and there
10 is a listing of the city being divided into eight
11 different zoning districts, the first one being
12 residential.

13 I live on Gilbert Street, across the
14 street here. I have lived there since the day I
15 was born. My husband and I have invested a lot of
16 money in that property and we bought the house
17 next door. We knew we were in a residential
18 district. Our neighbors have invested in their
19 properties, all residential zoned land.

20 Dr. Cavotta and Mary's house burned down
21 on the corner of Gilbert Street and North Main
22 Street. It's quite a big lot. On that lot, which
23 is zoned residential, there was a proposal made at

1 the Zoning Board meeting that an 8-unit apartment
2 building be fitted to a lot owned by someone else.
3 Mr. Roloff owns the land and a Mr. Grande wants to
4 build the building.

5 Approximately 16 of our neighbors came
6 to the Zoning Board meeting very much concerned
7 about the major effect that it's going to have on
8 our neighborhood. I was given a large map of the
9 city and our property, as you'll see it yellowed,
10 if you would just pass that down please, is zoned
11 residential.

12 Unbeknown to me and probably many people
13 in Mechanicville who own residentially zoned lots,
14 under Residential District, in Paragraph C, there
15 is a statement, a law, which allows a person to
16 get a special use permit to build a multi-unit
17 dwelling. How do we define multi-unit? Every
18 single house on that street, the last residential
19 street in Mechanicville, is zoned residential.

20 The gentleman who came in with this
21 proposal didn't even have a piece of paper that
22 indicated what he was going to do in this project.
23 I spent the whole day trying to look through the

1 zoning book, to come up with a defense for why I
2 would not want this 8-unit property built.

3 I would like the City of Mechanicville,
4 all the people who own residential --
5 residentially zoned properties to be aware of the
6 fact that if a house burns down next to you or if
7 you have a vacant lot that is large enough for a
8 multi-use building, you might have eight families
9 added to your street, one-way street, difficulty
10 parking, difficulty for the emergency vehicles to
11 get through, difficult to plow. You might have
12 that in your backyard. You have lived there,
13 invested your money, chose to stay in
14 Mechanicville, because something is residential,
15 my property -- my properties are residential. I,
16 just like most residential people in
17 Mechanicville, who have residential property would
18 like the Council to be aware of the fact that in
19 2009, an attempt was made to do something similar,
20 at which time my neighbors and the whole
21 neighborhood presented Mayor Sylvester with a
22 petition of 193 signatures saying that we did not
23 want this.

1 You want people to stay in
2 Mechanicville, people who are going to contribute
3 to the community, but then you think you're going
4 to cater to the ones outside, because there's that
5 little phrase, multi-use, in the residential
6 zoning area of this code book.

7 I ask you please to consider this when
8 the Planning and Zoning Board gets all the
9 information it needs and perhaps take multi-unit
10 out of residential if you want people to stay in
11 Mechanicville.

12 Thank you very much for listening to me
13 tonight.

14 MAYOR BAKER: Thank you.

15 MS. ANATRELLA: And I too care about our
16 police. Please don't decrease the staff so that
17 one police officer is out there and his life is in
18 jeopardy. They need partners and we need the
19 protection.

20 MAYOR BAKER: Thank you.

21 MS. ANATRELLA: Thank you.

22 MAYOR BAKER: Anybody else have
23 anything?

1 MR. HICKS: Okay. I get to reflect on
2 this job for the cleaner. It's \$15 an hour, I
3 believe, is what it's posted at. Okay. You pay
4 your part-time cops \$15 an hour and they're
5 putting their life on the line. The part-time
6 cops are getting \$15 an hour and you're paying the
7 cleaner \$15 a hour. They're putting their life on
8 the line for \$15, the cleaner certainly isn't. So
9 the balance is not there as far as I'm concerned,
10 and where are the guidelines saying that the
11 30 hours is a full-time job?

12 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: It's all city
13 hall employees. It's in the handbook.

14 MR. HICKS: It's actually specified that
15 30 hours as a full-time job?

16 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

17 MAYOR BAKER: Yes, it is.

18 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes, it is.

19 MR. HICKS: Wow, that should be changed.

20 COMMISSIONER SEBER: The person that
21 left the job is making 17.60, so it's actually a
22 reduction. I think the officers deserve more
23 money, you're right.

1 MAYOR BAKER: The contract is up. Okay.
2 Thank you, Dave. Anybody else?

3 (No response)

4 MAYOR BAKER: All right. The
5 resolutions.

6 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Resolution 79-15.
7 I'm going to read just the last paragraph -- two
8 paragraphs. This has to do with another bridge
9 project. This is the Route 67 bridge project.
10 This is allowing us to apply for the funding.
11 Excuse me, over -- the overpass over the railroad
12 tracks. We're anticipating maybe going to bid on
13 this in the late fall, early -- well, late fall,
14 and with an early spring construction, beginning
15 construction. We have to get our funding in order
16 through the Department of Transportation, so this
17 is the purpose of this resolution.

18 IT IS RESOLVED that the Mayor of the
19 City of Mechanicville be and is hereby authorized
20 to execute all necessary Agreements,
21 certifications or reimbursement requests for
22 Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of
23 the City of Mechanicville with the New York State

1 Department of Transportation in connection with
2 the advancement or approval of the project and
3 providing for the administration of the project
4 and the municipality's first instance funding of
5 project costs and permanent funding of the local
6 share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible
7 project costs and all project costs within
8 appropriations therefore that are not so eligible,
9 and it is further,

10 RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 resolution be filed with the New York State
12 Commission of Transportation -- Commissioner of
13 Transportation by attaching it to any necessary
14 agreement in connection with the project. I need
15 a --

16 MAYOR BAKER: I'll move.

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I'll second.

18 MAYOR BAKER: Me, Dave.

19 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

20 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
22 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

23 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
2 Higgins?

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

4 Resolution 80-15,

5 WHEREAS the Housing Trust Fund
6 Corporation has awarded the city a \$400,000 grant
7 providing for loans to city residents to fund
8 residential home improvements and,

9 WHEREAS the homeowners have applied for
10 loans for improvements to real property owned by
11 him/her within the city; and,

12 WHEREAS the applicants and loans have
13 been approved by an independent committee, which
14 loans are properly secured with a mortgage upon
15 the real property subject to the improvements;
16 and,

17 WHEREAS there is no cost to the city and
18 it is hereby,

19 RESOLVED that the above loan is hereby
20 approved and the Commissioner of Accounts is
21 hereby authorized to issue the following checks
22 from the loan proceeds:

23 \$14,535.00 AJ Arpey for Topetro project

1 \$1840.00 to the City of Mechanicville for Topetro
2 project Delivery

3 \$350.00 to Flatley-Read for Lead Audit for Topetro
4 project

5 \$1333.33 to the City of Mechanicville for
6 Administration Fees. I'll introduce.

7 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: I'll second.

8 MAYOR BAKER: Mark? Jody.

9 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

10 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
12 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

13 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
15 Higgins?

16 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Dave, you want to
18 motion to table this one?

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER SEBER: This is the 81-15.
21 We have a request to table it. Again, about the
22 trash removal. Want to make the motion to table
23 it?

1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yeah.

2 MAYOR BAKER: Dave made it, I'll second
3 it.

4 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

5 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
7 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

8 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
10 Higgins?

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Resolution 82-15.

13 WHEREAS THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE is
14 under consent order by the New York State Division
15 of Health to address deficiencies in their water
16 system;

17 WHEREAS THE CITY wishes to address the
18 deficiencies in their water system and become
19 compliant with New York State Department of
20 Health;

21 WHEREAS THE CITY has prepared a
22 Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) which has
23 identified deficiencies and improvements needed in

1 the water system; and,

2 WHEREAS THE CITY is seeking to achieve
3 the needed improvements in the most cost effective
4 manner possible; and

5 WHEREAS THE CITY requested its Engineer
6 to prepare an EAF for the Water System
7 Improvements project; and,

8 WHEREAS in compliance with SEQRA, the
9 City Council wishes to declare its intent to be
10 Lead Agency and declare the action to be an
11 Unlisted Action.

12 NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved by the
13 City Council as follows:

14 All "WHEREAS" paragraphs are
15 incorporated herein by reference as though set
16 forth in full herein.

17 The City Council hereby declares its
18 intent to assume Lead Agency status for the
19 environmental review of the action pursuant to 6
20 NYCRR 617.6.

21 The City Council classifies the action
22 as an Unlisted Action.

23 The City Council authorizes the Engineer

1 to circulate letters to other interested and
2 involved parties identified in the EAF as required
3 in the SEQRA process.

4 The Resolution shall take place
5 effective immediately.

6 Just quickly, this has to do with the
7 application we're making for the grants/loan for
8 the water project that we did. Next meeting
9 you're going to see a SEQRA resolution along with
10 some potential bonding resolutions regarding --
11 dealing with EF -- EFC on this matter, so this is
12 just kind of a technical thing we got to work on
13 the application.

14 MAYOR BAKER: Dave introduced. I'll
15 second.

16 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

17 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
19 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

20 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
22 Higgins?

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER SEBER: All right. Next is
2 Resolution 83-15.

3 WHEREAS the city is the owner of certain
4 real property consisting of parcels of property
5 designated as tax map parcels 216.60-2-10,
6 Elizabeth Street, it's a vacant lot, 261.44-2-27,
7 which is 12 New York Avenue.

8 WHEREAS the City Council has elected to
9 sell the properties to enhance the city's tax
10 base.

11 RESOLVED the city Clerk is hereby
12 authorized and directed to place the properties
13 for sale at public auction per the terms of the
14 annexed "Terms of Sale." I'll introduce.

15 MAYOR BAKER: I'll second.

16 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

17 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
19 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

20 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
22 Higgins?

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: THEREFORE BE IT
2 RESOLVED that for the 2015 budget, we wish to
3 approve the following budget transfers, and I'm
4 not going to go through them and I'll introduce.

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Second.

6 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

7 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
9 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

10 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
12 Higgins?

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Resolution 85-15.

15 WHEREAS THE CITY OF MECHANICVILLE has a
16 vacancy for the position of Animal Control
17 Officer; and,

18 WHEREAS THE CITY has a need to fill the
19 position;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT
21 Joseph F. Lecuyer be appointed Animal Control
22 Officer at a salary of \$8,200.

23 MAYOR BAKER: I'll move and Tim asked me

1 to do it in his absence. He's on vacation.

2 COMMISSIONER SEBER: I'll second. Mayor
3 Baker?

4 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
6 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

7 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
9 Higgins?

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Resolution 86-15.

12 WHEREAS the City of Mechanicville has a vacancy
13 for the position of Cleaner for City Hall and the
14 Senior Center; and,

15 WHEREAS it is necessary to retain a
16 full-time cleaner,

17 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Frank
18 J. Izzo be appointed to such position at an hourly
19 rate of \$15.00. I'll introduce.

20 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I'll second.

21 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Mayor Baker?

22 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,

1 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

2 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Who cleans DPW?

3 Is that cleaned --

4 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: DPW does.

5 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Oh, you do your
6 own. Okay. All right. Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
8 Higgins?

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Resolution
11 87-15. Approve payroll and vouchers totaling
12 \$506,006.38, and I'll introduce.

13 COMMISSIONER SEBER: I'll second. Mayor
14 Baker?

15 MAYOR BAKER: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner Seber,
17 yes. Commissioner Gilheany?

18 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Commissioner
20 Higgins?

21 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

22 MAYOR BAKER: New business. Dave, do
23 you have anything?

1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: No.

2 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: No.

3 COMMISSIONER SEBER: No.

4 MAYOR BAKER: I just want to, I guess,
5 piggyback on, I think, what I heard Mary Lou say
6 and somebody else. These bridges, the reservoir,
7 these are projects that really have been hanging
8 around for a long time. None of us like the fact
9 that we have to do them, but we know that for the
10 safety of our citizens for the supply of water,
11 they're necessary. They're going to cost us
12 money, there's no way around that, but I believe
13 -- and I hate to speaking for all of you, but I
14 believe we all feel this is stuff we have to do to
15 protect our citizens and we're sorry for the cost
16 that it's going to incur, but we have to do it.
17 That's all I have.

18 Anybody else have new business.

19 COMMISSIONER SEBER: No.

20 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: No.

21 MAYOR BAKER: Old business?

22 (No response)

23 MAYOR BAKER: Okay. I'm going to

1 request an adjournment, but we will be going into
2 an Executive Session to deal with the Police
3 Department issue. There will be no action taken
4 when we come out of Executive Session. Can I have
5 a motion to adjourn.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I'll make the
7 motion.

8 COMMISSIONER GILHEANY: I'll second it.

9 MAYOR BAKER: Dave and Jody.

10 COMMISSIONER SEBER: Any objections?

11 MAYOR BAKER: No. I'm going to adjourn
12 to go into Executive Session. Thank you.

13 (Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. to
14 go into Executive Session)
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